

CONTRACT

It is this day agreed by and between the ESTEY ORGAN CO., of Brattleboro, Vermont, party of the first part and

MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL,  
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT.

party of the second part, as follows:—

The party of the first part agrees to build an organ in accordance with the annexed specifications, which are hereby approved and made part hereof, and erect the same in the church complete and ready for use, on or before the

day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 19 \_\_\_\_\_ or as soon thereafter as possible.

Should said organ, upon examination made as hereinafter provided, be found not to comply with the terms and specifications of this agreement, then the party of the first part agrees that it will, at its own cost and expense, make good such defects, or, failing in this, will remove said organ.

The said party of the first part further agrees that it will, at its own cost and expense, at any time after the completion of said organ, remedy all structural defects therein, if any, natural wear, damage done by fire, water or other cause not connected with the construction of said organ, excepted.

The said party of the second part hereby agrees to test and examine said organ immediately upon completion of same, in presence of the representative of said party of the first part, and, if found in accordance with specifications hereto attached, will then accept and settle for same in accordance with the provisions of this contract.

The said party of the second part hereby agrees to pay to the said ESTEY ORGAN CO., the party of the first part, immediately upon the completion of said organ, the sum of

*Five thousand (\$5000.)* dollars:

The said party of the second part agrees that said ESTEY ORGAN CO., or its representative, shall have uninterrupted possession of said building, properly heated and lighted, for the purpose of erecting, regulating and tuning said organ, for a period of *12 days* days next previous to the completion of said organ and assumes all risk of damage to said organ, or parts thereof, while contained in said premises.

~~It is also agreed that if a water motor is to be furnished, the party of the second part shall do all the piping and plumbing necessary to connect the same, so that the motor may be connected by the party of the first part without delay. It is also understood that the party of the first part assumes no responsibility or offers no guarantee as to the water pressure.~~

It is also agreed that if an electric blower is to be used, the party of the second part shall do the wiring ~~and furnish and install the necessary galvanized iron pipe to connect the blower with the organ~~ and that the party of the first part assumes no responsibility and offers no guarantee regarding the electric current.

It is further agreed that all mason and carpenter work necessary for a satisfactory foundation for organ, and for a water motor or electric blower, as may be selected, shall be done by the party of the second part.

It is further agreed that if the party of the first part is subjected to any expense by reason of delay in the aforementioned preparation for organ or motor, said expense shall be paid by the party of the second part.

Witness our signatures at Brattleboro, Vt., this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

ESTEY ORGAN CO.,

By \_\_\_\_\_

Party of the First Part

Party of the Second Part

For the purchaser's protection, as well as our own, no verbal agreement not covered by this contract will be recognized.

*The mechanical operation of the organ, including all action between keys & speaking pipe is guaranteed to be satisfactory so that the organ will not cypher because of chattering. Should any such action occur, the maker will remedy the defect without charge.*

# ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY

BRATTLEBORO, VT., U. S. A.

SPECIFICATION FOR A TWO MANUAL PIPE ORGAN WITH PEDALS  
 COMPASS OF MANUALS C C TO C<sub>4</sub>. 61 NOTES  
 COMPASS OF PEDALS C C C TO F. 30 NOTES  
 TO BE BUILT FOR

THE MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL, MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT.

	GREAT ORGAN		Material	Pipes
1. First Open Diapason		8 ft.	Metal	61
2. Second Open Diapason		8 ft.	Metal	61
3. Gemshorn		8 ft.	Metal	61
4. Dulciana		8 ft.	Metal	61
5. Gross Flute		8 ft.	Wood	61
6. Octave		4 ft.	Metal	61
7. Flute Harmonic		4 ft.	Metal	61
8. Tuba		8 ft.	Reeds	61
SWELL ORGAN				
9. Bourdon		16 ft.	Wood	61
10. Open Diapason		8 ft.	Metal	61
11. Salicional		8 ft.	Metal	61
12. Aeoline		8 ft.	Metal	61
13. Voix Celeste		8 ft.	Metal	49
14. Quintadena		8 ft.	Metal	61
15. Stopped Diapason		8 ft.	Wood	61
16. Flauto Traverso		4 ft.	Wood	61
17. Solo Flute Mixture		III Ranks	Metal	183
18. Cornopean		8 ft.	Reeds	61
19. Oboe		8 ft.	Metal	61
20. Vox Humana		8 ft.	Reeds	61
PEDAL ORGAN				
21. Open Diapason		16 ft.	Wood	30
22. Bourdon		16 ft.	Wood	30
23. Bass Flute		8 ft.	Wood	30
24. Lieblich Gedeckt (12 notes from #9)		16 ft.	Wood	18

COUPLERS

Swell to Great	Swell to Swell 4'
Swell to Great 4'	Swell to Swell 16'
Swell to Great 16'	Swell to Pedal
Great to Pedal	
Swell Unison Separation ("on" and "off" Piston)	Great Unison Separation ("on" and "off" Piston)

PEDAL MOVEMENTS

Great to Pedal Reversible

Balanced Swell Pedal

Balanced Crescendo and Diminuendo Pedal controlling entire organ, bringing on the stops in order of strength, the reverse motion cancelling the stops in the inverse order of actuation.

Sforzando Pedal (locked down)

MECHANICAL ACCESSORIES

Combination Pistons placed below their respective manuals, to be double acting and to visibly affect the stops:

Four affecting Great and Pedal

Five affecting Swell and Pedal

Swell Tremolo	Wind Indicator	Crescendo Indicator
Organ Bench with Music Compartment		
Organ Blower	Electric Motor	Generator

SUMMARY

Great Organ . . . . .	8 Stops	488 Pipes
Swell Organ . . . . .	12 "	842 "
Pedal Organ . . . . .	4 "	108 "
Total Speaking Stops and Pipes		24 1438
Couplers . . . . .	9	
Pedal Movements . . . . .	4	
Mechanical Accessories . . . . .	13	

## DETAILS OF CONSTRUCTION.

There is to be no casework except that surrounding the Console, which is to be of mahogany of suitable design. The Console to be detached and located at point indicated in architect's plans.

Display pipes decorated with dull gold bronze are to be furnished to fill the four arches as shown in architect's plans.

Galvanized iron wind trunking from blower to organ to be furnished and installed by organ builder.

Three inch conduit, all bends on three foot radius, and three inch wind pipe from console to organ chamber to be furnished by organ builder. Space for conduit and wind trunking to be prepared by purchaser.

The Ground Sill is to <sup>BE</sup> extra heavy and with the upright frame is to be rigidly constructed of well seasoned material, every portion firmly put together.

The Swell Box is to be constructed of heavy material framed together. The shades to be vertical, to swing on metal pins, bushed with felt, and so constructed as to insure tight closing and noiseless operation.

The Electric Blower is to be ample size to supply sufficient wind for the greatest possible demand. The regulating bellows are to be framed with the panels screwed on, and are to be double leatheted with the best alum tanned sheepskin.

The Wind Chests are to be electro-pneumatic, each pipe to have its own individual supply of wind, preventing robbing or unsteadiness of speech. The use of compressed air to operate each individual valve avoids complicated levers and kindred devices, thus insuring instantaneous operation and repetition.

The entire Action, including Manuals, Pedals, Stop Action and Couplers, to be electro-pneumatic of the most approved type, so that when all of the Couplers are in use there is no addition to the weight of the touch.

Pipes. No stopped or mitred basses shall be used in any normally open stop. Every stop which has 61 notes in its register shall have 61 independent pipes, and no grooving of basses to be used.

The Wood Pipes shall be made of the best selected stock, glue sized on the inside and coated with two coats of shellac varnish on the outside, all to be supplied with wooden feet, metal toes being used for the smaller pipes and gates for the larger. The large Metal Pipes shall be made of the best quality and appropriate weight of annealed zinc. All other Metal Pipes to be made of a composition of tin and lead in the proper proportions to give the best results for the quality of tone required.

The Scale of all pipes shall be in accordance with the best standards, and the voicing shall be of the highest order of excellence, with the proper volume throughout.

**Stop Action.** The Stop Action shall be of the tilting tablet type, with the tablets placed over the Swell Manual and plainly marked with the name of the stop or coupler, stops to be indicated in black, couplers in red.

The Crescendo Pedal shall be so arranged as to bring on the stops in accordance with the strength of tone and cancel them in the reverse order. It, however, shall be made adjustable, so that any stop not desired on the Crescendo Pedal can be disconnected from it.

**Combination Pistons.** Combination Pistons shall be adjustable, double acting, so that they can be adjusted to bring on or cancel any stop which is so set. They shall also be so arranged that the couplers can be set to act with the Combination Pistons if desired. Each Piston shall bring on or cancel appropriate pedal stops, which may be set as wanted, and, if desired, couplers may also be set to be affected by the Combination Pistons. The various stops may also be set so as not to be affected by the Combination Pistons, so that if desired stops may be set by hand and not affected when the piston is used.

With a view to securing the greatest possible durability and utility none but the best and most approved materials and methods of construction shall be used in any part of the instrument, so that the complete instrument shall be of the highest order of excellence.

# Estey

## A THREE-MANUAL ORGAN

### GREAT ORGAN

Name of Stop	Pitch	Material	Pipes	Name of Stop	Pitch	Material	Pipes
1. Open Diapason	8 ft.	Metal	61	4. Viola di Gamba	8 ft.	Metal	61
2. 2nd Open Diapason	8 ft.	Metal	61	5. Octave	4 ft.	Metal	61
3. Gross Flute	8 ft.	Wood	61	6. Tuba	8 ft.	Reeds	61
7. Swell to Great							
8. Swell to Great 4 ft.							
9. Swell to Great 16 ft.							

### SWELL ORGAN

10. Bourdon	16 ft.	Wood	61	15. Stopped Diapason	8 ft.	Wood	61
11. Open Diapason	8 ft.	Metal	61	16. Flute Harmonic	8 ft.	Metal	61
12. Salicional	8 ft.	Metal	61	17. Cornopean	8 ft.	Reeds	61
13. Voix Celeste	8 ft.	Metal	49	18. Oboe	8 ft.	Metal	61
14. Aeoline	8 ft.	Metal	61	19. Vox Humana	8 ft.	Reeds	61
20. Swell to Swell 4 ft.							
21. Swell to Swell 16 ft.							

### CHOIR ORGAN

22. Violin Diapason	8 ft.	Metal	61	25. Flauto Traverso	4 ft.	Wood	61
23. Dulciana	8 ft.	Metal	61	26. Piccolo Harmonic	2 ft.	Metal	61
24. Melodia	8 ft.	Wood	61	27. Clarinet	8 ft.	Metal	61
28. Swell to Choir							
29. Choir to Great							
30. Choir to Great 4 ft.							
31. Choir to Great 16 ft.							

### PEDAL ORGAN

32. Open Diapason	16 ft.	Wood	30	34. Lieblich Gedackt	16 ft.	Wood	30
33. Bourdon	16 ft.	Wood	30	35. Flute	8 ft.	Wood	30
36. Great to Pedal							
37. Swell to Pedal							
38. Choir to Pedal							

### ACCESSORIES

Balanced Swell Pedal  
Balanced Choir Pedal

Balanced Crescendo Pedal  
Great to Pedal Reversible

Adjustable Combination Pistons below their respective manuals, double-acting and visibly affecting the stops:

Three affecting Great and Pedal

Three affecting Swell and Pedal

Three affecting Choir and Pedal

Swell Tremolo

Choir Tremolo

Wind Indicator

Crescendo Indicator

Bench with Music Compartment

# Pipe Organs

# Estey

## A TWO-MANUAL ORGAN

### GREAT ORGAN

Name of Stop	Pitch	Material	Pipes	Name of Stop	Pitch	Material	Pipes
1. 1st Open Diapason	8 ft.	Metal	61	5. Gross Flute	8 ft.	Wood	61
2. 2nd Open Diapason	8 ft.	Metal	61	6. Octave	4 ft.	Metal	61
3. Gemshorn	8 ft.	Metal	61	7. Flute Harmonic	4 ft.	Metal	61
4. Dulciana	8 ft.	Metal	61	8. Tuba	8 ft.	Reeds	61
				9. Swell to Great			
				10. Swell to Great	4 ft.		
				11. Swell to Great	16 ft.		
				12. Great Unison Separation			
				("on" and "off" Piston)			

### SWELL ORGAN

13. Bourdon	16 ft.	Wood	61	19. Stopped Diapason	8 ft.	Wood	61
14. Open Diapason	8 ft.	Metal	61	20. Flauto Traverso	4 ft.	Wood	61
15. Salicional	8 ft.	Metal	61	21. Solo Flute Mixture	3 Rks.	Metal	183
16. Aeoline	8 ft.	Metal	61	22. Cornopean	8 ft.	Reeds	61
17. Voix Celeste	8 ft.	Metal	49	23. Oboe	8 ft.	Metal	61
18. Quintadena	8 ft.	Metal	61	24. Vox Humana	8 ft.	Reeds	61
				25. Swell to Swell	4 ft.		
				26. Swell to Swell	16 ft.		
				27. Swell Unison Separation			
				("on" and "off" Piston)			

### PEDAL ORGAN

28. Open Diapason	16 ft.	Wood	30	30. Bass Flute	8 ft.	Wood	30
29. Bourdon	16 ft.	Wood	30	31. Lieblich Gedackt	16 ft.	Wood	30
				32. Great to Pedal			
				33. Swell to Pedal			

### ACCESSORIES

Great to Pedal Reversible. Balanced Swell Pedal.

Balanced Crescendo and Diminuendo Pedal controlling entire organ, bringing on the stops in order of strength, the reverse motion cancelling the stops in the inverse of actuation. Sforzando Pedal (locked down).

Combination Pistons placed below their respective manuals, to be double-acting and to visibly affect the stops:

Four affecting Great and Pedal. Five affecting Swell and Pedal.

Swell Tremolo

Wind Indicator

Crescendo Indicator

Bench with Music Compartment

# Pipe Organs

# The Addison

John Higgins, Prop.

Middlebury, Vt., ..... 1915

#10 is "open diapason"  
instead of the usual  
string "Violin diapason"

String stops in swell  
organ #11 + #13 are  
necessary and are the  
only strong string tones  
in organ but may be  
disconnected from pistons  
or if desired

#8 + #18 are leatherned  
reeds full, round, +  
smoother



*Ans. Aug 17  
must wait for  
figure for Rogers.*

# ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY

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J.H.ESTEY, TREASURER.

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SALES DEPARTMENT FOR NEW ENGLAND STATES  
120 BOYLSTON ST., BOSTON, MASS.

August  
16th  
1915.

Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I have just had a talk over the telephone with Col. Estey, they are laying out the organ and he wants to know if you will permit him to use both organ chambers. We did not go into details, but it seems the organ could not be laid out in the one chamber to please him.

It will be more expensive for us to build the organ in this manner, divided, but Col. Estey is sure the best results can be obtained by so doing, and the only extra expense to you will be the finishing of the other chamber.

The extra cost of duplicating parts, the extra wind trunking and conduits, are expenses borne by the Estey Organ Co.

Col. Estey asks that I make inquiry from you and if the other organ chamber is available, much lower ceilings in the organ chambers can be used and much better results will be obtained.

Will be glad to have you advise me tomorrow, Tuesday, if possible, by telegram, collect, if your reply is "yes", we will immediately give Mr. Rogers directions for the various work which he is to install for us.

I sincerely hope your reply will be favorable.

Yours very truly,

*C. A. Rutman*  
ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

F/S

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Dr. John N. Thomas, President  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vt.

August 16, 1915.

Dear Dr. Thomas,-

ORGAN 1403. It is with pleasure that we acknowledge the receipt from our Boston Office of contracts for the organ for Mead Memorial Chapel. We have executed these contracts and you will receive copy of the same from Mr. Putnam.

We desire to express our appreciation of the confidence you have placed in us and to assure you that nothing in our power will be left undone to make this organ an unqualified success.

Yours very truly,

Estey Organ Company.

Dict. JGE-ML

August 17, 1915.

Col. J. G. Estey,  
Brattleboro, Vt.

My dear Colonel Estey:

I appreciate the kindness of your letter of August 16 with reference to the organ for the Mead Memorial Chapel. I need scarcely say that we were influenced not a little in placing this contract by our belief that a Vermont company would do their utmost to bring about satisfactory results. I am particularly interested in all that pertains to this Chapel, since my own work will be associated with it in no small degree, and it will be my principal method of reaching our students. I shall be very happy if the musical services of the Chapel are in every way helpful in making the impression I desire to leave.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Faithfully yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas, President  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vt.

August 18, 1915.

Dear Dr. Thomas,-

I thank you very much for yours of the 17th. I tried to get you on the 'phone this morning but as your office did not answer I assume you were out of town.

The point I wish to take up is whether or not we can place a part of the organ in the alcove on the opposite side of the chancel from that indicated on the Blue Print as the organ space. I called Mr. Putnam on the telephone but he was unable to answer the question and advised me to take it up with you.

The reason for this request is that owing to the low height of the openings in the organ chamber it would not be advisable to build the organ so that any part of it would extend more than a few inches above these arched openings and with a height as low as this it would be unfortunate to attempt to place all the organ on one side. We want to install the organ under the very best possible conditions. This question of the height of the arch openings had not been brought to my attention before or I should have suggested dividing the organ.

I understand that the construction of the building is progressing rapidly and that provision for the wind trunks and

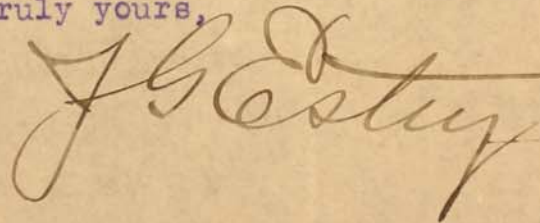
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conduits from the blower and the console to the organ chamber or chambers must be cared for at once, therefore I ask if it will be agreeable to have us use both the chambers and build the organ a portion on each side? It will be a very great benefit to the instrument, enable us to use more generous scales, and give us more suitable tone chambers than can be obtained otherwise.

As I see it, the only question for you to settle is whether or not you had planned to use this space for some other purpose than for the organ. The plans do not indicate it. I would greatly appreciate an early reply so I may have our working drawings completed and give Mr. Rogers the information he desires as to wind trunks, etc.

Very truly yours,

Dict. JGE-ML

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "J. G. Estey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "JGE-ML".

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August  
17th  
1915.

Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

After leaving Middlebury I discovered that the contracts which you signed were not duplicates, one being one of the first submitted. I had a duplicate of the proper contract made and sent this to our factory together with the original, and enclose herewith copy duly executed by Col. Estey, also the contract signed in error, which you can destroy.

I have been trying today to reach you, Judge Weeks, or Mr. Rogers over the telephone but have been unsuccessful. I have just telephoned to Col. Estey and he will try to get in touch with Mr. Rogers in reference to the <sup>second</sup> chamber about which I wrote you yesterday.

With all good wishes.

Yours very truly,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

*E. R. Putnam*

P/S

August 19, 1915.

Col. J. G. Estey,  
Brattleboro, Vt.

My dear Colonel Estey:

I have your letter of August 18  
and thank you for your careful attention  
to this matter. I am writing Mr. Putnam  
authorizing the change as to the use of the  
two chambers, as defined in ~~his~~ letter  
I am sure we had no other use of the space  
opposite the organ chamber, as originally  
planned.

Faithfully yours,

August 18, 1915.

Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I have your good letter of yesterday, and called upon Mr. Nivison, with Allen & Collins. In looking over the specifications we find that the two organ chambers are to be finished alike, ceilings and side walls plastered, the only difference being that the chamber on the right, as you face the chancel, is to have only a rough floor.

The wind trunk running from the blower to the chamber on the opposite side of the chancel, can run just inside the partition which separates the dressing rooms from that part of the basement not excavated. There is ample room in this unexcavated portion. The pipe would come back through the partition on the opposite side and run up in the corner to the organ chamber in the same manner as originally planned from the blower to the organ chamber above.

I called Col. Estey on the telephone giving him the information I had secured from Allen & Collins. He will have new lay-outs immediately made and communicate with you or Mr. Rogers.

Your only extra expense will be to floor over the second organ chamber and cover the wind trunk running to this chamber in the same manner as you had planned to cover the wind trunk on the opposite side.

When at the Chapel last week Mr. Rogers advised that the specifications called for plaster to be applied directly



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to the brick wall in the organ chamber. I suggested that the brick wall should be furred and lathed, as it is almost impossible to prevent brick walls from sweating a bit, the furring would make a little air space which would keep out both dampness and cold, I meant to have called your attention to this matter, but it slipped my mind./

With the hope that this will straighten the matter out.

Yours very truly,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

P/SA

*C. A. Putnam*

August 19, 1915.

Mr. C. R. Putnam,  
Estey Organ Co.,  
130 Boylston St.,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Putnam:

I have received your letter of August 18. I note that the only extra expense from using the two organ chambers will be the floor over the second chamber and cover, as described in your letter, and with that understanding we will authorize the change.

I should be glad to have you call the attention of Allen & Collens to the desired change as to the plastering of the organ chambers.

Faithfully yours,

P. S. Acknowledging your letter of August 17, I have signed the duplicate revised contract and destroyed the old one, which had been signed by mistake.

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August  
23rd  
1915.

Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

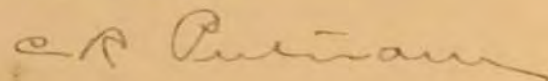
I have your good letter of August 19, and have talked with Mr. Nevin, of Allen & Collins, and he tells me that the specifications call for strapping the brick walls of the organ chambers. He says he will write to Mr. Rogers to-day correcting his impression on this point.

A letter from Col. Estey states that he has a letter from you authorizing the use of both chambers, and he is sending full instructions to Mr. Rogers in reference to wind trunking, conduits, etc. I am very glad that this second chamber is available, as the results will more than make up for the extra cost.

Yours very truly,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

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Nov. 10, 1915.

Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Putnam has forwarded us your favor of the 5th and we have made note that you desire the organ completely installed ready for use for February 5th. We know no reason why this cannot be arranged.

Yours very truly,

Estey Organ Company.

By 

Dict. JGE-G

2846  
November 5, 1915.

Mr. C. R. Putnam,  
Estey Organ Co.,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Putnam;

I would like to inquire how the construction of the organ is advancing? The exterior of the chapel is practically complete, plastering has been begun and the rooms in the basement are nearly finished. I should think the organ chambers were well advanced toward completion. We are holding services in the gymnasium and are anxious to have the completed chapel not later than the opening of the second semester, which is February 5th.

Faithfully yours,

November 8, 1915.

Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I have your letter of November 5 and am transmitting this information to our factory, asking that they communicate with you direct in reference to delivery date of organ. It is not best to attempt the erection of an organ in a new building until the building is practically completed, and as each pipe organ is erected complete in our factory before being shipped, the time occupied in setting up in your chapel will be comparatively short.

Some time ago Col. Estey wrote me with further reference to the finishing of the second organ chamber. He suggested that later on I take the matter up with you or stop over to see you when again in that vicinity. Since that date I have not passed through Middlebury. You will recall that I telephoned to your architects, who advised me that the contract called for strapping, lathing, and plastering the organ chamber. I brought this to the architects' attention, as your contractor told me that he proposed to plaster direct onto the brick wall. Later when we contemplated using the second organ chamber, which Col. Estey desired because of the better results of the organ tonally, etc. We again telephoned your architect in reference to the second chamber and he said that the specifications called for the finishing of both chambers. This was in response to your inquiry when you stated you wanted to know what the extra cost would be before you decided upon the question of using the second

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chamber. In my letters to you I think I stated that dividing the organ meant considerable extra expense, as some of the parts would necessarily have to be duplicated. Col. Estey was willing to go to this extra expense because of the better results to be obtained, but did not understand that we were to be to any expense in finishing up the chambers.

Whenever I have seen Col. Estey since that time I have neglected to bring up this question, and I am, therefore, a bit in the dark as to how the matter stands. If there is anything I can do to straighten the matter out please advise me.

Yours very truly,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

P/S

*C. R. Putnam*

November 26, 1915

Mr. C. R. Putnam,  
Estey Organ Co.,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Putnam;

I was glad to receive your letter of November 8th and also to hear from Colonel Estey that he would be able to install the organ as soon as the chapel is ready for it.

Mr. Rogers tells me that he has been in correspondence with Colonel Estey with reference to the cost of finishing the second organ chamber and that Colonel Estey expects now to meet the expense.

I am very sorry that there was any misunderstanding about this matter but I am quite sure it was made very clear at the time arrangements were made to use both chambers that no expense to us would be involved.

I hope the company is entirely satisfied and that you have appreciated my position, having exhausted the appropriation voted for the purpose.

Faithfully yours,



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Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am pleased to have your letter of November 26 and am glad to know that you have assurance from Col. Estey that the organ will be ready as soon as are you ready for it. I am also pleased to know that the question of finishing the second organ chamber has been amicably adjusted.

We had a very fine recital last evening at Lynn on the large organ which we sold to the First M.E.Church. I will be glad to mail you one of the programs. You will be pleased to know that, we, here in the Boston Office, do not permit any one to tell us that business is poor. We have closed four pipe organ contracts in the last fourteen days.

With all good wishes.

Yours very truly,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

*C. R. Putnam*

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Pres. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vt.

Dec. 14, 1915.

Dear Sir:

Permit us to inquire as to your preference regarding the finish of the case for the console.

We would like to get this information as soon as possible so that we may put the case into the works.

We presume that you would prefer to have it match the wood work of the room and if you can send us a sample, it will be much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Estey Organ Company.

Dict. LWH-FF

*L. W. Hawley*

2846  
December 15, 1915.

Mr. L. W. Hawley,  
Estey Organ Co.,  
Brattleboro, Vt.

My dear Sir:

As to the finish of the case  
for the console of the organ I will refer  
you to Allen & Collens, Architects, 40  
Central St., Boston, Mass. They can give  
you a sample of the woodwork of the Chapel.

Faithfully yours,

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PHILADELPHIA  
BOSTON  
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J. G. ESTEY  
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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, U.S.A.

Dec. 30, 1915.

Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

According to the last information we had, it was your desire that the organ for the Chapel be finished ready for use on February 3rd. We have the parts of the work well along and in fact have gone about as far as we can until we can get finished measurements of the arches, which are to be filled with display pipes.

We are writing to Mr. Rogers to see if he can give us these details. In the meantime, if there is any change in the date for completion, we will be very glad to know it, as we want to make our plans to meet your requirements.

If your plans are still good for February 3rd, we shall want to ship the organ by the middle of January. Will the building be in condition to receive it at that time?

Yours very truly,

Estey Organ Company.

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Dict. JGE-G

2846

December 31, 1915.

Colonel J. G. Estey,

Brattleboro, Vermont.

My dear Colonel Estey;

I have received your letter of December 30 and am very glad to know that the organ is so well advanced. It is a relief to know that there will be no delay on this score. Our trouble in this building seems to have been with the glass. We have been delayed about the windows for over a month and it looks now as if we would lose at least that much time beyond February 3rd before we can hope to enter the building.

I will try to see that you are informed as soon as a more definite date can be predicted.

Faithfully yours,

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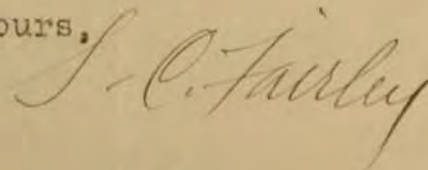
Dr. John M. Thomas, Pres.,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vt.

My dear Dr. Thomas:

I do not know how you are fixed for the HYMNS OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE, but we have just removed a supply from Colorado College putting in the HYMNAL OF PRAISE. We have therefore on our shelves a supply of second hand copies of HYMNS OF WORSHIP AND SERVICE, College Edition, which I believe are exactly like yours. Possibly you do not care to further increase your supply of this wretched book, and would rather save your money for the HYMNAL OF PRAISE, but here is an opportunity if you do.

During the past summer we have added for the HYMNAL OF PRAISE the Massachusetts Agricultural College, Brown University (Women's Department), Colorado and Pomona Colleges, besides schools and churches. One adoption that gives me particular joy is the new Connecticut College for Women at New London which begins its career under the happiest auspices, and with the HYMNAL OF PRAISE in its beautiful new chapel.

Cordially yours,



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October 4, 1915.

Mr. S. C. Fairley,

A. S. Barnes Co.,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Fairley;

I have your letter of October 1st.

We shall not be ready to consider a new book until we get into our new chapel now in process of erection. Last year we bought of you some second copies of Hymns of Worship and Service, 5th edition, 1905, bound in red. We have not enough for our present purposes and if we can secure fifty or a hundred more to help us out during the present year, at a low price, we would be glad to do so. I understand that the College Edition you have taken from Colorado College is not the same.

Faithfully yours,

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August 6, 1915.

Mr. John A. Fletcher,  
Middlebury.

My dear John;

I am writing Governor Read for \$10,000 on account of the Chapel. Judge Weeks and I recommend that Mr. Rogers be paid this amount as soon as received.

I have engaged as instructor of Spanish as authorized by the Board, Charles St. Clair Wade, at a salary of \$1000. The position is understood to be tentative for next year.

Faithfully yours,



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November 30, 1915.

Mr. W. W. Gay.

157 West 105th St.,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Gay;

I had not noticed that your subscription to the Hudson Fund had not come in. I thank you for the present installment of \$10 which I have handed to Mr. Fletcher. We are not making very rapid progress in this endeavor, but I hope to get something started before the year is over which will send us along more rapidly.

Everything is going nicely, including our two new buildings. I am sure you will approve of the chapel and Hepburn Hall is nothing short of magnificent. The roof is now being put in place.

Faithfully yours,

November 26, 1915.

Rev. Simeon Gilbert, D.D.,  
1243 North State St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Doctor Gilbert;

I thank you very much for your kind letter. I was grateful that I could pay my tribute to Doctor Boardman, a man I greatly honored and revered. I am not the person to do justice to him as to his theological influence, but I felt that only a few simple words were needed at the time. It was very gratifying to me that what I said seemed to be acceptable to his friends. Some of them have asked me for a copy of my remarks. I am never able to recall anything of that sort very well, but I am sending you what I am furnishing to the others.

We are very happy over the progress of our college here. Our new chapel in the colonial meeting house style, built of fair white marble, is proving to be a most beautiful structure, and Mr. Hepburn is building us a dormitory which will be a very great addition. I will send you a copy of my address at the opening of the year.

Again thanking you for your kind letter,

I am

Faithfully yours,

Columbia University  
in the City of New York  
SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE

April 6, 1915

Dr. John M. Thomas,  
President, Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vt.

My dear Dr. Thomas:

I am greatly pleased to learn of the Battell bequest of a large lot of land to the College, and of the favorable action of the Legislature on the appropriation for the College despite the hostile attitude of the Carnegie Institution. I am a great believer in the usefulness of the small college and the country college, and in the assistance of two kinds of State aid to education--that to State institutions proper and that to endowed institutions which are worthily serving the State.

I am also glad to learn of the successful carrying out of Allen and Collen's Colonial design for the college chapel. I was sure it would be a success, and I think the modifications made from the original sketch were distinct improvements.

I have had brought to my attention the fact that a certain Professor Durant Drake, now associate professor of Ethics and Religion at Wesleyan University, is ambitious, or his friends are ambitious for him, to have a

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larger opportunity than he has in his present position. He is said to be deeply religious; to have progressive views and a personality peculiarly attractive to young men, giving him great power as a builder of character. As I understand it, he is now merely associate professor, upon a meager salary. I know perfectly well that Middlebury is not a larger college than Wesleyan, and I have no knowledge of the situation in your Department of Philosophy, but, should you ever wish to know of such a man to occupy the principal chair of Philosophy, either at Middlebury or in any other college, this man's qualifications might be well worth looking into.

I send you my best wishes, and remain, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

*A. D. Hamilton*

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April 9, 1915.

Professor A. D. W. Hamlin,  
Columbia University,  
New York City.

My dear Professor Hamlin;

I was greatly pleased to have your kind letter commenting favorably on the recent action of the Vermont legislature and the Battell bequest to Middlebury College. Both promise large benefit to our institution.

It was not easy to persist in the plans for a colonial chapel, and I expect a good many will be disappointed at first, but I am quite sure that the years will justify the decision. It would have been a pity to break the continuity of architectural style in one of the few colleges which has maintained a consistent architectural tradition.

I am interested in what you write of Professor Dwight Drake of Wesleyan University. I anticipate no opening here, but opportunity may come to speak of him to others. Is he of caliber for a college presidency? St. Lawrence University is looking for a man, and while they have some serious problems, I believe the institution has a real field. One of their trustees is Mr. H. M. Conkey, Chase National Bank, who has asked me to suggest names to him.

Faithfully yours,

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July 10, 1915

Doctor L. H. Hemenway,

Honolulu, T.H.

My dear Doctor Hemenway;

I thank you for your kind congratulations and also for your promise to take one share in the endowment of the Henry Norman Hudson Chair of English Literature. I am sure this will be very gratifying to Professor Wright, as it is to me. The responses of the alumni indicate a good deal of sympathy with this movement, although I cannot claim that they are yet sufficiently large to promise success in the near future.

We had a most excellent Commencement, according to comment of everyone the best for many years. The attendance was good and the gratification and enthusiasm of all were very manifest. I have nothing very large to report since the Hepburn dormitory, but that is sufficient to last for some time. Doctor Mead's chime of bells is very pleasing and indicates a growing spirit of generosity on his part.

With cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

JMT/B

Middlebury-000836

August 2, 1915.

Mr. A. B. Hepburn,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Hepburn;

I thank you for the letter concerning the suggested member of our Board of Trustees. I think this with the information he has received in response to his own inquiries will satisfy the proponent that it would be a mistake to press the name.

I have endeavored to keep our alumni informed as to the condition of the college and all events of importance, and to that end have sent out general alumni letters from time to time. I wish to send out a letter at this time reporting as to our excellent summer session, progress on the chapel and toward the Hudson Professorship, with a request for co-operation as to student attendance. I would like very much indeed to include a paragraph on the new dormitory and commons. As you know, alumni hereabouts have learned of the matter from what they have seen and from more or less accurate reports which have been derived from tradesmen and supply dealers. But we have a good many alumni scattered in different parts of the country and it would be greatly to our advantage if all could receive accurate information of the facilities we shall be able to offer a year hence. Of course I do not wish to do anything contrary to your feeling, but I would be very glad if I could include in the proposed alumni a letter a paragraph or two similar to the enclosed, with such changes as you may indicate.

Mr. Rossiter was here last week and seemed satisfied as to the quality of the work. There has been some delay owing to non-delivery of material, but I think both architect and contractor are doing all they can to hasten the various supplying firms.

Faithfully yours,

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Metropolitan Club  
Fifth Avenue & Sixtieth Street

My dear Mr Brewster

I am going a-  
way the 22d for  
perhaps a month.  
Geo Wright spoke  
about going to  
the General Silver  
Board - Cornpi  
for funds con-  
ditional upon  
raising more  
funds & hoping



to utilize Chapel & Dormitory as  
a leverage. Good. go it? The <sup>original</sup> ~~amount~~  
is ~~but~~ we ought to have <sup>#</sup>600,000  
dollars endowment & then we would  
not have to ask the Legislature for  
anything. I don't know Pillsbury's  
attitude & Betts is in China  
but it may not make any difference  
I can't possibly be present at your  
opening. Mrs H & my daughter  
accompany me next

Worley

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October 2, 1915.

Hon. A. B. Hepburn,  
Chase National Bank,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Hepburn;

I think you will be pleased to see the enclosed copy of a letter just received from Mr. Rossiter. The work is now progressing on the third story of the main building and I think Mr. Rossiter has reason for his satisfaction. The view up there is wonderful and the building commands increasing admiration as it advances. The road to which Mr. Rossiter refers extends in front of the gymnasium and winds up the hill south of the dormitory and in the rear of the commons building and the new chapel, and out to the highway at a point opposite the entrance to Pearsons Hall. With the road through Porter Field, it gives us a very pleasant drive of about a mile through the college grounds.

The new buildings have the effect of tying together the old group with Pearsons Hall and thus giving the impression of one considerable college instead of two more distinct groups of buildings.

I spent some time yesterday with Mr. Wright and at the offices of the General Education Board and the Carnegie Foundation, taking preliminary steps toward an application for an endowment fund. We will go to work immediately upon the necessary financial statement. At the General Education Board office they told me that it would be necessary for the application to be formally approved by the Board of Trustees. I am suggesting a meeting in New York Monday, October 25th, at which I could present a form of application. If some way could be found to bring Doctor Buttrick to Middlebury and he could inspect our recent improvements, I think it would be very helpful.

We opened with 115 new students, about 20% gain over last year and with a net gain in total attendance for the twelfth consecutive year. We have maintained the financial and academic standard and I think the progress is very gratifying.

Faithfully yours,

December 18, 1915.

Mr. John F. Hough,  
West Groton, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hough;

I am very glad indeed to hear from you again and especially to know that you would like to return to Middlebury. I do not see why it is not in every way wise for you to finish your college course without further delay and I earnestly hope you will be able to do so.

You will find a good many improvements effected since you left, especially the two new buildings now going up, which give us very pleasant anticipations for next year. You will also find more Rutland students here than when you were registered with us.

I shall be glad to grant you a scholarship for the remainder of the year at the same rate as when you formerly a student, namely \$60 a year. I find when you left here you had 39 credits for the one and a half years. There were two subjects in which you had conditions which you did not make up. You will remember that the normal number of credits is 15 a semester or 45 for a year and a half. If you will bring us credit for 15 hours from Harvard, that would make you 54, which would have entitled you to Junior rank at the beginning of the year. At this point you would be officially ranked as a Sophomore, but of course the reckoning is entirely by credits and you would receive your degree when you have made 120.

We should have as soon as possible a statement of dismissal from Harvard and an official report of your work there. We shall be glad to give you the same credit as you would have received toward a degree there.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory and that you will see your way to return in time for February 7th,  
I am

Faithrully yours,

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FRANK E. HOWARD  
DEAN

TEACHERS COLLEGE

NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY PLACE, NEBRASKA

June 7, 1915.

President John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vermont.

My dear President Thomas:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 27 and thank you for the printed matter enclosed. It is all interesting and helpful.

I am very glad indeed to learn of the new gift to Middlebury. That with the new chapel will certainly round out the college plant in fine shape. I am a thorough believer in residential halls for both men and women. The lack of them is painfully evident here. The fraternity-sorority problem is becoming serious. Last week we had to close one of the houses for violations of rules.

Sincerely,

*Frank E. Howard.*



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
DETROIT, MICH.

J. PERCIVAL HUGET  
MINISTER

Dear Dr. Thorne: - Please accept  
my belated thanks for the various  
College publications sent me -

With great interest in your  
work and the hope that I may  
some time have the pleasure  
of seeing the College - Yours  
J. P. Huguet

December 29, 1915.

Rev. J. Percival Huget, D.D.,  
First Congregational Church,  
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Doctor Huget;

I am now sending you a catalogue of Middlebury College and illustrated bulletin, and one or two other pamphlets in which perhaps you or your son will be interested.

Our catalogue for this year will be out in a few weeks, and I shall be glad to see that you have a copy. There will be some changes of importance, more in connection with additions to our buildings than as to terms of admission or new departments of study. The illustrated bulletin does not quite do justice to the beautiful marble chapel which is now nearing completion, but it will report to you that we are endeavoring to be loyal to our New England ideals. The new Hepburn dormitory for boys, of which I think I spoke to you, is not represented in this bulletin. It is to be the largest building on the campus and I am afraid we shall have to spend some money for a new bird's eye view.

Today a chime of bells is being installed in our new chapel. I wish some time you and your son could hear them in the quiet of our beautiful Vermont village.

I enjoyed much my visit to Detroit, although I felt that I did not have the "much liberty" in speaking which John Wesley often mentions in his journal. Certainly the officers of the society were very kind to me.

Faithfully yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas, President,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont,

Dear Sir:--

Referring to our letter of January 20th, 1915,  
copy of which we enclose, and which letter was a copy of  
original, dated October 24th, 1914, we desire to know at this  
time whether you would like to have us proceed with the work  
in connection with the re-laying of the line between the  
gymnasium and the chemistry building.

Mr. Palm left this morning for Middlebury, in  
accordance with Judge Weeks' orders to lay the new line to  
the chapel.

We desire to have you advise us by return mail,  
if possible, because it will take some time to get the  
necessary Asbesto-Sponge Filling.

It occurred to me that if Mr. Palm was to work  
on the old line after he had installed the bottoms of the  
chapel line, he could swing over on the gymnasium and chemistry  
line and use some of the Sponge Filling that was shipped for  
the chapel line, while we are waiting for the steamfitters  
to install the pipes.

Very truly yours,

H. W. JOHNS-MANVILLE CO.  
OF MASSACHUSETTS

*Joseph H. Walsh*  
Assistant Manager.

JHW/AJG

Enclosure.

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October 18, 1915.

Professor Brainerd Kellogg,

31 Boykin St.,

Morristown, N. J.

My dear Professor Kellogg;

The notice of the trustee meeting next Monday, October 25th, failed to state the hour. It will be at two P.M. as usual. You will remember Mr. Gifford has moved his office to 60 Broadway. I hope this catches you in season before your trip to Pacific Coast. The chapel spire has reached the top and it is time to start something else. Come and help us with your energy and counsel.

Faithfully yours,



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BOSTON December 7, 1915.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:

When I visited Middlebury last week the question of supplying temporary heat to the new Dormitory and new Chapel was brought up.

If this temporary heat is supplied great care should be used not to send any of the dirt and oil from the new piping system down through the returns to the boiler house as there is considerable danger of injuring the boiler if this oil gets into them.

As there are only two boilers in the boiler house if these two buildings are taken on for temporary heat both boilers will have to be used during the Winter and this means that there will be no spare boiler so that every precaution will have to be taken to safeguard the boilers and plant.

We understand that there is some trouble with the water supply to the College due to breaks and repairs, etc., of the water mains throughout the Town, leaving you without water at times. This is quite serious because if this should happen in the cold weather and it should cut the water supply off for a day, or a half day, there is liability of the two boilers running low of water.

We trust you will see your way clear as soon as possible to get an additional boiler in place as without any spare unit in the boiler house you can readily see that the Institution is not as safe as it should be.

(Dr. John M. Thomas

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It occurs to us to suggest that if you furnish temporary heat for the two new buildings it would be well to have Mr. Calhoun install in each return pipe a Crane Co.'s strainer which is simply cast iron pot with a wire gauze strainer inside, the object of this strainer being to catch the dirt and hold it rather than let it go down through the return pipe to the boilers. It would not cost over \$20.00 or \$25.00 to put these in and it would undoubtedly result in saving a good deal of trouble in the boiler house.

We are calling these matters to your attention so that you will have all the information at hand before starting the use of temporary heat.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.

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Dr. John M. Thomas,

Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vt.

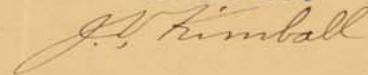
Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of the 22nd. inst., regarding Middlebury College, and we have taken up this matter direct with Mr. E. K. Rossiter, the Architect.

Hoping this is satisfactory to you, we are,

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.



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Hon. J. E. Weeks,  
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:

In taking the levels for the conduit line to enter the Chapel, I found that the present setting of the Chapel requires that about 18" of dirt be taken away around the building, to get down to the finished grade shown on plans.

This means that, instead of having 48" of dirt above the ledge, as we thought, there will be only 2'6" of dirt and makes a possibility of more blasting. I am writing you regarding this, as apparently this is somewhat different than what we talked of, and necessitates lowering the ground grade around the Chapel, which if lowered too much will mean lowering our conduit line.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.

*R. D. Kimball*

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April 22, 1915.

Richard D. Kimball Co.,  
6 Beacon St.,  
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

I enclose a letter from Mr. E. K. Rossiter, architect, and would be glad to have your answer his inquiry by direct letter to him. This refers to a tentative project for a men's dormitory on the height west of the heating plant and gymnasium, and south of the new chapel now being erected. The distance would be a little less than from the heating plant to the chapel, and without the same difference in elevation.

Faithfully yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas,

Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vt.

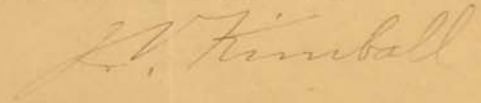
Dear Sir:

We are sending you under separate cover today  
two sets of plans and specifications for the coal pocket  
at the College.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.

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BOSTON April 9, 1915.

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Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vt.

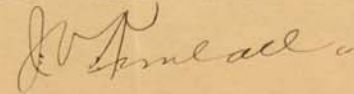
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 7th., inst., we would say that we have only the office copy of the coal pocket specifications, but we will have other copies written and send them to you as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.

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April 7, 1915.

Richard D. Kimball Co.,  
6 Beacon St.,  
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

We are thinking a little of putting in the coal pocket in connection with the heating plant this season. Can you send me a set of plans and specifications so that we can secure estimates on the work?

Excavation for the chapel has begun and Mr. Rogers seems to be pushing the work in good shape.

Faithfully yours,



January 25, 1915.

Richard D. Kimball Co.,  
6 Beacon St.,  
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

I thank you for your letter of January 16th enclosing copy of the letter of H.W. Johnsonville Company of October 24, 1914. Since that time I have received a copy of their letter, which I have duly filed.

If I may answer in this connection the kind suggestion of Mr. Charles Kimball for Sunday February 14th, I will say that it does not seem best to offer my services to the Malden Church at that time. I have so many responsibilities just now, that even if I am obliged to stay in Boston, I think it will be better not to labor.

Faithfully yours,

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BOSTON January 16, 1915.

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Dr. John M. Thomas,

Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:

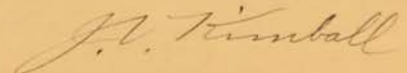
We are enclosing herewith our office copy of the letter the H.W. Johns-Manville Co. wrote you regarding the conduit line between the Gymnasium and Chemistry Building. Apparently this, being addressed to Middlebury College, never reached you.

We have taken up the matter with the H.W. Johns-Manville Co., and asked them to write you regarding this matter.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.

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December 22, 1915.

Mr. A. A. Lavery.

Elnora, N. Y.

My dear Lavery;

Your brief but most expressive Christmas message is most cordially welcome. I am sincerely grateful for your good wishes and your loyal help. This Hudson Fund has not grown very fast but it keeps rising just a little all the time and I have hopes that some day we shall complete it.

It would do you good to see the new buildings on the hill west of the old athletic field. The chapel is most beautiful and impressive and the Hepburn dormitory in its way not less so. Both will make very practical and helpful additions to our plant.

All is well and happy in my home and I trust in yours also. Again with sincere thanks, I am

Faithfully yours,

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August 26, 1918.

Mr. Claud F. Lester,  
1141 17th Ave., N.,  
Seattle, Wash.

My dear Mr. Lester:

I thank you for your note. We have enrolled Miss Swan for next year and she has made full arrangements for admission and room. I am very glad to learn that her brother will come later and we have made a note to that effect.

I wish you could be here and see the new Chapel and the Hepburn dormitory going up. Both are fine buildings, and the latter especially will be of great assistance to us in building up the college.

Faithfully yours,

C O P Y

New York, Jan. 13, 1915.

The Very Rev. Dean R. K. Massie, D.D.,  
Christ Church Cathedral,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir;

The Meneely Bell Co. of Troy informs me that in investigating the subject of chimes for your tower, some confusion has arisen in your mind as to the relative merits of the bells made by the two Meneely firms, and that a word from me on this subject might be helpful.

St. John's Church, Clifton, this city, purchased a set of bells from Meneely & Co., West Troy, the largest of which broke, and I was chairman of a committee of the vestry to have the trouble remedied. But after going over the ground carefully and wishing the best that could be had, we purchased an entire new set from the Meneely Bell Co. of Troy at much higher prices than the West Troy company asked.

Having listened to one set of bells and then another from the same tower, I do not hesitate to say that we never regretted paying the higher prices charged by the makers of our present chimes, for the contrast is greatly in their favor.

One feature about our present chimes that is worthy of special note is that they can be heard for miles, and yet their soft tones are a pleasure to those living close by the church. The more general use by city churches of such bells would, I believe, serve to check the opposition to bells which is so frequently expressed by the public.

Yours respectfully,

Maynard C. Eyre,  
Senior Warden,  
St. John's Episcopal Church,  
Clifton, S. I.

Please note if NAME, BUSINESS and ADDRESS correspond with your inquiry.

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ALBANY COUNTY

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Ernest A. Meneely, Secty

January 21-1915 1535-1537 Broadway

Do not respond to recent

request for statement.

Are capitalized at \$50,000 but what amount paid in, is not stated.  
Their plant is not regarded as very large one. Are having a fair business  
and just about holding their own.

All the parties connected with the concern are well spoken of  
personally, but no estimate of the corporation's worth is given.

As far as known meeting bills in a reasonably prompt manner.

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*My dear Mr. Meneely -*  
*Thank you very much for the report I*  
*submitted - & to say that I*  
*am pleased to hear of the success*  
*of the company -*  
*Yours truly,*  
*Andrew H. Meneely*

MENEELY BELL Co.  
TROY, N. Y.  
NEW YORK OFFICE, 177 BROADWAY

TROY, N. Y., Jan. 26, 1915.

The Hon. John A. Mead,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

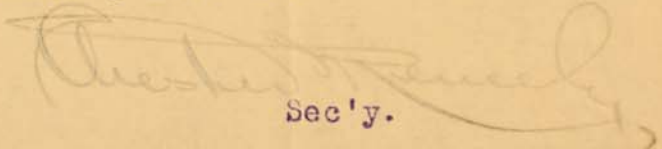
Having been advised that you are to erect a memorial chapel at Middlebury College, we take the liberty of writing to ask if we may not have the pleasure of furnishing the bell or bells for the same?

In former years we have dealt with ex-Governors Fairbanks, Page and Proctor, the latter taking two of our bells at different times.

Our illustrated catalogue has been mailed to you under separate cover and hoping to have the pleasure of hearing from you, we remain,

Yours truly,

Meneely Bell Co.

  
Sec'y.

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March 27, 1915.

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Doctor Thomas,  
Middleburg College,  
Middleburg, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

We understand that the question of Bells for the new Chapel is in large part in your hands.

This morning a gentleman who recently has been in Middleburg told us that your Chapel is going to be a most wonderful and beautiful structure and that a tower capacious enough for a set of bells is included.

We have several compact "lay-outs" of chimes here and would be delighted to send the one that will fit your tower. We will need just the approximate dimensions. It will afford us pleasure to give the several different key chimes and the prices thereof on your request.

All of our chimes and peals are scientifically attuned by special imported instruments assuring absolute accuracy. The work is so accurate that we can at any time supply semi-tone bells and additional bells from our records. We invite inspection and investigation of our work, write to any of the Churches or Colleges in our catalogue and ask them.

Ex-President Andrew D. White of Cornell University is enthusiastic in the praises of our work. The University of Washington, at Seattle, Washington authorities are all highly pleased, - and we can please the most discriminating musicians with the absolute accuracy of our attuned work.

We would like very much if you could see the chime which we are now making - fourteen (14) bells for a Church in Philadelphia. We can let you know three or four days before when it will be complete so you can arrange to see it if possible.

We hope you will feel perfectly free to ask us questions at any time, and we are prepared to aid in every way possible with suggestions for tower construction, floors, openings, etc. to have them correctly put in during construction so that no alterations will be required later. We often have saved people from \$300.00 to \$1,000.00 in this way.

Hoping that we may hear favorably from you in the near future, we are

The Old World Famous Meneely Foundry,

Very truly yours,  
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Secretary.





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Dr. Thomas,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

While visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Meneely of Watervliet, (West Troy) N. Y. the owners of the Old Meneely Bell Foundry I spoke something of Gov. Mead and it developed that they had been in communication with him relative to the installation of a set of their finely attuned Bells in the Chapel which he so generously provided for your College. They said the correspondence had been turned over to you and that you would have the say in selecting Bells.

I have known the Meneelys for many, many years and their work stands out among all the Bells made. It being a case of long years of close study of all the principles involved in the ART of Bell making for a period of ninety years during which time the same family has had the business, handing it down from father to son.

Personally, I will vouch for their ability to make you the finest bells that are on the market and I ask that anything you do along this line that you give my friends preference.

With my warmest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

*A. G. Stone*

*Wallingford, Vt.*

May 14, 1915.

Meneely & Co.,

1531 Broadway,

Watervliet, N. Y.

Gentlemen;

You have communicated with us several times concerning a bell for the Head Memorial Chapel. Doubtless it is time that we should talk up the matter. It has been suggested that we should have a large deep-toned bell. I would be glad to receive your suggestions as to size, weight, and material, and other matters which you include in bell specifications, together with a statement of price. Information as to the building can be secured from Allen & Collens, architects, 40 Central St., Boston.

Faithfully yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas,  
President Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favor of the 14th inst. and have written Messrs Allen & Collens, Architects, Boston, asking them for blue prints of the tower elevation and louvre openings; for the size of the bell-chamber, including height; whether bell can be taken up through traps in the different tower floors, or must be raised from the out-side and be taken in through a louvre opening, - etc., etc.

We trust we will hear from them promptly when we will take pleasure in giving you prices and such details as we can. If it seems desirable to talk the matter over, would you like to have our representative call on you?

Hoping that we will be in position to communicate with you again in the course of a few days, we remain

Very respectfully yours,

MENEELY & COMPANY, INC.

*Andrew H. Meneely*  
President.

You may be interested in the Installation Program of the Great Chime of Fourteen Bells just placed in the tower of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia. - We are sending you one of the programs.

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May 24, 1918.

Mr. Andrew H. Meneely,

Watervliet, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Meneely;

I have received your letters of May 20th and 22nd with copies of letters to Messrs. Allen & Collens, architects.

I shall be interested to learn what arrangements you consider advisable after their information as to the construction of the tower.

I note that a bell of 800 pounds would cost \$400, in addition to the expense of placing the same in the chapel. I am interested in your suggestion that the square section of the tower has room enough for a chime. Can you give us a general idea of the expense of a chime sufficient for ordinary religious tunes?

Faithfully yours,

May 22, 1915.

Messrs Allen & Collens, Architects.

40 Central Street,

Boston, Mass.

Re. Mead Memorial Chapel.

Gentlemen:-

Please accept our thanks for your favor of the 21st inst. From what you write we understand that as designed there is no trap in the gallery floor and that you figure that a bell would have to be taken up a stair-way from the first floor to the gallery floor - - that there is no trap in the loft floor and that a bell would have to be taken up an enclosed stairway 3' wide in the clear, from gallery floor to loft floor - - - - that the floor above the loft floor is the floor in the square section of the tower which has a trap say 3' by 4' - - - - that the next floor above is the one at the base of the octagonal section of the tower which has a trap say 3' by 3' 6" - - - - that the bell and its fixtures would have to be supported at the proper height from the 8" by 10" posts - - - - and that some sort of a light floor would need to be constructed beneath the bell and fixtures (after they were in place) in order to cut off the space below the bases of the louvre windows, which would otherwise act as a sound trap.

We would like to recommend to Dr. Thomas and Ex. Gov. Mead a bell in keeping with the building, but as you will note from the little drawing sent you it will be a tight squeeze to get an 800 lbs. pattern bell and its fixtures in an octagon with a short diameter of 6'. To

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# 2 Messrs Allen & Collens.

do this a special frame would be required and a smaller wheel than usual would have to be used.

Pulling a bell up a stairway is something to be avoided whenever possible, particularly when the width is limited. Is it possible to arrange for a removable sash in the square section of the tower, and could the diagonal rods be disconnected and be swung aside while the bell was being taken in through the front window? If yes, how far back does the tower set from the point marked "Gr. 147' 1" " in your East Elevation?

We had a note from Ex. Gov. Mead this morning, and are hoping to hear from Dr. Thomas with any suggestions he may have to offer, in the course of a few days.

With our respects,

Very truly yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas,  
President Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

We received a letter and two blue prints from Messrs Allen & Collens this morning. As the blue prints are on the scale of 1/4" to 1' they, naturally, do not show some of the details particularly interesting to us at this time. We have written to Messrs Allen & Collens as per carbon copy herewith.

Do you think an 800 lbs. pattern bell is as large as you would like to have for the Chapel? To give you an idea of the cost will say that the bell and its regular Fig. 1 mountings will cost \$400.00 delivered at Middlebury freight station. If you wanted a man to superintend placing the bell, our charge would be \$5.00 per day and his actual expenses while away from home.

If you have contemplated the purchase of a bell of say 1600, 1800, 2000, 2300, 2500 lbs. or heavier, then arrangements will have to be made to have the bell placed in the square section of the tower where there is room enough for as large a bell as you are liable to want or even for a chime.

We presume we will hear from Messrs Allen & Collens by or before Monday next, and if, in the meantime, you can advise as to your wishes

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in the matter, we will be very glad indeed to hear from you.

With our respects,

Very truly yours,

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*Andrew H. Meneely*

President.



May 20, 1915.

Messrs Allen & Collens, Architects.

40 Central Street,

Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

We are in receipt of your favor of the 19th inst., and the two blue prints as follows, - one showing front elevation of the Mead Memorial Chapel and the other a framing drawing showing the construction of the tower.

The Bell-Chamber is undoubtedly in the octagonal section of the tower where the louvred windows are shown. Will you kindly let us know whether there will be a clear octagonal space with a short diameter of at least 6' inside of louvres, screens, etc.?

We have drawn an octagon having a short diameter of 6' and show therein a special base frame (base of bell fixtures), special 5' wheel and circle representing the mouth of an 800 lbs. bell. You will understand the drawing from the cut attached. The frame and wheel could be made to come apart in order to get them up into the bell-chamber; but the 800 lbs. bell would require traps full of 34 inches square in the clear.

We judge that the louvred windows are practically 6' high and the bell and fixtures should come within the window space. Seemingly, the bell-deck is several feet, perhaps 8, below the bases of the

# 2 Messrs Allen & Collens.

louvred windows, - - - are we correct as to this? If there is this space below the windows, a support of some kind would have to be devised so that the bell and fixtures would be within the window space height and, furthermore, some sort of a flooring would have to be provided at the height of the bases of the windows in order to cut off the space below which would otherwise be a very detrimental sound trap.

Kindly advise us as to the various points mentioned so that we can communicate with Dr. Thomas understandingly.

We have no knowledge of what Ex. Gov. Mead's or Dr. Thomas' ideas are as to a bell or bells. - Seemingly the room below the octagon is full of 12' square and with even a greater height, and as 12' square and 14' high would give sufficient space for even a chime of eleven bells, largest bell 2500 lbs., the room, if properly arranged, would answer for a bell of even the largest size and with space to spare.

Kindly let us hear from you at your early convenience and oblige

Very respectfully yours,  
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May 22, 1915.



Dr. John M. Thomas,  
President Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

We received a letter from Messrs Allen & Collens this morning and enclose carbon of our reply thereto. We trust we may hear from you with any suggestions you may have to offer, in the course of a few days, and in the meantime we remain

Very respectfully yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas,

President Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favor of the 24th inst. and have also a letter from Messrs Allen & Collens in which they state that our understanding of the way that a bell would have to be taken up into the octagonal tower, and how supported there, as expressed in the opening paragraph of our letter of the 22nd., is correct. See carbon of the said letter sent to you. On page 2 of the letter to the architects we stated that "pulling a bell up a stairway is something to be avoided" and we asked if it were not possible to arrange for a removable sash in the square section of the tower and if the diagonal rods could be disconnected and swung aside. To this Messrs Allen & Collens reply:- " We see no reason why the large front window in square section of tower cannot be removed for the entrance of a bell, and the truss rods uncoupled and swung aside."

This, of course, all relates to placing a small bell - - 800 lbs. at the outside limit - - in the little octagonal tower as designed by the architects.

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We note from your letter that you are interested in our suggestion that the square section of the tower has room enough for a chime.

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The space inside of the framing in this section seems to be 12' 6" square, - - height probably about 23', - - height of window opening to top of arch, nearly 12'. There seems to be ample space for one of our No. 2 chimes of eleven bells, largest bell from our 2500 lbs. pattern. The cut herewith shows the general arrangement of such a chime and its fixtures, the bells being sounded from the oak chiming console located on a lower floor. If your architects inform you that the framing is strong enough to sustain the weight - - in the case of a No. 2 chime about 15,000 lbs. - - we believe the changes in construction necessary can easily be arranged for.

We present for your consideration details of the weights and tones of several chimes as follows:-

Chime No. 2	Chime No. 1	Chime No. 0	Chime No. 00
11 Bells	11 Bells	10 Bells	9 Bells
E - 2500	F - 2100	Gb - 1800	G - 1500 lbs.
F#- 1800	G - 1500	Ab - 1300	A - 1075 "
G#- 1300	A - 1075	Bb - 900	B - 775 "
A - 1075	Bb- 900	B - 775	C - 675 "
A#- 900	B - 775	C - 675	D - 475 "
B - 775	C - 675	Db - 575	E - 375 "
C#- 575	D - 475	Eb - 400	F - 325 "
D - 475	Eb- 400	E - 375	F#- 275 "
D#- 400	E - 375	F - 325	G - 225 "
E - 375	F - 325	Gb - 275	
F#- 275	G - 225		

Without going into all the details at this time of the parts furnished, we will say that with the complete outfits and delivery in chiming order in a suitable tower, prices are as follows:-

Chime No. 2, \$7,672.00; - Chime No. 1, \$ 6,789.00; -

Chime No. 0, \$5,658.00; - Chime No. 00, \$4,912.00.

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If you so wish, we will be happy to present the details and specifications, and send you the regular form of contract for your inspection.

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For large single Church bells and their Fig. 1 mountings, R. R. freight prepaid, prices are as follows:-

3500 lbs. pattern bell, \$1,715.00;	-	3000 lbs. pattern bell, \$1,480.00;
2500 lbs. pattern bell, \$1,245.00;	-	2100 lbs. pattern bell, \$1,055.00;
1800 lbs. pattern bell, \$ 910.00;	--	1600 lbs. pattern bell, \$ 810.00;
1300 lbs. pattern bell, \$665.00.		

For any one of these bells the square section of the tower would have to be used. The windows would have to be open (louvred, probably) and could not have sash with glass as shown. Some sort of a raised platform would have to be made inside of the tower so that the wooden frame of the Fig. 1 mountings would be even with the bases of the window openings.

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Please write us after you have considered what we have written and we will go into details in relation to such propositions as seem most feasible to you. Our representative will be happy to call on you and go over the matter at any time that he can be of service.

Very sincerely yours,  
MENEELY & COMPANY, INC.

*Andrew H. Meneely*  
President.

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WATERVLIET, N. Y., June 7, 1915.

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Dr. John M. Thomas,  
President Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

Since we last addressed you we have been in further communication with Messrs Allen & Collens in relation to the square section of the tower. We do not know how far along building operations have progressed, or how soon it will be necessary to make changes in the drawings if a set of bells is to be installed.

We now understand that as laid out the space inside the wooden framing (in the square section) is 12' 6" square; but the diagonal truss or brace rods instead of being close to the framing are so located that the clear space inside of the eight rods will only be something over 7' square.

We have asked the Architects if the arrangement for the rods cannot be changed so as to leave a space in the clear of 12' by 12', - - - we ought to have a reply in the course of a few days.

From what we have written before you will understand that there would be great difficulty in placing even a small bell and its fixtures in the octagonal section of the tower. Therefore the only place to consider as a bell-chamber is the room in the square section of the tower. If this is decided upon, certain changes must be made in the plans, for instance; - - the windows there are now glazed - - they would have to be open or furnished with louvre boards which should be well apart; - -

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the floor as designed is several feet below the windows and is not water-tight - - a bell-deck even with the bottom of the windows, or not more than one foot lower, would have to be planned and the same would need to be water tight; - - if more than one bell were used, the diagonal truss rods would have to be placed close to the framing, and at the front window they would have to be arranged so that they could be disconnected at the floor line. As bell or bells would have to be guyed off quite a distance in hoisting in order to pass the outside of the peak of the porch roof, the timber from which hoisting would have to be done should be located as far up in the octagonal section as convenient and we think should project some 6'. This timber can best be put in by the workmen while erecting the tower and the strongest possible hoisting timber is a built-up-one made of clear, sound, spruce planks, say four 2" by 10". As a suggestion, would say that it would be best not to finish until afterward such portions of the porch front as might be struck during the erection of the bells and outfit; or, if finished, to have such parts well protected.

As stated in the first paragraph, we do not know to what extent the work has progressed. We are certain, however, that you do not want construction to proceed along certain lines and then have to change it. We have, therefore, advised you herein as to what we have thus far learned and will write you further when additional information comes to hand. We have thus far communicated with Messrs Allen & Collens six times and we think that when next we hear from them we will have all necessary information in the preliminaries.

With our respects,

Very sincerely yours,

MENEELY & COMPANY, (INC.) Middlebury-000878

*Andrew H. Meneely*

President.



June 8, 1915.

Mr. Andrew H. Meneely,  
Watervliet, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Meneely;

I have just received your letter of June 7th. I delayed some in communication of your proposition as to a chime of bells to Governor Mead, but I think I shall hear from him shortly. I do not think he has fully made up his mind as to the matter, but has merely suggested to himself that possibly the gift of a chime would be appropriated. I have sent him your letter and expect to hear from him shortly.

I have noted your study of the adaptation of the tower to a chime or to a single bell and thank you for your attention to the matter. I may report that the foundations of the building are complete and that the first few courses of the outer walls are now being laid. I take it that it is not too late to make any necessary changes in the tower.

Faithfully yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas,  
President Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

Referring to our letter of yesterday's date. We have this morning received a letter from Messrs Allen & Collens that reads in part as follows:-

" - - - we have studied the question of the framing of tower at  
" the large square chamber - - - The frame work can - - be redesigned  
" without the diagonal rods and leave - a clear room 12 x 12. - - this  
" will mean a substantial addition to the cost of the tower - - - - -  
" so we trust you will be able to bring the business to a determination  
" at an early date in order that the builder can be instructed before he  
" proceeds too far on the contract lines."

If you will kindly advise us just as soon as possible what you decide upon in the way of bells we will do what we can to assist in the determination of the changes necessary.

In our letter of May 25th we named prices for:-

Chime No. 00, Nine Bells, Largest 1500 lbs. - - - - -	\$ 4,912.00
Chime No. 0, Ten Bells, Largest 1800 lbs. - - - - -	5,658.00
Chime No. 1, Eleven Bells, Largest 2100 lbs. - - - - -	6,789.00
Chime No. 2, Eleven Bells, Largest 2500 lbs. - - - - -	7,672.00 ✓

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This last named chime is the largest you can have for the space of 12' by 12' with the proper height.

Twenty-nine years ago we furnished one of our old style No. 3 chimes, largest bell 3000 lbs., for the B. M. C. Durfee High School, Fall River, Mass. We have just erected a No. 4 chime of twelve bells, largest bell 3500 lbs. at the University of Washington, Seattle. The re-constructed Cornell University Chime is practically a No. 5 chime of fourteen bells, in which the largest bell would be from our 4300 lbs. pattern. The No. 5 chime of fourteen bells, largest bell 4300 lbs. placed in Christ Church, New Haven, is, in a sense, a Yale Chime. The whole interest of the donor, Mr. Dickie, was in the students and he selected Christ Church tower as being the most available position at the time. The aggregate of the weights of the bells in a No. 5 chime of fourteen bells is nearly twice as much as the aggregate of the weights in a No. 2 chime of eleven bells.

We will be obliged if you will kindly let us hear from you as soon as convenient, and, in the meantime, we remain

Very sincerely yours,  
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*Andrew H. Meneely*

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Doctor John M. Thomas,  
President Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 8th inst. is at hand and the same mail brought us a letter from Mr. Mead in which he states that he has suggested to you taking up the changes with the contractor and Messrs Allen & Collens to see what the additional expense would be. You undoubtedly appreciate that changes will have to be made in the plans if even one only fair sized bell is obtained as there is no place in the octagonal section for such a bell, and the square section was designed with no thought of making a bell-chamber of it.

If a chime is obtained, you will have to decide where you wish the playing console located. There seems to be a room, reached by stairs, above the gallery ceiling but we surmise that not much daylight will reach there, however it is easy to arrange for artificial light. The best chiming connections are wooden tracker rods as they neither expand nor contract in length, but they must hang perpendicular so as not to whip, - - in this position we have tested 3/4" round pine rods to over 2000 lbs.

At Cornell and elsewhere the bells mean much more to the faculty and the students than we had thought was possible.

If you will kindly keep us advised, we will, when the proper time comes, furnish such information as we can to assist in the proper changes in the plans.

With our respects, believe us to be

Very sincerely yours,  
MENEELY & COMPANY, (INC.)

*Andrew H. Meneely*

Middlebury-000882

President.

June 11, 1915.

Meneely Bell Co.,  
22 - 26 River St.,  
Troy, N. Y.

Gentlemen;

We have been having some correspondence with Meneely & Co. of Watervliet, with reference to a chime of bells for the Mead Memorial Chapel now in process of erection at Middlebury College. I now understand that your firm is distinct and wish to inquire whether you would care to estimate on this work.

We have in mind a chime of from nine to eleven bells, of best quality, appropriate to a college chapel, and would be glad to have prices to include complete installation in our building. Plans of the bell chamber may be secured of Allen & Collens, architects, 40 Central St., Boston.

Faithfully yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas,

President Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Doctor:-

Since writing to you on the 9th inst. we have received letters from Mr. Mead dated the 9th and 10th. In his favor of the 10th he states that he has referred our latest communication to you as you are on the ground and know the situation. As we last wrote you - - - if you will kindly keep us advised, we will, when the proper time comes, furnish such information as we can to assist in the proper changes in the plans.

With our respects, believe us to be

Very sincerely yours,

MENEELY & COMPANY, (INC.)

*Andrew H. Meneely*  
President.

June 12, 1915.

Meneely & Co.,

Watervliet, N. Y.

Gentlemen;

I have received this morning your letter of June 11th. Doctor Mead has empowered me to accept your kind offer to send us sketches of proposed alterations in the tower and any further drawings useful in determining the question of the installation of a chime. We shall be glad to learn which of the chimes you would recommend on the basis of your further studies of the question.

I have written Messrs. Allen & Collens stating that it is quite probable that Governor Mead will wish to install this chime and asking them to give you necessary information.

Faithfully yours,

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WATERVLIET, N. Y.,

June 14, 1915.

Dr. John M. Thomas,

President Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

Your kind favor of the 12th inst. is at hand and contents have been carefully noted.

The general scheme of the changes in the tower plans will be the same for either Chime No. 00, No. 0, No. 1 or No. 2. The details of the "lay-outs" must, however, vary - - - a "lay-out" (plan of chime arrangement) of No. 00 would not answer for No. 0 - - - a "lay-out" for No. 0 would not answer for No. 1 - - - the same "lay-out" can be used for Nos. 1 and 2.

Let us consider the four chimes as to their musical scope:-

No. 00  
G - A - B - C - D - E - F ("7th b") - F# - G

An octave in the key of G with F as an accidental - - - - Series of tones in the key of C with F# as an accidental. (Price \$4,912.00)

No. 0

Gb - Ab - Bb - B - C ("4th #") - Db - Eb - E ("7th b") - F - Gb

One half tone lower than No. 00 - - - - An octave in the key of Gb with C and E as accidentals - - - - Series of tones in the key of B with C and F as accidentals - - - - Series of tones in the key of Db with B and E as accidentals - - - - A further advantage in greater weights for the small bells. (Price \$5,658.00)



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## No. 1

F - G - A - Bb - B ("4th #") - C - D - Eb ("7th b") - E - F - G  
One half-tone lower than No. 0 - - - - An octave in the key of F with B and  
Eb as accidentals and scope increased by the addition of the upper G. - - - -  
Series of tones in the key of Bb with B and E as accidentals, - scope increased  
by upper G - - - - Series of tones in key of C with Bb and Eb as acciden-  
tals, - scope increased by upper G. (Price \$6,789.00)

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## No. 2

E - F# - G# - A - A# ("4th #") - B - C# - D ("7th b") - D# - E - F#  
This chime differs from the No. 1 chime in that the bells are heavier and  
larger; and each bell is one half tone lower than the bell in the correspond-  
ing position in the No. 1 chime. (Price \$7,672.00)

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The Architects have written that they can change the tower plans  
so as to leave 12' by 12' in the square section of the tower and with a  
height of say 14' from bell-deck to ceiling there will be sufficient space  
to take the No. 2 chime nicely, hence the decision as to which chime to use  
can rest with you and Mr. Mead. Having determined what can be used,  
our advice is to purchase as large a set as you feel warranted in obtaining  
- - - - there will then be nothing to regret afterwards.

We can easily explain to Messrs Allen & Collens how the tower  
plans will have to be changed by making a drawing of a chime "lay-out",  
tracing same and making blue prints; but, as before written, one "lay-out"  
would be required for Chime No. 00, another for No. 0, and still another  
for Nos. 1 and 2.

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If you are in position to name your choice or even your first and second choice, we will commence work on the chime drawings upon hearing from you, and when we have the blue prints ready, will attach explanatory half-tone cuts, will draw up a statement of what will be required in the tower, the proper arrangement of the tower, bell-chamber, etc. In this way Messrs Allen & Collens can be advised of what is desired, - we can communicate with them understandingly, - and they can change their tower plans with the knowledge that they are proceeding correctly.

We will be glad to hear from you at once respecting your personal choice in the matter of the chime to be selected, and, in the meantime, we remain

Very sincerely yours,  
MENEELY & COMPANY, (INC.)

*Andrew H. Meneely*

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NEW YORK, June 14, 1915.

Rev. John M. Thomas, D.D.,  
President Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

My dear Dr. Thomas:

This will introduce Mr. William R. Meneely, an old friend of mine, who is Vice-President of the Meneely Bell Company, of Troy, N. Y. He tells me that you have been in communication with him with reference to the purchase of Chimes for the new Chapel. Of course the Meneely Bell Co. is too well known to require any endorsement, but I wish to say that my friend, Mr. Meneely, is one on whom you can rely in every respect and I will appreciate it if you will give him such hearing as he may wish with reference to your proposed purchase. I know he will serve you faithfully and I believe if the purchase is made at all and made from his Company, neither you nor the College will have occasion to regret it.

With best regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) James M. Gifford.

MENEELY BELL Co.

TROY, N. Y.

NEW YORK OFFICE, 177 BROADWAY

TROY, N. Y., June 15, 1915.

Rev. John M. Thomas, President,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 11th inst. was duly received and the delay in answering was caused through communicating with our Mr. W. R. Meneely, of New York, inasmuch as he spends part of his time during the summer on Lake Champlain, near Vergennes, and has frequently visited Middlebury.

Mr. Meneely reports having met you once when you preached in the West End Presbyterian Church in New York, which he attends, and that he has a letter of introduction from his friend, Dr. James M. Gifford, which he intends presenting to you when he calls at Middlebury during the week beginning June 28th. Inasmuch as we have been acquainted with the contents of said letter of introduction, we enclose a copy herewith.

We have recently furnished a bell upon the order of the Hon. John E. Weeks and his wife which they presented to the new chapel at the State Industrial School, Vergennes.

Inasmuch as you mention the firm of Allen & Collins, Architects, would say that we furnished the chime of bells for the Thompson Memorial Chapel at Williamstown, the same being ordered through this firm.

You refer to the fact that you have been having some correspondence with Messrs. Meneely & Co. of Watervliet in reference to a chime of bells but you find that our firm is distinct. This reminds us of the fact that in January, last, we had a pleasant letter from you in which you stated that you were not yet ready to consider the bell matter but at the proper time you will be glad to give us an opportunity to furnish specifications, etc.

Let us say that we are only too glad of the opportunity to take up the matter with you in detail and inasmuch as you have referred to the neighboring firm it may not be out of place for us to give you a little bell-making history. While we dislike to reflect upon a neighboring concern, we feel that all interested are due a proper explanation. The original "Meneely" had three sons who were identified with the bell industry. One retired from the business 30 years ago, another died 10 years later, and our Mr. Clinton H. Meneely, President of our company, who is now in his 76th year, and has had 60 years of experience in making bells, is the only son of the original Meneely who is still in the bell business. The President of the Watervliet company is a nephew of our Mr. Meneely, Sr. Associated with our Mr. Clinton H. Meneely are his three sons who with him are the sole owners of our company which, we believe, is the largest concern in the world devoted exclusively to bell making. Those who have furnished the motive power and guided the destiny of the Watervliet company in late years have not borne the Meneely name, although for obvious reasons this is not advertised, and the grade of work turned out by it has long ceased to please the critical.

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We have consistently maintained that the cutting of quality to meet the price would not pay in the long run and that we have been right is shown by the fact that for the past generation or more nearly every prominent chime installation in this country was made by us. For example, the last seven chimes placed in New York city were made by us and no other foundry has sold a chime to a New York city church for 20 years. One of these sets of bells replaced a Watervliet set which had proven unsatisfactory.

Every chime purchased within the past 25 years for Troy, Albany or anywhere hereabouts was made by us and two of our latest chime installations in this vicinity replaced bells made by our neighbor. When we installed our chime of bells in St. Peter's Catholic Church, this city, we replaced a bell of Watervliet make and when we furnished our chime of eleven bells in St. John's P. E. Church, we took from the tower a chime of eleven bells made by the other company.

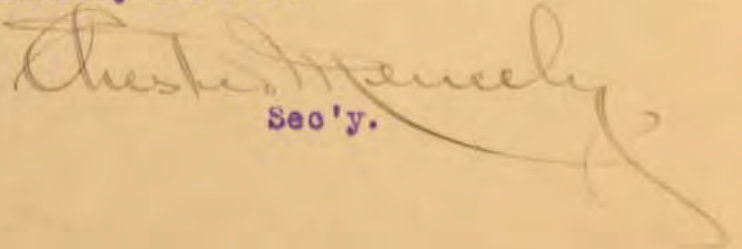
We have made in recent years the largest and most costly sets of bells ever made in America and in the world in modern times. Furthermore, we have made and erected in past years larger single bells, peals and chimes than the Watervliet company ever had orders for.

Enclosed, herewith, you will find specifications for two chimes of bells, either of which would do excellent service in the tower of your new chapel. We suggest having these bells all suspended from a stationary frame, rather than have one equipped with the swinging mountings, such as yoke, wheel, etc., as shown in cut on page 16 of our catalogue. Upon page 17 you will note cut of a ringing case from which a single operator can play hundreds of religious and secular airs from a chime of nine, ten or eleven bells. By means of our improved chime action, anyone, musically inclined, can play our chimes without previous experience.

Trusting that this preliminary information may be what you require and that our Mr. W. R. Meneely, as above stated, may have the pleasure of meeting you at Middlebury during the week commencing June 28th, we remain, with thanks for your communication,

Yours truly,

Meneely Bell Co.

  
Sec'y.

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TROY, N. Y.

NEW YORK OFFICE, 177 BROADWAY

TROY, N. Y., June 15, 1915.

Rev. John M. Thomas, President,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

Attached hereto you will find specifications for two chimes of bells.

The bells would be patterned by the closest musical and mechanical rules and would be composed of best new Lake Superior copper and best new imported tin.

A supporting frame of yellow pine, suitable for the tower, would be furnished with the bells. The chime would be mounted as shown in cut on page 16 of catalogue, less the swinging bell, as all the bells would be attached to a stationary frame and played in this manner. There would also be furnished a handsome ringing stand and the most approved hand ringing adjustments, throughout, including clappers of gun-metal composition, springs, chains, etc., with all connections.

The bells, with their frame work and adjustments, would be set up in the tower of church in complete ringing order, we bearing all expense for this work, providing due provision is made for the free ingress of the bells and the tower deck is of sufficient strength.

We would exhibit the bells in the tower, instruct other players and furnish a fine collection of religious and secular chime music.

Each bell would be warranted as to tone and against fracture for fifteen (15) years.

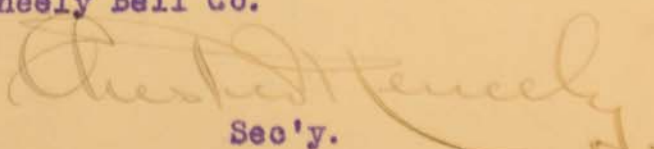
Any desired inscription would be placed upon one or more of the bells without extra charge.

Prior to shipment, the chime would be set up in our foundry yard, in full ringing order, for the inspection and test of such musicians as you would select to pass upon the same.

Any further information will be cheerfully furnished.

Yours truly,

Meneely Bell Co.

  
Sec'y.

## MENEELY BELL Co.

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## Estimate No. 1.

1.	2000 pounds	Key of F	"First"
2.	1500 "	" " G	"Second"
3.	1000 "	" " A	"Third"
4.	800 "	" " B flat	"Fourth"
5.	550 "	" " C	"Fifth"
6.	400 "	" " D	"Sixth"
7.	350 "	" " E flat	"Flat Seventh"
8.	300 "	" " E	"Seventh"
9.	250 "	" " F	"Eighth"
10.	225 "	" " G	"Ninth"

7275

Set up in tower of chapel at Middlebury, Vermont, in conformity with the detailed specifications attached, for the sum of eight thousand, four hundred dollars (\$8,400).

If the "Sharp Fourth" bell, 700 lbs. pattern, key of B, should be desired, the extra cost of this bell would be seven hundred dollars (\$700).

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Estimate No. 2.

1.	2500 pounds	Key of E	"First"
2.	1800 "	" " F sharp	"Second"
3.	1200 "	" " G sharp	"Third"
4.	1000 "	" " A	"Fourth"
5.	700 "	" " B	"Fifth"
6.	450 "	" " C sharp	"Sixth"
7.	400 "	" " D	"Flat Seventh"
8.	350 "	" " D sharp	"Seventh"
9.	300 "	" " E	"Eighth"
10.	250 "	" " F sharp	"Ninth"

Set up in tower of chapel at Middlebury, Vermont, in conformity with the detailed specifications attached, for the sum of nine thousand, four hundred dollars (\$9,400).

If the "Sharp Fourth" bell, 800 lbs. pattern, key of A sharp, should be desired, the extra cost of this bell would be eight hundred dollars (\$800).



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TROY, N. Y. June 16, 1915.

Rev. John M. Thomas, President,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:--

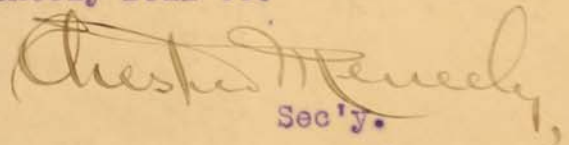
Since writing you, yesterday, it has occurred to us that, possibly, you might care to have a representative call upon you at Middlebury prior to the week commencing the 28th inst., as we stated that our Mr. W. R. Meneely of New York expected to be in Vermont at that time and would call at Middlebury.

If an interview would be desirable before the 28th inst. please advise us and we will arrange to be on hand at the time you may specify.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you, we remain,

Yours truly,

Meneely Bell Co.

  
Sec'y.

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June 18, 1915.



Dr. John M. Thomas,  
President Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

In view of what Messrs Allen & Collens wrote to us on the 7th inst., viz. that they hoped that we would reach a mutual determination at an early date so that the builder could be instructed before he proceeded too far, - we have advised the Architects, in part, of what we last wrote you, - have advised them that if there is any information they would like in advance of our making up and mailing a "lay-out", we will gladly furnish the same, - and have asked them whether permanent traps say 4' 8" square could be arranged for in the floors and deck in a rearrangement of the tower plans so as to give a direct hoist from the first floor up to the bell-chamber.

We presume you wished to communicate with Mr. Mead after the receipt of our last letter, but we are hoping to hear from you very shortly now so that we can furnish Messrs Allen & Collens with the data they would like to have.

With our respects, believe us to be

Very sincerely yours,

MENEELY & CO., (INC.)

*Andrew H. Meneely*  
President.

June 19, 1915.

Meneely Bell Co.,

Troy, N. Y.

Gentlemen;

In the midst of our college Commencement I have only time to acknowledge your careful letter of June 15th and your further favor of June 16th and to say that the 28th instant will be early enough for an interview as I do not think we shall make much progress before that time. Governor Mead and I have suggested visiting your foundry and may write you further after Commencement.

Faithfully yours,

MENEELY BELL CO.  
TROY, N. Y.  
NEW YORK OFFICE, 177 BROADWAY

TROY, N. Y., June 24, 1915.

Rev. John M. Thomas, D. D., President,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Sir:-

As stated to you by long distance telephone, this morning, I communicated in this manner inasmuch as I have been out of town the past day or so and as I am expecting, daily, a telegram calling me to Los Angeles to inaugurate our new chime of bells located on the roof of the Bible Institute, that city, it was my wish to have you call with Governor Mead prior to my leaving if you could conveniently arrange to do so.

We have two chimes of bells in this city which are readily accessible and which I would like to exhibit, and if you could come on Tuesday, next, as you suggested you might possibly be able to do, this would be very satisfactory. On the other hand, if you could not arrange to come by this time, although I dislike to ask you to delay the matter, still, as I should like to exhibit the chimes, personally, hope that you might defer your trip to Troy until my return which will probably be the latter part of July.

If you are able to arrange to come on Tuesday, next, kindly send a telegram, charges collect, to Chester Meneely, 22 River St., Troy, N. Y.

Our Mr. W. R. Meneely, as previously stated, plans to call upon you at Middlebury some day next week. Dr. Gifford told him of his proposed trip to Middlebury early this week to attend the commencement exercises.

Thanking you for your statement that you will try to arrange to come to Troy early next week, I remain,

Yours truly,



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Dr. John M. Thomas, Prest.,  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Doctor Thomas:-

We are sending you carbons of matter sent to Ex. Gov. Mead today. When mention was made of the space left in the contract form for "propositions and letters of the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.) dated", the thought struck the undersigned that no regular chime proposition had ever been made out and as soon as you left, he looked through the correspondence which, since we first took up consideration of what could be placed in the little octagonal section, has grown, bit by bit, to quite respectable proportions.

All the chimes named in our "Book on Bells" as having been manufactured since say 1898 have been tuned by our new processes and one and all have given the greatest satisfaction and pleasure to the purchasers. Chimes not yet named in the catalogue - - Christ Church, Hartford, Conn., 12 bells, largest 3500 lbs. - - Church of the Redeemer, Kingston, N. Y., 11 bells, largest 3100 lbs. - - Church of the Holy Redeemer, Portsmouth, Ohio, 11 bells, largest 2500 lbs. - - St. Patrick's Church, San Francisco, Cal., 11 bells, largest 2500 lbs. - - St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia, Penna., 14 bells, largest 4300 lbs.

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# 3 Dr. John M. Thomas.

We wish our work to thoroughly satisfy us before we ask anyone else to be satisfied with it. We expect all the hard work of tuning to be done here in the foundry and that when a chime goes out of the foundry it will be a finished product in all respects, musical and otherwise.

We will be glad to receive the order which would have the same careful attention given to all the attuned work that has been entrusted to us.

With our respects

Very sincerely yours,

MENEELY & CO., (INC.)

*Andrew H. Meneely*

President.

December 1, 1915.

Hon. Alexander Macdonald,  
St. Regis Falls, N.Y.

My dear Mac;

You will remember that for several years you sent us \$50 for two prizes in Pedagogy which were very greatly appreciated and did much good. According to our memoranda we have continued these prizes the past two years without remittance from you, possibly owing to my failure to remind you of the good custom you had established. I believe your last check was in June 1913, and we have awarded the prizes in 1914 and also in 1915.

I do not intend by this to ask you to remit for previous years, but simply to inquire whether you feel like continuing the prizes in the future. We are about to issue the catalogue and I hardly think we shall feel like including the prizes in Pedagogy unless you are disposed to assist us. I trust I have made our position clear and that you will not feel that I am urging you in any way. We certainly appreciate your generous help so freely rendered in the past.

Things are moving forward in Middlebury now, never more satisfactorily. Our new chapel is a beautiful building and the dormitory presented by Mr. Hepburn is very fine. It will be much the largest building on the campus and give us accommodations equal to the best provided by other institutions. I think it will affect very favorably the patronage of the college among young men.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

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December 1, 1915.

Mr. Austen H. McGregor,

Newark, N. J.

My dear Mr. McGregor;

I thank you for your kind good wishes. I am enjoying good health and am very happy in every way. My work prospers and exactly suits me. We are putting up a beautiful new chapel and a fine boys' dormitory. I am glad to say there is quite a sprinkling of New Jersey students, some of them some of my old friends.

With cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,



Rutland, Vt., June 21, 1915.

Pres. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

My dear Friend;

There is one matter in connection with the new chapel which has not yet been determined, that of a bell. I have been considering this subject carefully for some time and I feel it would be very appropriate to have a chime of bells, distinctive from anything in the village and of sufficient compass to sound out over the campus and village the beautiful hymns associated with Christian worship. I feel that such a chime would convey a helpful message to a great many who would never come within the walls of the chapel, as well as to successive generations of students, and become in time one of the most hallowed memories of Middlebury College. If acceptable to the members of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Mead and I would be pleased to add a chime of bells to our gift of the Mead Memorial Chapel.

Yours most respectfully,

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TROY CONFERENCE  
PLATTSBURGH DISTRICT  
REV. JUNIUS E. MEAD, SUPERINTENDENT

PLATTSBURGH, N. Y., July 2/15.

Rev. John M. Thomas, D.D.  
Middlebury, Vt.

My dear John:-

You have asked me a question which I cannot answer. I never bought a bell and I know nothing of either of those companies except Mr. Will Meneely who is in the New York office of, I think, the Troy concern. He has a summer camp near Kimball's Dock.

I can refer you to a business man in Troy whose judgement I greatly ~~xxx~~ respect, if that will help any. Mr. Geo. W. VanAlstyne, at the head of the Troy Paper Co., has been in business there for many years and is a man whose judgement is worth something. I think he might be able to say what was the worth and standing of the two houses.

I hope you will be able to find the best company for everyone seems to be greatly pleased over the prospect of the chimes.

Very sincerely yours,

*Junius E. Mead*

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July 1, 1915.

Rev. J. E. Mead,  
Plattsburg, N. Y.

My dear June;

May I have your help in the selection of a chime of bells, which Governor Mead is to present for the new chapel? We visited Troy yesterday and inspected the foundries of the Meneely Bell Company, River St., Troy, and Meneely & Company, Watervliet. The general appearance of the Troy company indicates the larger business and the better financial standing. Their salesmen are better. They treated us in the best possible manner and made all kinds of promises and statements as to the quality of their work.

At the same time the Watervliet people impressed us as honest, knowing their business, though much inferior in selling ability. Their prices are considerably lower. I think Governor Mead would prefer to deal with them if we were assured as to the quality of their work.

It occurs to me that having lived in Troy you might be able to give us some helpful counsel. If you have any information bearing on the point as to whether the work of the Watervliet company, particularly in chimes of bells, has given satisfaction, I should be very glad to receive it.

Faithfully yours,

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
TROY CONFERENCE  
PLATTSBURGH DISTRICT  
REV. JUNIUS E. MEAD, SUPERINTENDENT

PLATTSBURGH, N. Y., Oct. 23/15.

Rev. John M. Thomas, D.D.,  
Middlebury, Vt.

My dear John:-

I called on you the first of the week but did not find you in the office. I see the buildings are progressing finely.

In regard to the matter with our board of education, I have never liked the attitude which they take. When I needed money for my own education I got it elsewhere rather than accept their conditions. That is one of our benevolences that I never have been very enthusiastic for. They do no better for a young man who wants to enter the ministry than for one who expects to enter a secular calling. Some day that will have to be changed.

I am returning Dr. Nicholson's letter, thinking you might want it.

Very sincerely yours,

*Junius E. Mead.*

C O P Y

Mrs. Head and myself agree to have the windows in the chapel (two on either side) and to have the ten pilasters (five on either side), same to be built in accordance with the original plans shown in photo number 1 as to bases and caps and width, and we are to pay \$1031 for the same in addition to the original gift of \$60,000. The trustees agree to finish the chapel as agreed and to instal a pipe organ to cost at least \$5000.

(Signed) John A. Mead

2/27/15

Rutland, Vt.

December 4, 1915.

Doctor J. Morrison,  
507½ Main St.,  
Houston, Texas.

My dear Doctor Morrison;

I am very pleased to hear from you in your good letter of November 30th. It is very kind of you to think of the college in connection with your library and we shall be very grateful for the works on higher mathematics and astronomy, which you may care to give us, and will be very glad to pay the transportation. Your suggestion to send us a list so that we can check off any duplicates, is a good one, and I shall be glad to attend to the list as promptly as possible when sent to us.

I am interested in your comments on your work and your observations of conditions in Texas. I have not had much experience in other parts of our country, but all I learn confirms me in my attachment to Vermont.

You will be glad to know that the college has been making excellent progress and seems to be in exceptionally healthful condition. Our new chapel in the old New England meeting house style is a very beautiful building and will be most helpful in our work. The men's dormitory presented by Mr. Hepburn is making good progress and will be a very valuable addition to our plant. It is fire-proof, very conveniently arranged, giving accommodations for 100 boys and dining room and social rooms attached. It will be much the largest building on our campus. The two buildings together cost about as much as the valuation of the whole college ten years ago. I am sure we are getting stronger in our academic work and that the services of the institution to the state and nation were never more valuable.

Faithfully yours,

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December 1, 1915.

Mr. Charles B. Murray,  
270 McGregor Ave.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Murray;

I thank you for your kind acknowledgment of my opening address. I value such opportunities to speak to the students when they are in the most receptive frame of mind. Our new chapel now nearing completion will give me some privileges in this respect which I have not heretofore enjoyed.

I read now and then in the interesting story of your life and always enjoy it. Let me be among the number of your friends who are grateful for the work you have done and who wish you well for all the coming years.

Faithfully yours,

July 1, 1915.

Mr. Eugene H. White,  
569 George St.,  
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Gene;

The donor of our new chapel is to present us with a chime of bells. In his company I visited two foundries in Troy and vicinity yesterday, that of the Meneely Bell Company, River St., Troy, and that of Meneely & Company, Watervliet. There was evidently a family quarrel a good many years ago and the competition between the two firms is sharp. Now we get the better figure from the Watervliet company, and were somewhat more favorably impressed by them, although the other has the better salesmen and evidently larger capital. The point we want to settle if possible is whether the bells and chimes made by the Watervliet company have given satisfaction. Among the chimes they have installed is, I note, one at Christ Church, New Haven, Rev. William O. Baker, rector.

I should be very glad if you could find out for me what the opinion of this chime is and whether the dealings with the company which made it were satisfactory.

We have been having a great Seely-Eddy reunion hereabouts and you and your folks should have been here to make the circle more complete.

Faithfully yours,



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Dr. John M. Thomas,  
President Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Doctor Thomas:-

We learn from the Rutland Herald of the 23rd inst., sent to us by Mrs. A. G. Stone of Wallingford, that Dr. and Mrs. Mead have made an offer to add a chime to their gift of the Memorial Chapel. You undoubtedly gave all your time and attention lately to the various matters connected with commencement which must have been a happy time in many respects and most interesting in every way.

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In order that you may understand what a "Chime Lay-Out" is, we are sending you a blue print of one used for a No. 2 chime placed in a Portsmouth, Ohio, Church last October. The tower is practically 12' by 12' as you will see from the measurements noted on the four sides. The two half tone cuts attached will help you to understand the print. -  
o - o - o - o - o - o - o - o - o - o - o - o - o - indicate where the chiming connections passed through the floor - - in new construction a slot is generally provided. The "Trap" and "Duct" noted were in the floor and had to be closed. In this particular case, the bell-deck was a very weak affair and the whole weight of the chime and outfit was carried on special angle beams, the four ends being inserted in the walls and cemented in place.

Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

# 2 Dr. John M. Thomas.

We will be glad to take up the drawings so that we can send Messrs Allen & Collens blue-prints and memoranda that will be required in changing their plans. You will remember that the architects wrote us that it would be necessary to reach a mutual determination at an early date so that the builder could be instructed before he proceeded too far.

Are you in position to advise us of the chime that has been selected, whether No. 00, No. 0, No. 1 or No. 2? Anyone of the four can be used in a space 12' by 12' by say 14' high, but the architects' tower plans, even down to a location for the console, will have to be revised in many respects before construction work can proceed.

We will be pleased to hear from you at your early convenience and in the meantime remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas,

President Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Doctor Thomas:-

We are just in receipt of your favor of the 27th inst. and will be much pleased to see you and Dr. Mead on Wednesday the 30th.

Perhaps you are not acquainted with this territory - - particularly the section on the west side of the Hudson River. We are enclosing page 18 from our catalogue. We presume you will come by the Rutland R. R., thence over the Boston and Maine, to Troy. Should you take the D. & H. at Rutland, it will be best to go direct to Troy - - not to Watervliet. As noted on page 18, - from Troy Union Station walk westward three blocks to Third Street and there take any trolley car bearing sign "Albany, Troy, Watervliet." Tell the conductor to stop at the Watervliet Post Office (in our buildings). Messrs Geo. R. Meneely & Son have a brass foundry about a mile below us and the conductors sometimes carry visitors to their stop, hence best to mention the Watervliet Post Office stop only.

We received a letter from Messrs Allen & Collens this morning in reference to traps, or "ways and means" of hoisting the bells into the tower. We have not yet had time to study the plans in connection with what they have written but expect to do so this afternoon.

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# 2 Dr. John M. Thomas.

We will be glad to go over the whole matter with you and  
Mr. Mead on Wednesday, and in the meantime we remain

Very sincerely yours,  
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Hon. John A. Mead,

The Howe Scale Company,

Rutland, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Mead:-

Upon looking through the correspondence with you, Dr. Thomas and Messrs Allen & Collens, we find that our regular chime proposition has not been presented at any time. The subject of chimes has been approached so gradually, and tower space and construction have been matters requiring so much correspondence and attention, that a formal proposition, usually sent with the first letter, has been entirely overlooked. Such a proposition is referred to in a chime contract - - furthermore, many of the matters mentioned therein may prove of interest - - we are accordingly enclosing a copy herewith.

We take pleasure in mailing to you copies of letters lately received from Mr. Chas. M. Jarvis, formerly Vice-Prest. of The American Hardware Corporation, in relation to the Memorial Chime presented to Christ Church, Binghamton, N. Y.: - Rev. Wm. Osborne Baker, Rector of Christ Church, New Haven, Conn.: - Rev. W. T. Cluff, Rector of St. James' Church, Stratford, Ont.: - Mr. H. H. Pond, Vice-Prest. Mechanics & Metals Natl. Bank, New York, in relation to the chime in the tower of Trinity Church, Vineland, N. J.: - Rev. Frederick G. Budlong, Rector, in relation to the Memorial Chime presented to Christ Church, Winnetka, Ills.: -

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# 2 Hon. John A. Mead.

Mr. J. L. Englehart, Chmn. Temiskaming & Northern Ont. Ry. Commission, in relation to the Memorial Chime presented to Christ Church, Petrolia, Ont.: -  
Rev. Frederick A. Reiter, Pastor of The First Ev. Luth. Church, Leechburg, Penna.

When the late Philip Corbin decided to present a great chime of fourteen bells to the South Congregational Church, New Britain, Conn., he delegated Mr. Ernest M. Skinner, the organ builder of Dorchester, Boston, to select the founders and test the completed bells - - we are happy to be able to refer you to Mr. Skinner as to our ability in the manufacture of attuned work.

Mr. Frank J. Dutcher of the Draper Co., Hopedale, Mass. will be glad to tell you of the eleven bell chime in the Unitarian Church and the desirability of having that number of bells.

It will give us pleasure to go on to Middlebury to meet the architects and help in determining the necessary changes in the plans - - we would like a few days notice in which to prepare a satisfactory "lay-out" for the architects' use.

We will be pleased to hear from you at your early convenience and can assure you that your commands would have out most careful, personal supervision throughout.

Very respectfully yours,  
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Hon. John A. Mead,

The Howe Scale Company,  
Rutland, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Mead:-

We take pleasure in sending to your address a copy of our "Book on Bells" which we trust you will find both interesting and instructive. It contains full descriptions and illustrations of the superior MENEELY & COMPANY, Bells, Peals and Chimes which have so faithfully sustained the reputation of this, The Oldest Bell Foundry in America, located on the site where originally established by Andrew Meneely in 1826. It is a matter of great pride to us that in the all-important essentials our Bells, Peals and Chimes have been acknowledged superior to all others by most discriminating purchasers whose musical abilities and proficiencies are known from ocean to ocean and who have sought the best only regardless of all other considerations.

Every person at all interested in bells must have noticed that those in use vary in quality, - - how and why? A bell has a compound tone and with special instruments the component tones can be made to sound individually so as to be plainly heard. An acute ear can hear five, at least, of the component tones when a bell is struck. Depending upon whether the principal component tones form a musical chord or a discordant jangle, a bell is musical and mellow or harsh and disagreeable. The

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sequence of the individual tones depends both on shape and thicknesses, and so many fine, delicate and intricate problems are involved that success can only be attained after generations of patient study, investigation and experiment. On page 2 of our "Book on Bells" brief reference is made to those who perfected the many improvements in bell-founding, testing and tuning introduced here since Andrew Meneely, erected the first foundry buildings in 1826. Our President is of the Third Generation of Meneely Bell Founders and associated with him are Two of His Sons of the Fourth Generation. - - - - - Perfect patterning alone is not all sufficient in the manufacture of a bell-metal bell which, to be superior, must be sonorous and of free vibrating quality, and these attributes demand the use of the purest and best copper and tin properly proportioned, melted and mixed; - - with cheaper and impure materials, or unscientific methods of manufacture, the sound will be dull and the vibrations of short duration.

A CHIME OF BELLS ought to be strictly the best in tone-quality and musical attunement that skill can produce, and they cannot be a strictly correct or well-balanced set unless they are made of the best materials, are musically attuned both inherently and with each other, and are correctly tone tempered, and these results cannot be had without skillful tuning after the bells have been cast, for only when so attuned are chimes perfect in character and musical qualities. A set of bells without such expert work is no more perfect musically than any set of organ pipes of proper lengths before the tuner has corrected them. No one is justified in accepting a set of bells not accurate in scale and harmonically true by thirds and fifths.



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We employ a scientific system of tuning which we have perfected after years of study and experiment and the results have been subjected to most thorough tests by organ-builders of national reputation, teachers and doctors of music in our great universities, organists and distinguished musicians of highest standing and ability, and they have all certified that the results we obtain are superior to anything they have imagined possible.

Those who have purchased of us are delighted and every prospective purchaser is earnestly urged to inquire of them regarding our work and dealings, to afford opportunity for which we give in our "Book on Bells" a list of Churches, Cathedrals, etc. having Chimes of our make in use, the number of bells in the sets and an indication of their weights.

If you will kindly refer to the "Book on Bells" pages 35, 36, 37, 38 and 39 you will find more general information in relation to towers and bell-chambers, the substantial frames, the playing consoles and the chiming connections than we can possibly give in a letter. Our chiming action is in effect a piano action on a larger scale and gives by far the most satisfactory results ever secured from a set of bells. The article "Church Bell Chimes" treats of the subject at length. We will be happy to furnish further details and explanations at any time.

Our bell-metal composition is exclusively 78% of the purest new ingot copper and 22% of the best imported block tin, warranted so to be. The bells are warranted free from original defects and against fracture from proper usage for fifteen years from shipment, as per copy page 17 of the "Book on Bells". Inscriptions (memorial or otherwise) of moderate length will be chased on the largest, or all the bells if you wish,

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after the bells are otherwise finished. Relief figures, ornaments, etc. cannot be placed on attuned bells.

We present for your consideration details of the weights and tones of several chimes as follows:-

Chime No. 2	Chime No. 1	Chime No. C	Chime No. 00
11 Bells	11 Bells	10 Bells	9 Bells
E - 2500	F - 2100	Gb - 1800	G - 1500 lbs.
F# - 1800	G - 1500	Ab - 1300	A - 1075 "
G# - 1300	A - 1075	Bb - 900	B - 775 "
A - 1075	Bb - 900	B - 775	C - 675 "
A# - 900	B - 775	C - 675	D - 475 "
B - 775	C - 675	Db - 575	E - 375 "
C# - 575	D - 475	Eb - 400	F - 325 "
D - 475	Eb - 400	E - 375	F# - 275 "
D# - 400	E - 375	F - 325	G - 225 "
E - 375	F - 325	Gb - 275	
F# - 275	G - 225		

The tones named are according to our imported standard instruments, A having 435 double vibrations per second. The above named chimes are those most in demand, the selection depending upon the size of the tower, surrounding conditions, available funds, etc.

With each chime furnished, we supply one copy of our chime music book containing fifty or more tunes, instructions for playing the chimes and instructions for arranging the additional tunes which your local chimer must provide for his use, see page 37 of "Book on Bells".

In making our estimates of bell weights, which always include the Clappers with Bronze Balls, the Clapper Staples and the Sustaining Bolts, we endeavor to be as accurate as possible, but some variation which seldom exceeds 100 lbs. over or under our estimates, is to be expected, due

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to the tuning work and careful selection of bells for best tone-quality. If the aggregate weight of bells be less than 98% of our estimates, then for such shortage below the 98% we make deduction from invoice at the rate of twenty-five (25) cents per pound. NO CHARGE is made for ANY EXCESS. We send our man or men to place the entire chime outfit complete in your tower all at our expense, and a competent chimer to play the inauguration concerts and instruct your local chimer and when this has been done, all without injury to your edifice, payment is due in full, provided the chime and workmanship are found satisfactory.

In accordance with the foregoing we offer you as follows:-

Chime No. 2, \$7,672.00; - Chime No. 1, \$6,789.00; -

Chime No. 0, \$5,658.00; - Chime No. 00, \$4,912.00.

The prices are our estimates based upon the tower being properly constructed and being easy of access, and, furthermore, are based on the present prices for absolutely the best new materials. We ask a fair price, no more, at which we can furnish the finest and best chime of bells that money can purchase or skill produce.

We wish you to feel perfectly free to call on us for any information you wish. We solicit your commands in the firm belief that we can supply you with absolutely the best goods in our particular line. Our services are yours for the asking in any preliminaries and an order would have our best personal supervision and care.

Trusting that we may hear further from you shortly, we are

Very respectfully yours,

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*Andrew H. Meneely*

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In relation to the Chime placed in the tower of Christ Episcopal Church, Hartford, Conn., in 1913. - Twelve Bells, largest 3600 lbs.

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Hartford, Conn., Feb. 4, 1915.

Mr. Ernest A. Meneely,  
Meneely & Company,  
Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

My dear Mr. Meneely:-

Last May when I saw by the paper that the Roman Catholic Cathedral was to have a set of chimes, I supposed that the bells were to come from your foundry and I was still under that impression up to the time that the name of the chimer was announced. After hearing the Cathedral chime and comparing it with the set from your foundry which I had the pleasure of having placed in the tower of our Church, I congratulate myself that there will never be a better chime in our City than the one in Christ Church. Our bells are sweet in tone and I learn from many who have traveled extensively that they are the equal of any of your latest chimes in use in this country and of the best in Europe, and that they maintain your firm's reputation as manufacturers of attuned bells of the highest class.

With kind regards to your father and yourself

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) George E. Hoadley.

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In relation to the chime presented to Christ Episcopal Church, Binghamton, N. Y., by Charles M. Jarvis, then Vice President of The American Hardware Corporation, New Britain, Conn., as a Memorial to the Jarvis Family. - Eleven Bells, 2500 lbs. Tenor.

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## THE WHITE ADDING MACHINE COMPANY

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 23, 1915.

Meneely & Co.,

Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Answering yours of the 19th inquiring in reference to the Memorial Chimes which you installed in Christ Church Binghamton, N. Y. in 1903. I am not in the habit of giving recommendations, at the same time my dealings with your company were so satisfactory at the time these chimes were installed and the interest you have taken in them since that time, that I have no objection in departing from what is practically an iron clad rule. These chimes have given entire satisfaction. At the time I gave you the order I expected much, for to be candid with you I thought you made some pretty strong promises. I can say, however, that you have not disappointed me in a single iota and I can and do most heartily commend your product, your methods of tuning, your methods of doing business and your whole outfit.

You will recall I recommended your company to Mr. Philip Corbin of New Britain and based on my recommendation he gave you an order for chimes for the South Church at New Britain, Conn. Mr. Corbin has since died. I know, however, that the work you did for him was very satisfactory and I have no hesitation in recommending your company for a fair, square, honorable, straight deal.

I much prefer that you should not print this letter and give it circulation but at the same time it means exactly what it says and you can make copies and use it to let people who contemplate buying chimes know what people who have done business with you think of you and your methods.

It is really a pleasure to me to depart from what is a strict rule to give you a letter of this kind. Assuring you of my deep respect, I remain

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Charles M. Jarvis.

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From Rev. W. T. Cluff, Rector of St. James' (Church of England),  
Stratford, Ont., Canada. - Eleven Bells, 2100 lbs. Tenor.

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St. James' Rectory.

Stratford, Ont., Canada. Feb. 25, 1915.

Meneely & Company,

Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

In reply to your letter of recent date asking for a report on the chime of bells installed in 1909, I beg to say that the bells continue to give the congregation and the people of the City the greatest satisfaction and delight. The tone is excellent and as perfect as when they were installed. They have not given us the slightest trouble nor occasioned any expense. Competent critics have pronounced them superior in tone and carrying power to chimes installed by English firms in the neighboring cities of London and Woodstock. To say that you have given us entire satisfaction is to put the case mildly.

Yours very Faithfully,

(Signed) W. T. Cluff,

Rector of St. James".

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In relation to the Chime of Bells furnished for **Christ  
Episcopal Church, New Haven, Conn.**      **Fourteen Bells - 4300 lbs. Tenor**

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CHRIST CHURCH  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT.

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Dear Sirs:-

You ask for my opinion of your chime of bells in my Church. Some time ago I wrote you that I thought we had the best chime in the country -- the other chimes in New Haven are a laughing stock in comparison with ours. There is no chime in New York City equal to ours that I know of. Of course I don't want you to print such comparisons over my signature, but you may make any other use of my letter you wish. We have fourteen bells and I am unable to say why they are better than others except that they are in perfect tune and the tone is very rich and full.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours,  
(Signed) Wm. Osborne Baker.

February 5, 1915.

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From Harry H. Pond in relation to chime furnished for Trinity  
Episcopal Church, Vineland, N. J. - 2100 lbs. Tenor.

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THE MECHANICS & METALS NATIONAL BANK

50 WALL STREET

H. H. POND  
Vice President.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17, 1915.

Meneely & Company,  
Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of the 15th instant, directed to me at Vineland, N. J.,  
has been forwarded to me here. I moved from Vineland about four years  
ago.

Everything I wrote in my letter of January 23, 1903, to you concern-  
ing the chime of ten bells (which I purchased for Trinity Church, Vineland,  
as a memorial for Marie Antoinette Crotzer) holds good today. I had  
the pleasure of being in Vineland on Christmas last and heard the bells  
played Christmas Eve, and never heard them when they sounded sweeter. Up  
to the time when I left Vineland (1910) I know that everything was more than  
satisfactory, and I have no reason to believe that it is any different at  
this date.

I heartily recommend to anyone contemplating the purchase of a chime  
that they give you consideration.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) H. H. Middlebury-000926



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THE VINELAND NATIONAL BANK.

Vineland, N. J., Jan. 23, 1903.

Messrs. Meneely & Co.,

Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

It was with pleasure that I signed check to your order in settlement for chime of ten bells for Trinity Church, Vineland as a Memorial for Marie Antoinette Crotzer given by her son the late Andrew J. Crotzer. I was a member of a committee appointed to investigate chimes and before purchasing will say we left no stone unturned in our endeavor to get the best. We visited many towers containing bells of different makes but to our ideas not only were your bells superior but also your ringing attachments.

The tones are rich, mellow and sweet and we could not wish for sweeter music than that heard on our chime.

Our relations with you during the whole transaction have been very satisfactory and I desire to compliment your good work.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Harry H. Pond.