

The Original  
Meneely Bell Foundry

**Meneely & Co.**  
NOS. 1531-1541 BROADWAY  
Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

Incorporated  
1908  
ANDREW H. MENEELY  
PRESIDENT

THE OLD FOUNDRY ESTABLISHED BY ANDREW MENEELY IN 1826.

NO OFFICE ELSEWHERE

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In relation to the chime presented to Christ Episcopal Church,  
Winnetka, Ills., by Mr. and Mrs. William M. Hoyt in Memory of their Son,  
Phelps Buttolph Hoyt. - Eleven Bells, 2500 lbs. Tenor.

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CHRIST CHURCH

WINNETKA, ILLINOIS. Feb. 22, 1915.

Meneely & Company, Inc.,

Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of inquiry, dated February 17th, regarding the  
Memorial Chimes presented to Christ Church, Winnetka, by Mr. and Mrs. W.  
M. Hoyt, and installed by you nearly three years ago, is at hand.

It is with great pleasure that I seize this opportunity to  
express to you the unqualified satisfaction of the members of the parish,  
and of other people in the vicinity, with the rich tone and pure sweetness  
of this particular chime of bells.

I am personally frank to say that I have never heard a more  
beautiful set of chimes. I am impressed by the fact, also, that in  
spite of the unusually rapid changes of temperature in this climate, the  
bells keep in such perfect tune.

If there are any other questions which I could answer in de-  
tail, I shall be glad to be asked. Furthermore, we shall always  
welcome an opportunity to show the chimes here and have them played for  
anyone who is fortunate enough to be able to anticipate the possibility  
of having chimes of their own like these.

Most heartily yours,

(Signed) Frederick G. Budlong,

Rector of Christ Church, Winnetka, Ills.

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In relation to the chime placed in Christ Church (Church of England), Petrolia, Ontario, Canada, as a Memorial to Charlotte Eleanor Thompson Englehart by her husband, Jacob Lewis Englehart. -  
Eleven Bells - 2500 lbs. Tenor.

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Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission

Office of the Chairman.

Toronto, Jan. 6, 1910.

Messrs. Meneely & Co.,

Re Christ Church Chimes - Petrolia.

Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

My Dear Sirs:-

I desire to express thankfulness that you have been enabled to erect and complete the chimes in so thoroughly a satisfactory manner. You have not alone carried out your contract and agreement to the letter, but you have done more, hence - my deep appreciation.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to be in touch with many chimes, but none of them, it appears to me, compare with the chimes you have erected at Christ Church, Petrolia. It is the consensus of opinion expressed by all of our local people, and visitors, that the chimes are perfect.

Wishing you every possible success, and again thanking you for deep interest evinced, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. L. Englehart.

Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

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Messrs Meneely &amp; Co.,

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Dear Sirs:-

I am favored with your courtesy of the 16th regarding the Chimes, Christ Church, Petrolia.

Regarding my letter to you of January 6th, 1910, I do not know that I can add anything to my letter, excepting to emphasize, after these years, that the chimes today are better in tone, if that were at all possible, than they were when you erected them.

We shall be glad to have you refer any intending purchaser of chimes to all our people at Petrolia - to the Rector, Wardens et al, of Christ Church, as well as myself. They may accept the assurance, as we have, that the chimes are all that one could desire. They are satisfying, and their call is one that brings response from the whole personality, and surely will bring an echo from all who are privileged to listen.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. L. Englehart.

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In relation to the chime furnished for The First Evangelical  
Lutheran Church, Leechburg, Penna. - 2100 lbs. Tenor.

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## FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Frederick A. Reiter,  
Pastor.

Leechburg, Penna.  
Feb. 19, 1915.

Meneely & Co.,

Watervliet (West Troy), N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

Yours of the 17th inst. asking me whether I am as well satisfied with our chime of bells as I was in November, 1910, immediately after you had installed them, has been received. In reply, let me say that I AM - - and you cannot make it too strong. People have come here and have compared them very favorably with other chimes they have heard. Others, occasional visitors, remark upon their constant improvement in fulness of tone. In May, 1911, the Superintendent of the Church Extension Society of the Lutheran Church (General Council) was here. His work, of course, takes him all over the country; and he pronounced our chime the "most perfectly attuned chime he had ever heard." If I had to do it all over again, knowing what I do now, I should do exactly as I did in 1910 - - even if other bids were lower than your's. After hearing the things that I have heard since that time, and after having had the experience with our chime - - I play them myself - - I can say that as honestly as I have ever said anything.

I wish I had prospective purchasers here to hear our chime, and see how easily they are played by a tyro like me, even; and then I would like to have them go elsewhere and see how other makes are played by professionals - - and then let them decide.

During the four and a half years that we have had the chime, there has been practically no expense attached with it. They are exposed, as you remember, and we therefore have given both the frame-work and the chains, etc. several coats of paint. Besides this, one of the small S-hooks near the bell, once broke, and I myself replaced this with one of the S-hooks you had left here for that purpose; on another occasion, one of the straps broke, half-way up, and I had a new one made, costing 50 cents. This is absolutely all that has been done (except occasional oiling) since 1910.

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I do not hesitate in the least to endorse everything I said in 1910, and as I say, you can make it as strong as you wish. Any committee that will purchase on merit, and will take the trouble to let their ears hear the various products, and let their eyes see how they are worked, cannot fail but give you the contract - - and that 's all there is to it.

Any time you wish to ask me to say anything in your behalf - please feel free to do so.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Frederick A. Reiter.

MENEELY & COMPANY (INC)      MANFRS BELLS      WATERVLIET N. Y  
ALBANY COUNTY  
Andrew H. Meneely, Pres.  
Edmund Fitzgerald, Vice Pres.  
Mrs. Grace Y. (Andrew H.) Meneely, Treas.  
Ernest A. Meneely, Secty.

July 2, 1914-----1535 & 1537 Broadwa.

Certificate incorporating this company was filed with the Secretary of this state Jan. 18, 1907 under the business corporation laws of 1892, with an authorized capital of \$50,000, divided into 500 shares, term of existence perpetual. This business was organized by Andrew Meneely, the grandfather of the President in 1826. In 1850 he it became Andrew Meneely & Son and in 1851 Andrew Meneely & Sons. In 1863 E. A. and G. R. Meneely and in 1874 Meneely & Co., at which time the firm was composed of Andrew H. Meneely Pres. of the above company, and his mother Caroline Meneely. The business was so conducted until they incorporated.

The depressed business conditions of 1906 and 1907 compelled the firm of Meneely & Co. to ask extensions from creditors, which was granted. Their intention was to pay 25 per cent in 6 months, 25 per cent in 12 months, 25 per cent in 16 months and 25 per cent in 21 months. They gave notes for same, the notes were signed by the company and also by the partners and were paid as they matured.

In June 1913 their merchandise indebtedness was in the neighborhood of \$1,000 and was compromised at 50 cents on the dollar and paid by George H. Kimberly who was Treasurer of the company at that time.

Last January Mr. Kimberly died and the other stockholders purchased his interest and shortly afterwards the above officers were elected. The directors are Andrew H. Meneely, his wife Grace Y. Meneely, his sons Ernest A. and Lawrence Meneely and his nephew Edmund Fitzgerald.

In an interview today Mr. Andrew H. Meneely, Pres., declined to make statement of their affairs.

They have a small plant, are operating under light expense and are said to be doing a fair business. They are the reputed owners of the property they occupy and while they are believed to have an equity in it, still without figures from themselves, it would be a difficult matter to give a close estimate of their worth.

The Meneelys are not understood to have much means outside of their stock in this corporation.

Mr. Fitzgerald is a stockholder and officer in the Fitzgerald Bros. Brewing Co. of Troy, N. Y. He is said to be in comfortable financial circumstances.

The officers are all known as honest people, of good reputation. Their purchases in this market are small but they are reported as paying their bills promptly.

The records show no fire losses.      -/- to - 3

CONTRACT FOR CHIME

It is hereby agreed by and between Meneely & Co. (Inc.) of the City of Watervliet, State of New York, party of the first part, and the undersigned, party of the second part, that for and in consideration of the sum of .....dollars, current lawful funds, to be paid to the party of the first part by the party of the second part upon the completion of this contract, that the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.) will furnish and install in the tower of ..... a chime of .....bells of the following pattern weights and of the tones as noted by Scientific Pitch, viz: .....; a strong and substantial frame of hard Georgia pine, well braced with corner irons, the same to be designed to fit the bell-chamber, and to properly contain and safely support the bells; - the Meneely piano-stroke chiming action; - and the oak console, to be located.....; - together with the wooden tracker rod, chain and strap connections from the bells to the console. All and everything to be delivered complete and in first-class chiming order, and in accordance with the propositions and letters of the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.) dated....., and descriptions and illustrations in their "Book on Bells", in-so-far as they apply to the above set of chime bells.

It is understood that the largest or "tenor" bell is to be so mounted that, when disconnected at the console, it may be used or swung as a regular single or individual Church bell, it being furnished with a special rock-shaft hammer for chiming .....all the other bells to be suspended in a stationary manner in the frame before mentioned. Each clapper ball and the hammer ball to be of soft bronze and to be connected as before stated to the console below.

It is understood that the bell-metal composition is to be strictly and solely 78 parts of the best new ingot copper and 22 parts of imported East India block tin, warranted so to be, and that the bells are to be warranted against fracture from proper usage for fifteen (15) years from date of shipment as per copy of the warranty shown in the "Book on Bells".

That the bells will be guaranteed of good, clean, pure tone quality, true to pitch by Meneely & Co.'s imported standards, first-class in quality and workmanship, and to be fully equal to any of the many chimes of like key and size previously furnished by the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.).

It is understood that all the metal parts at and about the console are to be heavily nickel plated. *guarantee the bells to be perfectly satisfactory.*

It is understood that when the bells are finished, the chime will be set up complete in the foundry, all parts will be properly adjusted and everything will be fully tried and tested. At this time a visit by representatives of the party of the second part will be welcomed for the purpose of inspection and suggestion. It is further understood that the chime is subject to inspection and approval as to tone, tune and workmanship during the inaugural concerts, and that if found to be as represented by the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.), then the party of the second part will make payment in full.

It is understood that the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.) will have their chimer play the inaugural concerts and properly instruct the selected local resident chimer who will thereafter play the chimes. That the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.) will make an allowance of forty (40) dollars from the aforesaid consideration for the printing of a suitable number of concert programs, and will furnish the usual copy for the same and loan the two needed electro cuts, the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.), to receive gratis about 250 copies of such program. That the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.) will present complimentary a copy of their regular book of chime music containing a varied assortment of tunes, suitable for a beginning of the local



chimer's collection. (The Church Organist or the Chimer should then provide such additional tunes as will thereafter be needed.)

As the tone-quality and accuracy of attunement of the bells are of the highest importance, it is understood that some variation in weight is likely to occur, hence it mutually agreed that Meneely & Co. (Inc.) will make a deduction of twenty-five (25) cents per pound for all shortage of weight below 98% of the estimated aggregate weight of this set of bells, and make no extra charge for any excess whatsoever, the bell weights ever and always including clappers, clapper-staples and sustaining bolts.

It is understood that the chime is to be erected in the tower and is to be ready for the installation concerts by or before .....  
 .....; - and that no extension of this time will be necessary or is expected except for cause beyond the direct control of Meneely & Co. (Inc.), such as severe illness of principal engaged in the tuning work, accidents, strikes or damages to the goods while in transit.

It is understood that the party of the second part will prepare the bell-chamber and bell-deck to properly contain the chime and safely support the same, that he will provide a proper opening for hoisting the bells and all appurtenances into place, and that he will allow free access and egress to the workmen employed by the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.).

It is understood that a suitable worded inscription or inscriptions, condensed as much as possible so as not to be too long for the space available, will be chased on the large bell or on each bell, by Meneely & Co. (Inc.) after the bells are otherwise finished.

All of which being mutually satisfactory is hereby agreed to by the undersigned parties of the first and second part this .....  
 day of .....1915.

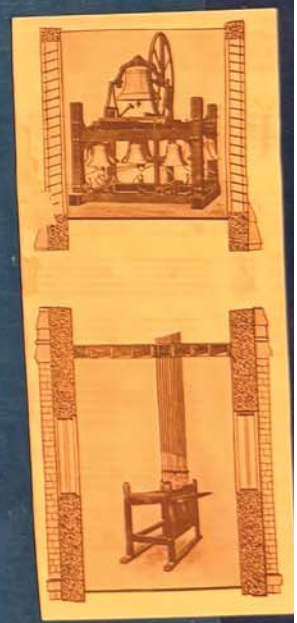
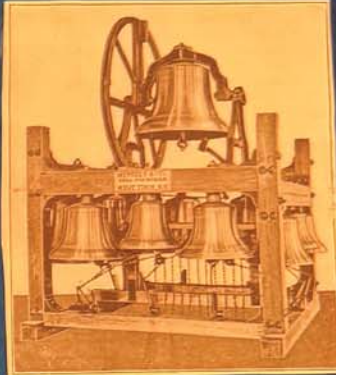
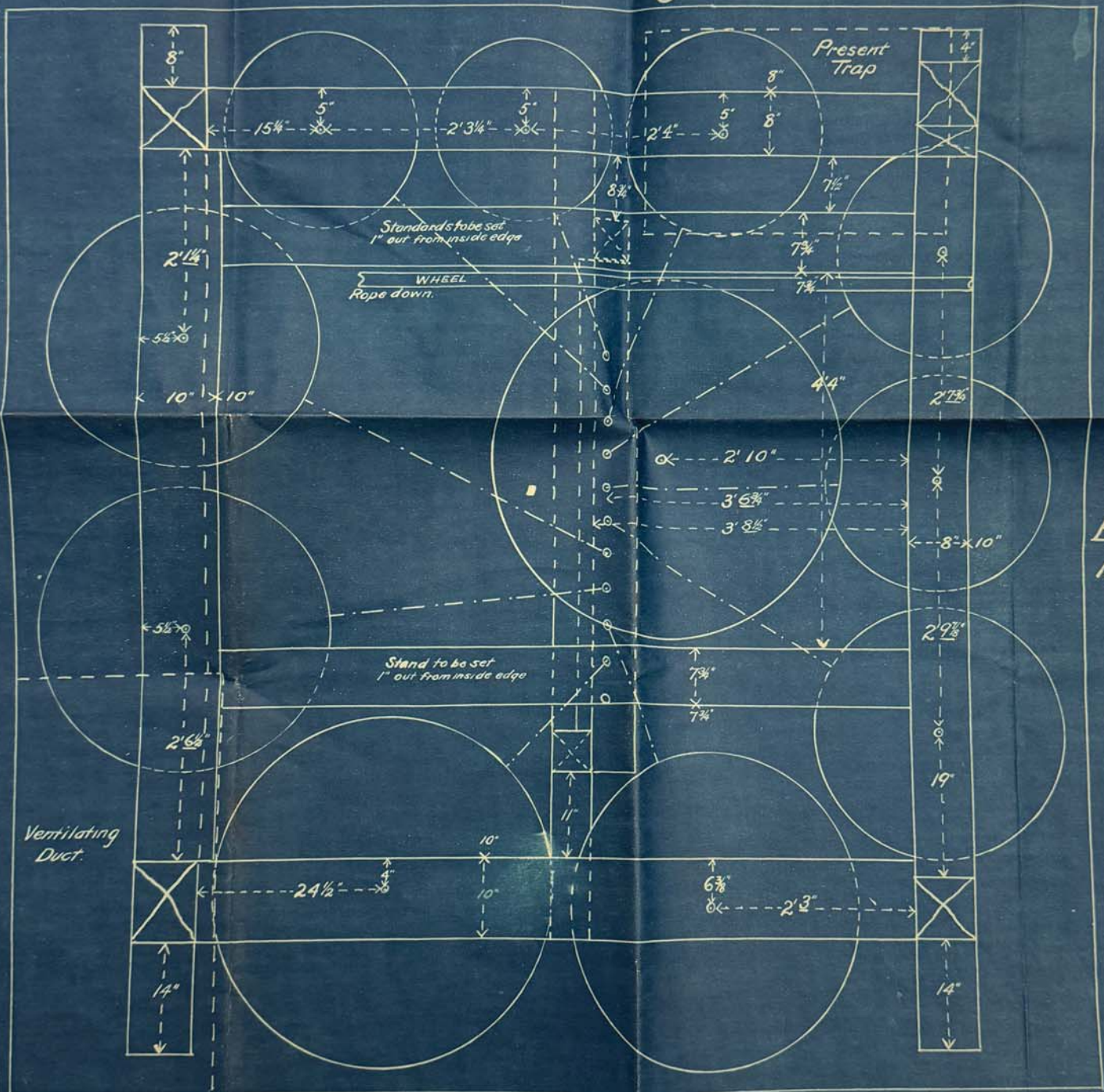
Party of the First Part.

Party of the Second Part.

12' 2" C

D  
11' 11"

B  
12'



Scale 1" = 1'

12'  
Side A. Front

Portsmouth, Ohio  
Holy Redeemer Church

Middlebury-000937



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

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

We are sending you a "Souvenir Program of the Blessing of the Chimes" at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Portsmouth, Ohio, Oct. 18, 1914, for the reason that the bell-chamber in the tower at the right, page 2, is 12' square and just scant of 13' high, and for the further reason that this chime is a No. 2 set of 11 bells. We can furnish blue-prints of the "lay-out" of this chime showing plenty of space. The three louvre openings shown are each only 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide by 9' high. While we would recommend a greater area of opening in any work under construction, there is no question but that the Portsmouth chime is giving the greatest possible satisfaction. On pages 9 and 10 of the program Father McGuirk published a copy of the unsolicited testimonial he sent to us. Mr. Fenton was recommended to Father McGuirk as a judge at the Bishop's office in Albany.

The next No. 2 chime went to St. Patrick's Church, San Francisco, and replaced a set of like size that was destroyed by the fire following the earthquake. There they have a tower 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' square and two louvre openings on each side, anyone of which is large enough to allow of the passage of the large bell.

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We do not think you have had a copy of the booklet published by Hon. Andrew D. White in relation to the Cornell bells - - we are sending you a copy. We are also mailing you a program of the chime installation concerts at the University of Washington. Pres. Schurman of Cornell was consulted when on a visit to Seattle and upon his recommendation Col. Blethen placed his order with us.

With our respects

Very sincerely yours,

MENEELY & COMPANY, (INC.)

*Andrew H. Meneely*  
President.

# 2 Hon. John A. Mead.

Mr. Harding's letter follows:-

St. Mark's Rectory, Penn and Arrott Ste.,

Frankford, Philadelphia, July 2, 1915.

Messrs Meneely & Co.,

Watervliet, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

Our chime of fourteen bells installed by your firm has been thoroughly tested in the last two months. Admiration and delight have been expressed so universally that your satisfaction must equal our own. The officers of the parish feeling, as I do, that we owe you something more than the dollars we have paid you, wish me to write this letter that you may know - not simply take for granted - with what unqualified pride we listen to our bells. They are not simply satisfactory; they are perfect. Words can say no more, but further words must say something of the exceptional way in which the business attending the placing of the bells was transacted - for any use it may be to you, I have to state that there was no "business". We had no explanations to receive, nothing to insist upon, for the contract was literally fulfilled and had you been making us a gift instead of selling us bells, nothing could have been more pleasing to us or more creditable to you. I have tried to tell you the truth of our feelings, to which I can add nothing but our thanks.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. B. Harding, Rector.

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Allow us to quote briefly as to tuning bells within themselves and with each other from a writer in the Pall Mall Magazine.

" It is best in all cases to bring the fundamental (tonic) of each bell into true octave with its nominal (principal), and then to tune the whole series of bells, so rectified, to each other. Can this be done? Bell founders and tuners do not care to take any more trouble than is necessary in order to satisfy the public. It has been our object to move the public to move the tuners."

For nearly twenty years past we have actually tuned chime bells within themselves - - not only the fundamentals and nominals referred to but also the minor thirds - - and have afterwards tuned the whole series (each bell so rectified) to each other by major-triad tempering which gives the most satisfactory tuning in the keys of the 1st, 4th and 5th bells and permits of the use of a pleasing sharp-fourth bell, a very desirable accidental.

Our methods are particularly interesting to organ-builders and tuners of the highest class as they work along the same lines - - by vibrations and beats. To students of the theory of sound as applied to music, and to musicians who are theoretical as well as practical. To manufacturers of the finer grades of physical apparatus used in demonstrating the application of sound vibrations to music. All that we claim we can demonstrate to students of such matters - - men like Ernest M. Skinner of Boston, Rev. J. M. Steffes of Manistee, Mich., etc. Others know they have the results but they cannot explain just why - - Rev. Wm. Osborne

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Please note that whatever may be said or done here will not be  
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have been placed in the tower and have there been found to be as represented  
by us.

St. Mark's chime is our latest production - - we can and will  
furnish bells of the same quality and a chime in all respects equal to any  
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Gentlemen;

I have received your favor of July 2nd, also your letter of June 30th with carbons of communications to Governor Mead.

The matter of placing the order for the chime for our chapel is still under consideration. I wish to thank you for the fullness of information sent us. I expect to be able to write you further within a week or ten days.

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" (Signed) Very truly yours, J. B. Harding, Rector. "

We think we have reason to be proud of work and methods that justify such a letter.

A frame very much out of the common — in fact two frames — had to be furnished with this chime and its strength and stability had to be passed upon by the architect, Mr. Frank R. Watson, 1211 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

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Minutely

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Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 2d, 1903.

MR. ROSWELL ELDRIDGE, Great Neck, L. I., N. Y.:

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The West Troy people did everything they promised, and even more, and I am very glad that I have fallen into their hands.

Trusting that your bell experience will be one in which you will have no regret, I remain,

Faithfully yours, (Signed) EDGAR COPE, Rector.

No. 890 N. 25th St., Philadelphia, Pa., 6/16/'03.

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2. We have no complaints or objections from people in the vicinity. On the other hand, Roman Catholics living directly under the bells, across the street, and people of other religious bodies have spoken in the highest terms of the bells. Only one week ago a gentleman stopped me, and told me that within a week the Baptist clergyman two squares away, said in his sermon: "Whenever I hear the church bells of St. Simeon's Church it reminds me "of the music I expect to hear in heaven."

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ANDREW H. MENEELY  
PRESIDENT

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Middlebury-000950

July 5, 1915.

Mr. George W. Van Alstyne,  
Troy Paper Co.,  
Troy, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Van Alstyne;

I have inquired of Rev. J. E. Mead, my college class mate and good friend, as to the quality of work done by the two Meneely bell companies in your vicinity. He tells me that he has no information on the subject, but thinks that you would be willing to write me confidentially, but frankly and fully, as to the worth and standing of these companies.

I may explain that Middlebury College has received a gift of a memorial chapel from ex-Governor John A. Mead of Rutland. He has recently offered to place a chime of bells in the chapel. We have had considerable correspondence with Meneely & Company of Watervliet and also the Meneely Bell Company, Troy. Governor Mead and I have visited both foundries. We understand that the Troy firm has the larger business and better financial standing, but the other people seem to us equally honest, and perhaps equally efficient in the science of bell making. What we particularly desire to know is whether the Watervliet firm has the reputation of giving satisfaction to their customers.

You may note that I have suggested that your reply would be confidential. I mean by this that I would not use your name in connection with the matter in any respect whatever.

Faithfully yours,





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Hon. John A. Mead,

% The Howe Scale Co.,

Rutland, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Mead:-

We are in receipt of your kind favor of the 3rd inst. We have just received a letter from Rev. J. B. Harding, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia, and we ask you to spare the time to read and consider the copy of what he writes as we think we have reason to be proud of work and methods that justify such a letter. Philadelphia has many chimes both of American and Foreign manufacture ( we have six within a few miles of Broad St. Station), but in all the years that have intervened since he first thought of a set for the great St. Mark's Church, Rev. Mr. Harding has not swerved in his determination to have a chime of our make.

In 1903 the late Rev. Edgar Cope obtained for St. Simeon's Church a chime of Fourteen Bells, largest Bell from our 4300 lbs. Patterns. We are enclosing on a separate sheet copies of correspondence referring to this chime.

In 1907 Rev. Mr. Harding wrote asking for quotations on a chime duplicating St. Simeon's set and he afterwards advised us that all in good time he would order such a chime. The good time did not come until early this year. We have already sent you a program of the installation concerts given early in May.

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Mr. Harding's letter follows:-

St. Mark's Rectory, Penn and Arrott Sts.,

Frankford, Philadelphia, July 2, 1915.

Messrs Meneely & Co.,

Watervliet, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

Our chime of fourteen bells installed by your firm has been thoroughly tested in the last two months. Admiration and delight have been expressed so universally that your satisfaction must equal our own. The officers of the parish feeling, as I do, that we owe you something more than the dollars we have paid you, wish me to write this letter that you may know - not simply take for granted - with what unqualified pride we listen to our bells. They are not simply satisfactory; they are perfect. Words can say no more, but further words must say something of the exceptional way in which the business attending the placing of the bells was transacted - for any use it may be to you, I have to state that there was no "business". We had no explanations to receive, nothing to insist upon, for the contract was literally fulfilled and had you been making us a gift instead of selling us bells, nothing could have been more pleasing to us or more creditable to you. I have tried to tell you the truth of our feelings, to which I can add nothing but our thanks.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. B. Harding, Rector.

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Allow us to quote briefly as to tuning bells within themselves and with each other from a writer in the Pall Mall Magazine.

" It is best in all cases to bring the fundamental (tonic) of each bell into true octave with its nominal (principal), and then to tune the whole series of bells, so rectified, to each other. Can this be done? Bell founders and tuners do not care to take any more trouble than is necessary in order to satisfy the public. It has been our object to move the public to move the tuners."

For nearly twenty years past we have actually tuned chime bells within themselves - - not only the fundamentals and nominals referred to but also the minor thirds - - and have afterwards tuned the whole series (each bell so rectified) to each other by major-triad tempering which gives the most satisfactory tuning in the keys of the 1st, 4th and 5th bells and permits of the use of a pleasing sharp-fourth bell, a very desirable accidental.

Our methods are particularly interesting to organ-builders and tuners of the highest class as they work along the same lines - - by vibrations and beats. To students of the theory of sound as applied to music, and to musicians who are theoretical as well as practical. To manufacturers of the finer grades of physical apparatus used in demonstrating the application of sound vibrations to music. All that we claim we can demonstrate to students of such matters - - men like Ernest M. Skinner of Boston, Rev. J. M. Steffes of Manistee, Mich., etc. Others know they have the results but they cannot explain just why - - Rev. Wm. Osborne

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Baker of New Haven wrote us in relation to his bells: - " 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."

We beg to call your attention to one paragraph in particular of  
our chime contract:-

" It is understood that when the bells are finished, the chime will be  
" set up complete in the foundry, all parts will be properly adjusted and  
" everything will be fully tried and tested. At this time a visit by  
" representatives of the parties of the second part will be welcomed for  
" the purpose of inspection and suggestion. It is further understood  
" that the chime is subject to inspection and approval as to tone, tune  
" and workmanship during the inaugural concerts, and that if found to be as  
" represented by the said Meneely & Co. (Inc.), then the parties of the  
" second part will make payment in full."

Please note that whatever may be said or done here will not be  
construed as an acceptance. Acceptance is not expected until the bells  
have been placed in the tower and have there been found to be as represented  
by us.

St. Mark's chime is our latest production - - we can and will  
furnish bells of the same quality and a chime in all respects equal to any  
of those of like size and weight previously supplied. On this basis we  
solicit the order.

With our respects, believe us to be

Very sincerely yours,  
MENEELY & COMPANY, INC.

*Andrew H. Meneely*

President Middlebury-000955

MENEELY BELL Co.

177 BROADWAY, NEW YORK

FOUNDRY TROY, N.Y.

NEW YORK, July 6, 1915.

Rev. Dr. John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

My dear Dr. Thomas:-

This communication may not appear as lengthy as it really is if you will reserve it for perusal while you are steering your automobile between the Register office and Noble Kimball's farm. I am again at work, it being my custom, during the summer, to spend every Saturday, Sunday and Monday and the entire month of August at Basin Harbor. We have a telephone at our Basin Harbor place, although it is not yet listed in the telephone directory.

The attached copy of a letter from Prof. Collins of Princeton University may be of interest to you for two reasons; first, because the chime referred to is identical with the one that we propose for the Mead Memorial Chapel, and, secondly, for the reason that the rector's son, the former told us, has been connected with the church which has a chime made by our neighbors.

The copy of a letter from the Rev. Dr. Walker is significant for the reason that his present church has a chime made by our neighbors, whereas his former church contained a chime of our make. Moreover, Dr. Walker, who was born and educated in England, is an expert on harmony and plays the organ beautifully.

The enclosed copy of a letter written by the late Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix contains the expression of a person who was generally regarded as being one of the foremost authorities on bells in this country. While his letter is not of recent date, Dr. Dix maintained his interest in our bells and recommended their purchase to others, in addition to buying many of them himself, up to the time of his death. He and the late Mr. Robbins Battell were among our most valued business friends. Both had us replace bells made by our neighbor. The clipping attached to the copy of our letter from Dr. Dix is from the New York Times and refers to our new chime ringing device in Trinity Church.

I do not know how much my brothers, when you visited our foundry in Troy, dwelt upon our ringing device. There is none other at all like it. It is a costly affair, which in itself precludes the makers of cheaply made chimes from constructing an action along similar lines. Former Congressman Joseph C. Sibley, who you will recall has a summer home across the lake at Valcour which he now rarely visits, had us install a chime on his large estate near Franklin, Pa., a year or two ago. In recommending our chime to a friend, Mr. Sibley touched upon the ringing action of his chime as follows: "The easy and perfect action in the mechanism operating the chime is a patent owned by the Meneely Bell Co., granted to an employee in their service who mounted my bells. They are played by a young lady who knew nothing whatever of time and could barely read the letters on the staff, on the first day of June 1914. We think she is quite a performer to-day, and we have a number of men, women and children on the farm who play very pleasingly. When my physical condition permits I can ring out a few tunes myself, but being almost blind, have to do my playing by ear. Mrs. Sibley also enjoys playing them." To quote further from Mr. Sibley's letter: "Relative to the merits of the two firms of Meneelys, as I understand it both sprang from

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the same stock. The reason that I gave a very large preference to the Meneely Bell Co. is because I think they have specialized more than the other concern. The head of the firm was for many years president of the Troy Glee Club, a very notable musical organization. I have had the pleasure of listening to them two or three different summers at the Bluff Point Hotel. They sang two different years for President McKinley and it is one of the best organizations of that character known to me. I would pay no little difference in price to own a set of bells made by the Meneely Bell Co., just as I would pay a good deal more for a Stradivarius than I would for another violin, both in their measurements, material and finish seemingly identical. I may be too partial in this matter, but outside the desire that you may have a perfect set of bells, for the pleasure they will afford you, I have no interest of any description to conserve other than possibly to show my appreciation of the delight that has come to me through the ownership of a perfect set of bells. I have never expended a like sum of money which has given me equal pleasure or anywhere near equal pleasure. The mellow throats of these bells speak to me in tones so sweet and pure as to bring tears to my eyes in the memories they awaken."

This unique ringing action, which effectually prevents the ringer from holding the clappers against the bells and deadening their tones, and which makes the large bells as easy to operate as the small bells, is but one of a number of exclusive features possessed by our chimes. The chime clappers of some bell founders consist of gun metal balls cast on iron shanks. An iron shank is cheaper than a gun metal shank, and it is also apt to work loose from the gun metal ball. We are the only bell founders in the world furnishing double balled chime clappers with shanks and all cast from gun metal. Chimes are frequently neglected, and a strain upon the supporting bolts of heavy chime bells cause the bolts to elongate, besides which there is more or less shrinkage in the supporting timbers. We overcome this feature by the use of heavy, finely tempered spiral springs which automatically take up any slack in the bolts. Numerous details of this character, some quite expensive and others less so, are materially helpful to the permanent satisfaction attained by our chimes, while of course increasing their cost of production.

Your attention has been called to another chime in Troy which replaced work of our neighbors, although you did not see it when you visited our foundry with Governor Mead, so we quote in full the following note written by the rector, Mgr. Walsh: "It is always a pleasure for me to put on record my unflinching delight with the chime of bells made for me by Mr. Clinton H. Meneely. I am very proud of them and wonder if there are bells anywhere so sweet and true. I have heard bells in nearly every clime in chimes, peals and units and suppose I am biased, but I am sure I have never heard a bell note truer. Whilst I think I possess the best chime in the state, I won't begrudge a duplicate to Mgr. McNamee."

We stand well at home, and every chime installed in Troy, Albany, or anywhere within local range during the past quarter of a century or more came from our foundry. It is a satisfaction to know that one's work is favorably regarded by one's neighbors.

This letter calls for no acknowledgment that you cannot make when we next meet within the borders of Vermont.

Yours truly,

*W. R. Meneely, Vice President.*

C O P Y

VARNUM LANSING COLLINS  
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY  
PRINCETON, N. J.

April 23, 1915.

The Meneely Bell Co.,

Troy, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:-

I have been trying to find the score for some of the chimes or changes used in England and have not succeeded. You may remember that when in Troy last March with Dr. Baker to see the bells for Trinity Church here you stated that you would include some of the simpler chimes in the music books you were preparing for us; but they seem to have been forgotten. Can you send me the notes or tell me where I can find them? I would be extremely obliged.

I want to take this opportunity to advise you of the universal satisfaction and pleasure your bells are giving in this town. I have heard a number of most complimentary comments on the beauty and softness of tone in the Trinity chimes, and the pleasure they are giving to people in general.

Very truly,

(Signed) V. Lansing Collins.

ST. ANN'S CHURCH  
on-the-heights  
BROOKLYN-NEW YORK

C O P Y

February 3, 1915.

The Very Rev. R. K. Massie, D.D.,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Sir:-

Information has come to me that you are about to install a chime of Bells in the Lexington Cathedral, in the near future.

May I say that from my experience both on Staten Island and in my present Church in Brooklyn, I am sure that if you decide upon obtaining the services of the Meneely Bell Company, of Troy, N. Y., you will receive satisfaction in every respect. For quality of tone and care in the installation you will find the Troy Company unequalled, and it affords me great pleasure to speak this word of recommendation.

Truly yours,

(Signed) C. Campbell Walker,

Rector of St. Ann's Church.



C O P Y

27 West 25th Street,  
New York, February 8, 1902.

Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 1st instant is at hand.

I would cordially recommend the Westminster peal as in my opinion perfectly satisfactory where it is not possible to put in a full chime. I first heard the Westminster peal in Bethseda Church, Saratoga Springs. We now have one in St. Agnes Chapel, and to my ear nothing is more delightful. Tubes are cheaper, but not sweeter in tone, and it gives a good deal of trouble to keep them in tune and in perfect order. If you are in doubt as to a manufacturer, I recommend the Meneelys, who put up the chime of St. Agnes as decidedly the best workmen that I know.

I am

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Morgan Dix.

Mr. Harry H. Pond.

OVERHAULING TRINITY CHIMES.

One Bell to Be Recast and a New Ringing Device Installed.

Workmen from the Meneely Bell Foundry in Troy began yesterday the complete overhauling of the chimes in Trinity church, Broadway at Wall street, which includes the recasting of one of the bells and the installation of a new ringing device. The latter consists in part of a hard wood case, or key board, measuring about four feet square and containing ten handles, which are lettered with the musical notes of the ten bells in the chime. This case is placed in a room below the belfry, each handle being connected with the clapper of its corresponding bell by means of rods and chains. So carefully are these adjustments made that slight downward pulls on the handles sound the full tones of the bells with whatever power the chimer wishes to exert, for this new system permits of playing with expression similar to a piano.

Trinity's chimes are the oldest set of bells in New York, ten in number, the largest of which weighs 3,000 pounds. The most recently installed set in this city is in the Metropolitan tower, the largest bell weighing 7,000 pounds.

Middlebury-000960

ADDISON G. STONE  
Lawyer and Notary Public  
WITH SEAL

Wallingford, Vt., July 6<sup>th</sup> 1915

Sr. Thomas

Middlebury Vt.

My dear Sr. Thomas

I am informed that  
Sr. Mead has left the purchase of  
the Chimes of Bells with you. Now  
I hope you may find it in your  
way to purchase from the Mundy  
Co. of Waterbury. You know that while  
a member of the 1910 Legislature I  
don't care I could with vote and  
influence for Middlebury. and I  
should deem it a personal favor  
if you could see your way clear  
to patronize this firm

Yours truly  
A. G. Stone

July 7, 1915.

Hon. Addison G. Stone,  
Wallingford, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Stone;

I am glad to have your letter of July 6th with reference to the chime of bells which Doctor Mead is to present to Middlebury College. I do not quite understand that he has left the matter with me. We are investigating the subject together and I think are both of one mind, namely, to secure the very best chime we can for ~~our~~ purpose. We are investigating the matter very carefully and have visited the foundry of Meneely & Company in Watervliet as well as the other Meneely firm in Troy. I may say that we are favorably impressed to date with all that we have learned concerning your friends and I am sure both Doctor Mead and I will be very glad if we find that we can place the order with those whom you recommend so highly.

Faithfully yours,

ANDREW H. MENEELY, PRES. AND GEN. MANAGER  
EDMUND FITZGERALD, JR., VICE-PRESIDENT



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Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

Your favor of the 5th inst. reached us yesterday. We are sending you a copy of our letter to Dr. Mead dated the 6th. as we think we were able to express ourselves somewhat better through the medium of the typewriter than we did to you with pen and ink.

The Hopedale, Mass., chime is a No. 1 set of eleven bells. Mr. Frank J. Dutcher of the Draper Co. has frequently offered to allow us to exhibit this chime and has stated that he would be glad to inform intending purchasers of his experience.

The D Chime of twelve bells in the tower of Christ Church, Hartford, Conn., is one tone lower than the No. 2 chime offered to you, in other words the second bell in the Christ Church chime is of the same size and tone as the large bell in the No. 2 chime. All our correspondence has been with Mr. Geo. E. Hoadley, 242 Fern St. When we heard from him a short time since, he was in rather delicate health, but he can undoubtedly make arrangements if you wish to hear the chime.

The chime in the tower of the First Baptist Church, Newton Center, Mass., is a No. 2 chime. The donor, Mr. Dudley, had us leave space in the frame work for a "sharp fourth" bell and just before his death was

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again in correspondence with us in relation to it. Mr. H. H. Kendall, Architect, 93 Federal St., Boston, a member of the committee representing the Church, has communicated with us several times lately.

The chime of fourteen bells in the tower of Christ Church, New Haven, is in Db, and the third bell is of the same size and tone as the large bell in the No. 1 chime. Rev. Wm. Osborne Baker, the Rector, calls this the best chime in America. Before now our chimer has exhibited these bells for prospective purchasers.

The chime in the tower of the South Congregational Church, New Britain, Conn., is of the same size. We were selected as founders after Mr. Ernest M. Skinner of Boston, the organ builder, and Mr. R. P. Paine of Hartford, the organist, had made an extended trip of investigation by direction of the late Philip Corbin, then Prest. of the American Hardware Corporation - - these gentlemen also acted as judges and approved of the bells. Our Mr. Ernest A. Meneely was at New Britain several months since to give a new chimer instructions and to adjust the chiming action for him.

The chime in the tower of St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Clinton, Mass., was the first of the Db chimes we installed. It has been inspected by many visiting committees and by its excellence has sold many chimes for us. Rev. J. M. Steffes, Chmn. Comm. on Church Music, Manistee, Mich. and Rev. E. Cope of Philadelphia, were among those who visited Clinton and immediately ordered.

The chime in the Roman Catholic "Mission Church", Roxbury, Boston, is of the same size.

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The chimes in the following New England Churches were furnished prior to the time we introduced our new method of tuning: - Church of the Good Shepherd, Hartford, Conn.: - Park Congregational Church, Norwich, Conn.: - St. Paul's Church, Concord, N. H.: - St. James' Church, Derby, Conn.: - David Dudley Field Tower, Stockbridge, Mass.: - St. John's Church, Waterbury, Conn.: - Grace Church, New Bedford, Mass.: - Durfee High School, Fall River, Mass.: - St. Paul's Church, Dedham, Mass.: - Trinity Church, Bristol, R. I. (bells purchased at various times) and we might add St. Mark's Church, Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

Mr. E. G. Eberhart of Mishawaka, Ind. is a little modest about furnishing matter for distribution. We know, however, that he is willing to write to anyone who wishes the result of his investigations. He and his brother or brothers (we believe) gave the beautiful Church shown in the program sent to you and the chime placed in the tower, as a memorial to their parents. The Episcopal Bishop of Salina, Kansas, Rt. Rev. Sheldon M. Griswold, will be glad to answer any letters of inquiry. Rev. George J. Walenta, Rector of St. Simeon's Episcopal Church, Philadelphia, Penna., will be pleased to tell you of their great chime of fourteen bells. Rev. Joseph M. Steffes of Manistee, Mich., is one of the best theoretical and practical musicians in the country - - he will write and talk bells at any time. Rt. Rev. John E. FitzMaurice, D. D., Bishop of Erie, personally presented the Cathedral chime. We might give the names of many more persons who would be glad to write to you.

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The correspondence with Messrs Allen & Collens from the time we received the first of the blue-prints, studied out and made drawings of what could be placed in the little octagonal tower by some hook or crook, developed gradually, and after many letters and more plans had passed, into the consideration of something entirely different. In trying to avoid the necessity of dragging a bell up the stairways, we asked questions as to the windows in the square section of the tower, and then encountered the diagonal rods but not their position in the room. When it had finally developed that the room in the square section could be 12' each way, you and Dr. Mead expressed yourselves as being interested in chimes. Further correspondence developed that while the tower was strong enough to carry the additional weight, the diagonal rods were over 2' away from the side walls, thus leaving only a small space in the clear. The architects finally studied out a plan whereby they could leave out the rods - - by making the side framing stronger. In the rather extended correspondence with them they have twice written to the effect that if the changes were desired the plans would have to be drawn before the work proceeds too far. Briefly the side framing will have to be strengthened - - the windows are now shown with glass, - not open or louvred - no bell-deck at the height of the bottom of the window openings (or slightly lower) is provided in the plans - - it is better to have slots in the floors for the chiming connections rather than to bore holes through the planking and timbers - - the room spoken of for the chiming console room still remains a dark room to you (we think) and us. We will be very glad to take up all these matters with you and the architects.

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We solicit your order with the knowledge that our methods and work have been praised by the most particular in the land and that we have given unqualified satisfaction. We know that we are most exact and accurate in tuning which requires the exercise of all the patience of which a man can be possessed. We offer you work with which we must first be pleased before we ask you to be pleased with it.

Very sincerely yours,  
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*Andrew H. Meneely*

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Perhaps you and Dr. Thomas are having an experience somewhat similar to Rev. Edgar Cope's back in 1903. If yes, we suggest that you do as he did - investigate late chimes actually in use. Our work is even better today than ever before as witness the letter from Mr. Harding.

MR. ROSWELL ELDRIDGE, Great Neck, L. I., N. Y.:

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 2d, 1903.

Dear Sir: I am carrying out my promise to write you at greater length concerning my experience in ordering a set of bells in the early part of this year. The more experience I had with a number of Bell firms by personal interviews, large correspondence, etc., the more I became bewildered. I finally determined to make a thorough investigation personally. I was accompanied by a thorough musician and heard a number of Chimes in Phila., New York City and elsewhere, and visited several foundries and journeyed to Troy and Nass. We found many chimes which are not in complete harmony; often one or more of the bells was out of tune with the others. I attributed this to the method of selecting bells for the Chime. In some cases they depend entirely upon the ear and in others upon what is called the Blow-pipe. The very methods used by these firms soon taught me the defects and I felt that there should be a scientific principle by which the tone of each bell should be tested. I therefore selected the firm to make our bells which used a special scientific method. The result is, according to the judgment of many musicians, that we have Fourteen bells in perfect attunement. If I were called upon to order another set of bells I would follow Dr. Huntington's advice, as I did before, and order from the same firm, viz:—Meneely & Co., of West Troy, N. Y.

The bells which this firm have been turning out within the last few years, since they adopted their new system, are far superior to those of any other make, and indeed better than they made some years ago.

I think that I ought to say that the Rev. Dr. Huntington has a Chime of bells made by this Old Meneely firm of West Troy many years ago, in Grace Church, and through a mistake in the order a set was made by another firm for Grace Chapel. I heard both these Chimes, and after hearing them, Dr. Huntington said to me:—"I would order from the firm who made those of Grace church,—the old Meneely firm, of West Troy." You would be very wise above all things to avoid the English Bells.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, COBOURG, ONTARIO.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,  
NEW BRITAIN, CONN.

(D)

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8th, 1904.

Meneely & Co., Watervliet, West Troy, N. Y.

Dear Sirs: Your letter is duly received. In reply to your first question in regard to when we ring the chime would say on Sunday from 10 to 10:30, Sunday afternoon 2 to 2:30, Sunday night 7:15 to 7:45, Wednesday night from 7:45 to 8, Saturday night for one hour, at all funerals, at weddings when desired, Christmas Eve at 12 o'clock, New Years Eve same hour. These are the regular times for using the chime.

2. We have no complaints or objections from people in the vicinity. On the other hand, Roman Catholics living directly under the bells, across the street, and people of other religious bodies have spoken in the highest terms of the bells. Only one week ago a gentleman stopped me, and told me that within a week the Baptist clergyman two squares away, said in his sermon: "Whenever I hear the church bells of St. Simeon's Church it reminds me "of the music I expect to hear in heaven."

On one occasion last summer a boy was very ill with typhoid fever. His father came to me and said the bells annoyed him. Before he could say another word I called for the sexton, and said: "Don't let the bells ring any more until this young man is well." The father instantly said: "I beg of you do not stop the bells playing the tunes. It is only the big bell that disturbs the boy. He loves to hear the tunes played on the bells." That is the nearest approach to a complaint that we have heard.

3. We have no clock.

The above answers your questions, and I feel strongly that the people who first imagine an objection to a Chime of Bells will be the warmest admirers of them later on. I regard our chime as the best improvement that we have added to our church.

I have always one word to say in behalf of our bells,—they are all that you said they would be, and it is a pleasure to say a good word for them at all times.

With very sincere regards, I remain,  
Faithfully yours,

(Signed) EDGAR COPE, Rector.

Meneely & Co.,

No. 890 N. 25th St., Philadelphia, Pa., 6/16/'03.

Gentlemen:—Concerning the Chime of Bells in St. Simeon's Church I will say that, as you are aware, the Rector and myself visited many of the principal churches in the Eastern States famed for their chimes, and after considerable investigation and much thought, your firm was selected to furnish a set of bells for St. Simeon's Church. The bells have now been tested in the tower of the church and are found to fulfill all the requirements of an IDEAL Chime. The full, pure and sonorous tone of the larger bells is especially noticeable, and the whole fourteen bells, being perfectly attuned and tone-tempered, form a most perfect and unique chime of which the church is justly proud.

Very truly yours,

ERNEST T. ALLEN,

Middlebury-000968

July 7, 1915.

Mr. W. R. Meneely,  
177 Broadway,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Meneely;

On my visit to my office this morning I find your letter of July 6th with enclosures, all of which I have noted with care. The matter stands exactly as when you were in Middlebury and I have nothing further to report to you at this time. I return herewith the letter of Mr. Maynard C. Eyre, which you kindly sent to me.

Faithfully yours,

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Perhaps the last of this letter should have come first. In any event do not miss what was nearly a P. S.

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

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

The chiming action we furnish with a set of bells is essentially different from other actions and from those we used a number of years ago. It is, in effect, a piano action on a large scale. Soft bronze clapper balls have replaced those of wrot. iron. A chimer cannot hold the clappers against the bells or produce buzzing effects - - when a bell is struck the tone must sound out clear and distinct. The chime in the tower of Grace Church, New York City, was installed forty-two years ago. The following letter from Rev. Dr. Huntington will explain itself:-

" Gentlemen:-

" Although you have not asked for anything of the kind, I feel  
" moved voluntarily to send you an acknowledgment of the obligation under  
" which you have placed Grace Church by your admirable work of reparation  
" in connection with our chimes. The improvement by the change from  
" iron to bronze clappers and by the new methods of regulating, has been  
" marvellous. There has been a gain, I would say, of fully fifty  
" per cent in the sweetness of the music, and not only we who dwell in  
" the Rectory, directly under the shadow of the tower, but all in the  
" neighborhood as well, owe you a debt of gratitude.

Faithfully yours,  
(Signed)

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W. R. Huntington.

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The chiming console - - oak, handsomely finished, - levers lettered and numbered, - music rack of bronze nickel plated, - locking bar of steel nickel plated - - may be of either style shown in the cuts herewith. The bars for adjusting the length of stroke are bronze castings heavily nickel plated. The round tracker rods are of selected, straight grained white pine (will not expand or contract lengthwise) joined with seamless brass tubing. The chiming connections are completed with heavy leather straps and galvanized chain. Individual springs the same as those we use in the action have withstood exposure, summer and winter, for years without failing. The frame in which the bells are suspended is made from selected, hard Georgia pine - - our method of joining the parts by means of heavy cast iron angles gives great rigidity and strength.

We feel that a chime of the highest quality should have all its fittings of the same quality so as to make up the most perfect whole. In this connection kindly see the copy of the letter from Rev. F. A. Reiter of Leechburg, Penna., that we sent to you.

We are hearing very frequently of the great satisfaction given by the No. 2 chime in the tower of the beautiful First M. E. Memorial Church at Mishawaka, Ind. This Church is frequently visited as Mishawaka is on the main line of travel between Buffalo and Chicago. Mr. E. G. Eberhart who, with his brothers, presented the Church and chime in memory of their parents, will gladly write to any prospective purchaser - - he has so informed us, but he does not care to issue a letter for general distribution.

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We quote as follows from several additional letters:-

From Rt. Rev. Sheldon M. Griswold, Episcopal Bishop of Salina, Kansas:-

" The bells have proved so satisfactory that I have not heard a single unfavorable comment. They give great pleasure and I shall be glad to have you refer to me at any time as to the quality and tone of your bells, and as to your own dealing in all matters relating to their installation."

From Col. Alden J. Blethen, Prest. of the Times Printing Co. of Seattle

who presented the chime to the University of Washington:-

" Everybody testified to the perfection of the work you have accomplished and agreed that you had carried out your contract to the very letter and spirit. In all my transactions - - and I have had a good many in the last thirty years - - I have never fulfilled one that has been more agreeably carried to consumation than this contract with Meneely & Co. I have the satisfaction of knowing that I have performed my part to the fullest and that you have kept your contract to the very spirit of the undertaking."

From Mr. Stanley R. Avery, then organist of St. Andrew's Memorial Church, Yonkers, N. Y., now at St. Mark's Church, Minneapolis, Minn.:-

" It gives me pleasure to speak in the highest terms of the set of twelve bells installed by you in the tower of St. Andrew's Memorial Church, Yonkers, They are splendid examples of the bell-makers' art, tonally and mechanically, and I congratulate you upon turning out, and ourselves upon possessing, so eloquent a testimonial of your skill as bell-founders and so beautiful a factor in sounding the praises of God and drawing men to His Church."

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From the late Philip Corbin, then Prest. of the American Hardware Corporation, New Britain, Conn.:-

" Regarding the chimes purchased of you, I have nothing but the highest  
" praise to say regarding them. I have not heard a single unfavorable  
" criticism since they were installed and parties who understand chimes  
" much better than I do are very enthusiastic in their praise. In  
" a word, they are giving perfect satisfaction in this community."

The late Rev. Edgar Cope of Philadelphia was very outspoken in his letters, so much so, indeed, that we would not care to quote many of the paragraphs verbatim, as we endeavor to make sales on the basis of the quality of our product, never by anything that reflects on the methods of others.

The following will be found interesting:-

" When I suggested to a

" Rector in this city that his bells were not in tune, he replied that

" this could not be helped, as bells not in tune at close range were in

" tune at a distance and vica versa. - - - - -

" What really decided me upon our bells was hearing a chime in Clinton,

" Mass. both at near range and at a distance.

These bells were

" absolutely in perfect attunement, and my own experience in our bells

" makes me feel more than ever that bells in tune are so whether heard

" at a distance or nearby. - - -

Our chime is one of the greatest

" missionaries we have ever placed in this locality.

The services

" are better attended than ever before, and the name of the Church is

" more often heard in the homes of our thickly settled community."

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The little you saw in the tuning room here may give you an inkling of the cause of the difference in the quality of chimes that Mr. Cope refers to.

The "principal" of a bell, the striking tone, is given out at the moment the clapper strikes - - its duration is comparatively short.

The tonic is given out by the waist of a bell and the sound continues for some time. In bells not attuned within themselves the tonics and principals are, in almost all cases, more than octaves apart, sometimes considerably more. What happens when a bell having a greater interval than an octave between its tonic and principal is struck? The

principal, the striking tone, is first heard, then dies away, say this is D - - the tonic, more than an octave lower becomes prominent, say this is C.

What is the tone of the bell? Practically every bell cast for use in a chime should be tuned within itself before it is fit to become a member of a chime. Have you a professor of music who is also a student of the theory of sound as applied to music, or a professor of physics who is also a musician? If you have either, let him come down and we will guarantee to entertain him, particularly if he has ever had any experience in tuning.

Very sincerely yours,

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REV. WM. S. BARROWS  
HEAD-MASTER

July 10, 1945

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

Reverend and dear Sir,

At the request of Mr. Wadsworth Meneely I take pleasure in addressing you to say that the chime of ten bells, which they made for us, has given the greatest satisfaction and have been praised by all who are discriminating in such matters. The tones are rich and sweet, the bells well attuned, and the mechanism convenient and not at all prone to get out of order. The Meneelys have sent their men free of charge when in this part of the state to look the ringing mechanism over, take up the slack in the chains, adjust the springs etc. No one makes a mistake in buying a Meneely chime.

This is a boys' boarding school not a college in the usual sense of that term. One of your 1913 graduates, Mr. Franklin G. Williams is coming to us in September as organist and choir-master and teacher of several subjects.

I am

Very truly yours

*Wm. S. Barrows*  
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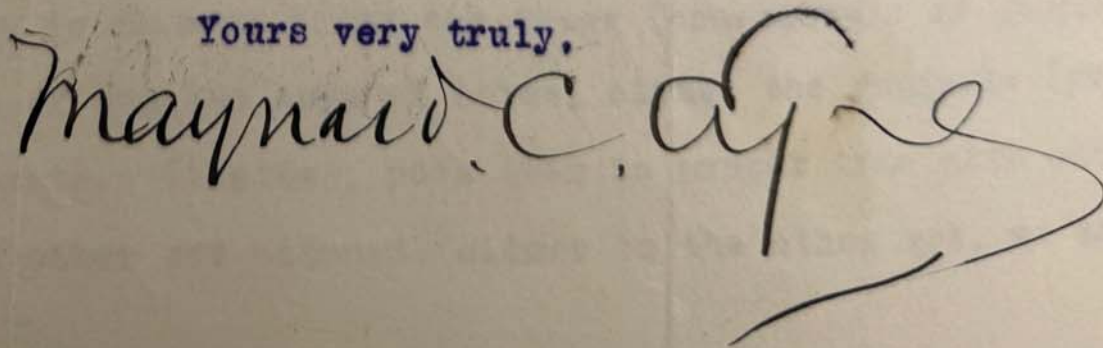
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Pres., Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:--

I am in receipt of your favor of the 7th instant, and in reply would say that the Meneely Bell Co. of 177 Broadway, New York City, installed a chime of ten bells in St. John's Episcopal Church, Clifton, Staten Island, of which I have the honor of being one of the wardens, some fifteen years ago, which has in every way been satisfactory to us, and we are glad to say they have been the means of procuring several good orders for the manufacturers. Not only are they masters of the craft, but they are as satisfactory people to do business with as I have ever come in contact with, and I unhesitatingly recommend them to anyone contemplating installing bells of any sort.

Yours very truly,



ANDREW H. MENEELY, PRES. AND GEN. MANAGER  
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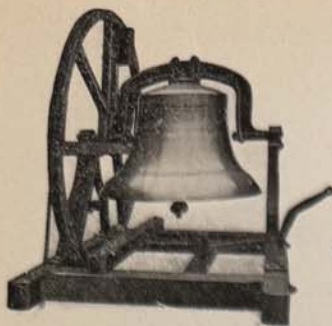
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WATERVLIET, N. Y., July 15, 1915.

Dr. John M. Thomas, Preet.  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Doctor Thomas:-

Referring to the matter presented on the last page of our letter of the 9th inst., we are quoting you from a very interesting article by Rev. Canon Simpson of England:-

" We have then before us, let us suppose, a series of bells, direct  
" from the foundry, all of the common character, - - i. e., with the fun-  
" damental (tonic) in each bell more or less flatter than an octave below  
" its nominal (principal) - and, as is sure to be the case, with neither  
" its nominal (principal) nor its fundamental (tonic) quite in tune with  
" each other. Now what shall we do? Plainly, the only really satisfac-  
" tory operation would be to bring the nominal (principal) in each bell into  
" unison with its own fundamental (tonic), and then to tune each bell, so  
" rectified, to its neighbors. This would indeed be "something like" tun-  
" ing, and we are prepared to maintain that it can be done.

" But, as a matter of fact (speaking generally), no one attempts  
" such a thing. What is done is this: the tuner (consciously or uncon-  
" sciously) selects one of the two sets of notes, either the nominals (prin-  
" cipals) or the fundamentals (tonics), puts them in proper tune with each  
" other, and leaves the other set untuned, either to the other set, or to  
" each other.

" It has been our object to move the public to move the tuners. If  
" we succeed in that, we feel sure that the tuners will find out how to  
" satisfy the demands made upon them."

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For nearly twenty years we have been attuning chime bells within themselves, and have afterwards tuned each of the several bells, so rectified, to its neighbors. We have done all that Canon Simpson recommended in England, and more. The result has been that we have furnished a series of chimes that have been peculiarly smooth and pleasant, and highly satisfying to the purchasers.

We feel that a chime is a musical instrument - - that it must be as perfect as we can make it and to that consumation we give our most careful, personal attention. For many, many years past we have not been even asked to make a single change or correction in the chimes installed - we think this speaks volumes for our methods and care.

While all the details of the present tower plans and all the details of the necessary changes are fresh in our minds, we would like to complete the necessary memoranda and then go on to Middlebury to confer with one of the architects as you proposed. From the time you referred us to Messrs Allen & Collens, May 14th., up to June 29th. when we last addressed them, we devoted many hours to unraveling the possibilities of the tower and the changes that would have to be made. The plans as drawn partly provided for a bell so small that we did not think that either you or Dr. Mead would even seriously consider it. If even one fair sized bell were obtained, we found that it would have to be placed in the square section of the tower. You and Dr. Mead finally became interested in a chime and the questions of strength of construction, of doing away with the diagonal rods, of other details of construction and arrangement, came up gradually and the undersigned has studied the blue prints so thoroughly and has given so much time

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and thought to the whole situation that one interview with the architect should suffice for a mutual understanding. In the plans as they are, no deck at the height of the bases of the proposed louvred windows is provided. We have before now made many double frames - - one frame on top of the other - - a floor being laid on top of the bottom frame. We do not know whether or no this would appeal to your architects.

We have gone thus far with the consideration of the plans and the consideration of the changes necessary to make the tower in every way suitable for the bells - - can you not arrange to let us complete matters with the architects, the builder and you while all points are fresh in the mind of the undersigned?

With our respects

Very sincerely yours,

MENEELY & COMPANY, (INC.)

*Andrew H. Meneely*

President.

# 2 Hon. John A. Mead,

and we never saw a man so interested and pleased as he was.

about an exceedingly distant man - - the next as tickled by my boy

July 19, 1915.

Hon. John A. Mead, pair of red topped boots.

The younger people of today

The Howe Scale Co.,

Rutland, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Mead:-

We presume Dr. Thomas has sent you for perusal the two or three letters we have mailed him since we last wrote to you, in which case you would probably return them promptly. We have learned through friend Stone of Wallingford that Dr. Thomas does not quite feel that the chime matter has been left entirely to him for settlement, hence we would like you to read and consider the two last letters sent to Middlebury at your leisure and to this end we are enclosing the carbons herewith.

A few years since Mr. Albert G. Farr, Vice-Prest. of the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, his wife and daughter, wished to present to St. Thomas' Church, Brandon, Vermont, a 2500 lbs. bell. Mr. Farr had considerable correspondence with us and specifically stated that the bell desired must be musical in itself. He stated that there was a bell in the Congregational Church at Brandon weighing 3043 lbs., "a powerful" bell, but, to my ear, not a musical bell."

Neither we, nor anyone else, had made much progress with Mr. Farr up to the time he came here and he remained skeptical up to the time we showed and explained to him how we tuned bells within themselves. Mr. Farr, as we remember, is a musician, at any rate he is a theoretical one,

# 3 Hon. John A. Mead.

and we never saw a man so interested and pleased as he was. One moment an exceedingly distant man - - the next as tickled as any boy with his first pair of red topped boots. The younger people of today don't know just how much this means.

We had occasion to test quite a large bell a few days ago and found it had about E for its fundamental (tonic) and about F# for its nominal (principal - striking tone). We think you can appreciate how impossible it would be to use a bell like this in a high class set of attuned bells.

With our respects, believe us to be

Very sincerely yours,

MENEELY & CO., (INC.)

President.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,  
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,  
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

CHURCH BELLS, PEALS AND CHIMES

WATERVILLE, WEST TROY,  
Rutland, Vt., July 20, 1915.

Doctor John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

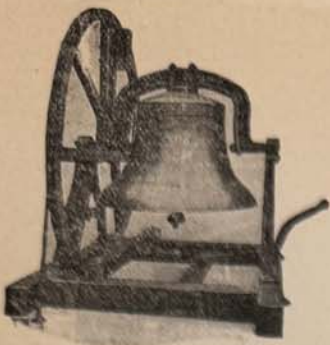
Please find enclosed letters from Meneeley & Co. of West Troy, all of which fully explain themselves. I must confess that I feel quite a little inclined toward these people and should you think advisable, I should favor making arrangements with them for the chimes referred to. Kindly note enclosures and return at your convenience.

And greatly oblige,

Yours truly,

*most respectfully*  
*John A. Muel*

(Enclosures)



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ANDREW H. MENEELY  
President

July 30, 1915.

Watervliet, West Troy.

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

Dear Doctor:-

For some little time past the quotations for futures in the markets for copper and tin have favored consumers rather more than has been the case lately and we are hoping that you will inform us that the order for the chime is to be placed with us before events conspire to swing the pendulum of costs the other way again. If you are away on vacation, the details of the transaction are not essential just now, but we would like to know if we are to receive the order and if yes, what the size of the chime is to be so that we can make arrangements to protect ourselves in our purchases of materials.

Dr. Mead wrote us on the 20th inst. in part as follows:- " In this " connection, I am pleased to add that I took up the subject of your second " letter of even date with our Doctor Thomas and I shall surely hope to hear " from him favorably." Dr. Mead wrote us further on the 23rd that he understood you were having a vacation at your summer home on an island in Lake Champlain and did not receive your mail regularly. We find we have to replace our large scale and hence our correspondence with Dr. Mead and through him with The Howe Scale Company.

Very sincerely yours,

MENEELY & COMPANY, (INC.)

*Andrew H. Meneely*

President.

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August 2, 1915.

Beneely & Co.,  
Watervliet, N. Y.

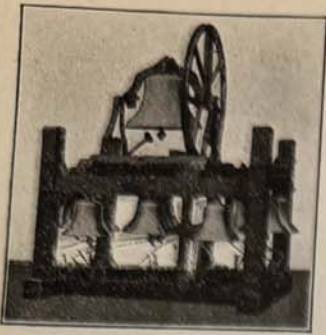
Gentlemen;

I have received your letter of July 30th and other communications with reference to the proposed chime of bells for the Mead Memorial Chapel. Governor Mead is inclined to look with favor upon the No. 2 chime, the largest bell 2500 lbs., for which your figure is \$7672. We find, however, that the alterations in the tower will cost \$407, in accordance with submission from Thomas W. Rogers, contractor, a copy of which I enclose herewith.

Governor Mead does not like to involve the college in additional expense because of the installation of the chime of bells, but he does not feel that the chime completely installed should cost more than your submitted figure. I am disposed to recommend to Governor Mead that the order be placed with you for the No. 2 chime provided you will make your submission cover the entire cost of installation with the necessary alterations to be done by Mr. Rogers.

If you accept this proposition, we should want it very clearly understood that the chime is to be in accordance with specifications and contract and in every way inferior to that proposed by you in your various communications, in other words the very best chime your foundry and workmen are capable of turning out.

Faithfully yours,



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INSTRUMENTS ASSURING ABSOLUTE ACCURACY

WATERVLIET, N. Y., August 6, 1915.

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

Dear Doctor:-

Doctor Mead wrote us on the 31st ult. that he had received a long letter from you, and to the further effect that you would both like the No. 2 chime if it were not quite so expensive. He added that the No. 2 chime in cost to us represented the No. 1 chime plus what we would have to pay for the additional bronze (copper and tin). While we cannot make up our cost sheets in just the manner indicated, we more than met what we understood Dr. Mead's views to be in our letter of the 2nd inst. Price quoted for the No. 1 Chime \$6,789.00 - - cost of approximately 1625 lbs. of bell-metal \$373.75 - - total \$7,162.75. We also conceded the \$162.75, thus making the price \$7,000.00 net instead of the \$7,672.00 previously quoted. We are presuming that the matter has been referred back to you with Dr. Mead's approval along the lines indicated and if such is the case we will be pleased to hear from you with acceptance of our proposition.

All the good tin used in this country comes from the English Straits Settlements and the adjacent islands of the East Indies belonging to Holland. The last of July/14 the cost was about the same as now - - about 35¢ per pound. Within a week the nominal price was 65¢ and practically none

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to be had. After this the price gradually sagged away only to be followed by another sensational advance followed by a gradual decline. At present future tin is quoted at higher prices than spot tin - - the reverse of the normal. Conditions in the market for tin have been such that we have been obliged to watch the situation more closely than ever before and to protect ourselves <sup>by</sup> covering orders in hand whenever possible. While we believe we have mutually come to an agreement, still an authoritative word to that effect would put us in position to purchase tin for such deliveries as may be to our best advantage. We have a large stock of materials on hand and in bells made up but no more than will suffice for our orders. May we hear from you as soon after receipt as convenient thus obliging

Very sincerely yours,

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WATERVLIET, N. Y., August 12, 1915.

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

Dear Doctor:-

Dr. Mead wrote to us on the 7th inst. as follows:- " Your favor  
" of the 2nd inst., with copies of contract referred to, were received in  
" due season. For the last three or four days I have simply been occupied  
" for every moment of my time with parties out of town and I have just got  
" to your letter and contract, which contract I am sending to Doctor Thomas  
" by this mail. I am very sure they will meet with his entire approval.  
" If so, we will sign the same and forward to you at once."

We were glad to learn that the price we had named for the No. 2  
chime was satisfactory to the Doctor and that, inferentially, the contract  
as drawn up had his approval.

We will need to make a new tracing and new blue prints of the chime  
lay-out, and would like to study the Chapel blue-prints and go over the  
correspondence again before going on to Middlebury so that everything in  
connection with the tower will be fresh in our minds when we talk with the  
architect and builder. Kindly advise us, therefore, on receipt hereof if  
convenient, what arrangement as to time for the conference at Middlebury  
you will endeavor to make.

We are glad to have been able to meet Dr. Mead's views as to price  
- - there were times within the past year when tin was soaring around 65¢

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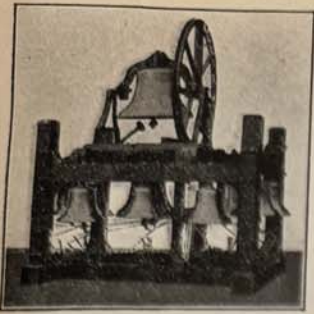
With our respects and best wishes, we remain

Very sincerely yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas,

WATERVLIET, N. Y.

August 24, 1915.

President Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

We sent contract, revised as requested, to Dr. Mead yesterday and we presume we will have our copy, with Mr. Mead's signature attached, some time tomorrow.

Will you kindly drop us a line and let us know approximately when you, the architects, the builder and the undersigned had best have our conference? Some time since the architects wrote us on at least two occasions that the tower plans should be changed before the work progressed too far. We presume you have arranged matters with the contractor to hold back on any tower construction work until after the plans have been corrected.

We trust you have enjoyed your vacation, have been benefitted physically and rested mentally. If there is more time to spare from your duties, don't let our suggestion herein cut the vacation short of what you intended.

With our respects and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,  
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WATERVLIET, N. Y. August 30, 1915.

Dr. John M. Thomas,

Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Doctor Thomas:-

Your favor of the 28th inst. reached us this morning.

We will look over the correspondence with Messrs Allen & Collens at once and will again examine the blue prints received from them. We can correct a drawing of a chime lay-out, make a new tracing and if the sun will show its face for a short time tomorrow, can make the necessary blue prints.

The undersigned now expects to take the train leaving Troy 7 - 40 A. M. Wednesday - - due at Middlebury 11 - 46 A. M.

With our respects, believe us to be

Very sincerely yours,

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September 7, 1915.

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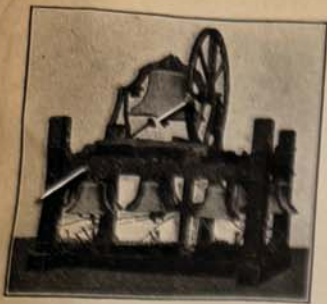
Gentlemen;

I have received your letter of September 4th containing memoranda in relation to the tower and drawings. Mr. Rogers and I have looked these over and do not note any omissions. He thinks you have taken care of the problem very satisfactorily.

I will submit this data to Allen & Collens, architects, and ask them to give such suggestions as are necessary to the builder.

Faithfully yours,





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WATERVLIET, N. Y., September 7, 1915.

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

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

Dr. Mead wrote us on the 30th ult. and we are making our report to him in our letter mailed this day, carbon being enclosed herewith as you are equally interested, in fact most of the subject matter is for your joint use.

We are again asking Mr. Rogers to check us up on what we have written, have given him a few additional particulars and, at the proper time, will again address him.

Trusting that your work for the new college year is proceeding to your satisfaction and that your hopes and wishes will be fulfilled, we remain

Very sincerely yours,

MENEELY & CO., (INC.)

*Andrew H. Meneely*

President.

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Hon. John A. Mead.

September 7, 1915.

Hon. John A. Mead,  
Rutland, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Mead:-

Your favor of the 30th ult. reached us promptly. The writer went up to Middlebury on Wednesday of last week and as Mr. Rogers was unexpectedly out of town, remained over night and saw him on Thursday.

The Chapel is much further along than we expected. The framing for the tower is up to Grade 151' 0" which is where the square section commences.

Mr. Rogers has a plan of the redesigned side framing for the square section; but, of course, nothing has yet been done by the architects about plans for the bell-deck or louvred windows.

The undersigned talked matters over with Mr. Rogers and then again with Dr. Thomas, and, since his return, has had explanatory blue-prints made which, with the letter of explanation, will, we think, enable Dr. Thomas to secure any additional desired plans from the architects while

Mr. Rogers will be in position to check everything up as he will have duplicates of our plans and the letter of explanation. These papers were all mailed Saturday P. M.

Mr. Rogers is ready to go on with the tower framing and, naturally, is anxious to have the plans of the tower corrections at the earliest time possible.

# 3 Hon. John A. Mead.

If his suggestion is adopted, it means placing the bells much earlier than specified in the contract - - it means giving the chime preference as to time and carrying the work forward without delay. There is no question but that the chime could be placed and exhibited before extremely cold weather is due (an advantage all around) and the College could have the use of the bells that much earlier.

Kindly consider what we have written herein and advise us as soon as possible. We will send a carbon of this letter to Dr. Thomas so that you can consult together understandingly.

We note from your letter of Aug. 30th that the year to appear in connection with the inscriptions is to be 1915; also that you prefer the chiming console to be of the style shown with turned posts.

The commanding position of the Memorial Chapel and its elevation above the campus and the City are most favorable points, and we hope the prevailing winds are equally favorable and will assist in carrying the message of the bells alike to students and citizens.

With our respects, believe us to be

Very sincerely yours,  
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The Chapel walls are up, the roof boards are on and, we believe, all the marble is in place for the front. The position of the Chapel, with the ground sloping away in front, is such as to nearly preclude all thought of hoisting the bells from the outside as matters stand. Mr. Rogers advised us not to attempt this method of erecting the bells.

In our letter of June 18th to Messrs. Allen & Collens we wrote asking if permanent traps could be designed for the tower floors in the re-arrangement of the tower plans so as to permit a direct hoist from the first floor up to the bell-chamber. They replied June 19th to the effect that a permanent trap in the ceiling above first floor, while a physical possibility, would be unfortunate. That the plaster ceiling is in form of a barrel vault and the construction is inclined, with steppings for the gallery pews, all of which makes for physical complications.

June 29th we wrote the architects to the effect that an ordinary outside hoist, when the tower does not set back, is not objectionable (as a matter of fact more than half the chimes placed are erected from the outside) and we asked them if, in this instance, it would be possible to arrange for a direct outside hoist through the upper part of the portico and its roof. Messrs. Allen & Collens replied that this would be a matter that would have to be taken up with the general contractor.

Upon talking matters over with Mr. Rogers, he suggested that proper openings for hoisting the bells and appurtenances into place could be left in the gallery floor and ceiling but not for too long a time. In other words he suggested just what we asked the architects for in the first place, the traps or openings however being temporary instead of permanent. He would want to complete the wood work and complete the plastering within a reasonable time.

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September 11, 1915.

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

My dear Mr. Meneely;

I received your letter of September 7th with carbon of letter of same date to Governor Mead. Your statement is very clear and your plans seem to me practical. I approve the suggestions and we shall be glad to have the chime in place as soon as possible consistent with careful and thorough work. I shall be unwilling to have you hurried in such a way as to prevent the best possible results which you can possibly give us.

I wrote Allen & Collens promptly and sent them your letter and suggestions with blue print, but have not as yet heard from them. I believe Governor Mead is out of town on a short trip west.

Faithfully yours,

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WATERLOO, N. Y. SEPTEMBER 20, 1915  
September 20, 1915.

Messrs Allen & Collens,  
40 Central Street,  
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

Your favor of the 16th inst. reached us promptly but blue-prints 60 and 61 did not arrive until late Saturday afternoon.

From the lay-out of the hatch, etc. on No. 60 we see that the long sills of the chime frame are to be placed by us parallel to the cross axis. Such being the case and considering that blocking is to be placed under these sills so that the weight will all come from 1 to 2 - 3 to 4 - 5 to 6 - 7 to 8 as indicated in the blue-print sent to you, - will it not be well to specify more deck joists where this weight is to bear?

We note that the deck is to pitch in two directions - - from center to front and from center to back; and we are assuming that the pitch is about 1/3" to the foot.

We judge from blue-print 61 that we are to have the full 12' square inside of louvre boards that we asked for.

Thanking you for your favor, we remain

Very truly yours,  
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Dr. John M. Thomas, President.  
Middlebury College,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

We are enclosing carbon of letter sent to Messrs Allen & Collens this day. We suggest that you talk over the matter of the extra floor joists with Mr. Rogers. It strikes us that even some short pieces would help a lot.

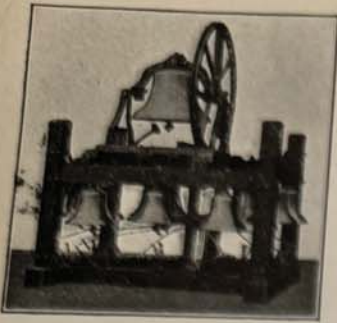
The architects wrote us for some additional information on the 11th and the same was sent on the 13th.

With our best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,  
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*Andrew H. Meneely*  
President.





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WATERVLIET, N. Y., October 22, 1915.

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

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

Mr. Rogers wrote us on the 18th inst. that he had been directed to proceed with the bell deck, - that the architects had specified additional floor joists, and that he was proposing to make everything strong and substantial.

He gave us a price for cutting openings in those lower floors for taking the bells, etc. up into the bell-chamber, and for filling in afterwards - \$20.00 - we have accepted. We have also made an arrangement with him whereby he will attend to the carting and the work of erection

We wrote him some time since that we presumed we would have the bells ready toward the last of November or early in December.

With our best wishes for the success of your work in the Green Mountain state, we remain

Very sincerely yours,

MENEELY & CO., (INC.)

*Andrew H. Meneely*

President.

Our team took a 3500 lbs. bell and its outfit over to one of the Troy Churches this morning.

October 27, 1915.

Mr. Andrew H. Meneely,

Watervliet, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Meneely:

I have received your letter of October 22 and am glad to know that you are making satisfactory arrangements with Mr. Rogers and that everything is proceeding nicely with the bells. While I am gratified to learn that you expect to have them ready the last of November or early in December, I certainly hope you will take sufficient time on them to give us the very best work of which your foundry is capable. Our chapel is set on a hill in several respects, and it will be well worth the while of all concerned to perfect this chime.

Faithfully yours,

December 7, 1915.

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

My dear Mr. Meneely;

Next Sunday afternoon I expect to conduct the service at the Emma Willard School. In connection with the trip I should be glad to visit the foundry, if you will have anything to show me. Probably the most convenient time for me would be the latter part of Saturday afternoon. I shall be glad to hear from you before then.

Faithfully yours,

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December 9, 1915.

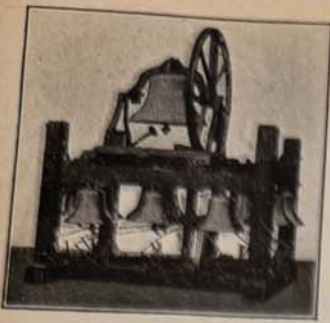
Mr. Andrew H. Meneely,  
Watervliet, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Meneely;

I am greatly pleased to learn that the bells are so well advanced and shall be very eager to hear them on Saturday. I know you will not let this chance happening of my visit hasten unduly the last stages of the work upon them.

It has occurred to me that perhaps Governor Mead would like to run down with me on Saturday and I am therefore taking the liberty of sending him your letter. I know he will be very anxious to see the bells but it is not at all certain that he will be able to get away.

Faithfully yours,



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WATERVLIET, N. Y., December 20, 1915.

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

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

Your favor of the 15th inst. reached us promptly. As the time was too short in which to have the bells ready for Christmas, and as you seemed to prefer to have the first concerts upon the return of the students after their vacation, we have made our plans to have the car reach Middlebury the last of the week so as to commence unloading Monday morning, Dec. 27th., at which time our Mr. E. A. Meneely will be at Middlebury. If you see Mr. Rogers or his foreman please advise to this effect, - we will write Mr. R. at Brandon.

We will be pleased to have any suggestions as to a tentative plan for the concerts. You were not certain but thought, when here, that the students were to be back on the 4th of January, Tuesday. We will be glad to receive the college songs you proposed sending us so that we can look them over and arrange the music for the bells if possible.

With our respects

Very sincerely yours,  
 MENEELY & COMPANY, INC.

*Andrew H. Meneely*  
 President.

We are returning Dr. Mead's letter herewith.

1915  
 Meneely

Remit by Draft on New York if at all possible.  
 If you cannot do that then remit by  
 Express Money Orders or P. O. Money Orders on Watervliet, N. Y.  
 We cannot make allowance for cost of remittance to us.

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**CHIMES AND BELLS OF QUALITY**

Hon. John A. Mead,  
 Rutland, Vermont.

One half cash upon inauguration Jan. 4/16 -  
**Terms:** balance in thirty days thereafter. **Date** December 21, 1915.

Duplicate	For Chime of Eleven Bells - 2444, 1809, 1319, 1080, 900, 776, 600, 509, 433, 385 and 279 lbs. - Total estimated weight 10,450 lbs. Total actual weight 10,531 lbs. Tones E - F# - G# - A - A# - B - C# - D - D# - E - F#-			
	Also full swinging mountings for the large bell- well braced and substantial Georgia pine frame - piano stroke chiming action - wooden tracker rod, strap and chain chiming connections - oak chiming console - Clapper balls and the hammer ball of bronze - All and everything to be delivered in complete chiming order in the tower of the Mead Memorial Chapel, Middlebury College, Middle- bury, Vt. and to be inaugurated January 4, 1916...	\$ 7000	00	
	Less allowance towards programs Dr. Thomas prefers to use at Commencement .....	40	00	\$ 6960 00

**WARRANT** - We hereby warrant the above set of bells to be free from original defects, perfect in quality and workmanship, composed exclusively of 78 parts purest ingot copper and 32 parts best imported block tin; of full, good, clear tone, and against fracture from proper usage for FIFTEEN (15) years from date of shipment. Should any of them thus crack within that time, prompt notice to be given us thereof, we hereby obligate ourselves to promptly furnish new bell or bells of same weight, quality and workmanship in FREE EXCHANGE for cracked one or ones on car at Troy or Watervliet, N. Y. Meneely & Co. Inc.

Andrew J. Meneely  
 President.

By Bill W.

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December 21, 1915.

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

My dear Mr. Meneely;

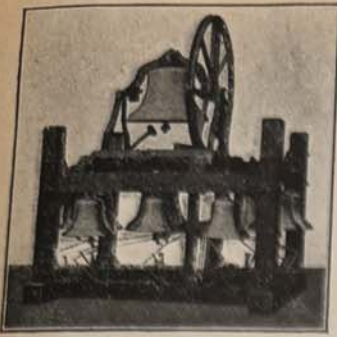
Your letters of December 20 and December 22 have been duly received. I note that the bells went forward December 21 and I will notify the freight agent to wire you upon their arrival as requested. I will also see that your directions as to handling are in the hands of Mr. Rogers.

The chime should be billed to Governor John A. Mead, Rutland, Vermont. This is a special gift on the part of Governor Mead and I think he would prefer to handle the matter directly.

It will be very pleasant if Mr. E. A. Meneely can be here Tuesday, January 4th, so that the bells can be used in connection with the re-opening of college on that date. I have thought it would be delightful if they could be rung for the usual time of our chapel service, 8:15 A.M. and if also we could have something of a concert in the afternoon, say at 4 P.M. You will remember we had thought to have the more formal concert with printed program, at the time of the dedication of the chapel at Commencement, about June 20th.

I will try to see that you receive the college songs of which I have spoken.

Faithfully yours,



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WATERVLIET, N. Y., December 30, 1915.

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

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

Your favor of the 24th inst. reached us promptly. On account of the blizzard, Mr. E. A. Meneely's plans had to be changed somewhat, however he wrote us yesterday that the frame was in position and six bells in place.

Following your suggestion, we have charged the chime to Dr. Mead personally and enclose herewith duplicate memorandum invoice so that you can, if necessary, make any suggestions you think best.

As Mr. E. A. Meneely is at Middlebury, you can make all arrangements with him as to the music and when you wish the bells chimed. If you intend to put the bells in use at once, as we presume you do, he will be glad to assist the regular chimer and get him started.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season and a very happy New Year, we remain

Very sincerely yours,  
MENEELY & COMPANY, INC.

*Andrew H. Meneely*  
President.



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March 1, 1915.

Mr. F. C. Partridge,  
Proctor, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Partridge;

Doubtless you have learned the result of President Trainer's interview with Governor Head Saturday afternoon. I enclose a copy of the memorandum. It seems to me that this is very satisfactory. There is no doubt we shall have a much better appearing chapel and we were in for the organ anyway. I am sure the Doctor would not have been satisfied to leave the building without one, and he had been careful to state that the trustees were under obligation to complete it in every respect for the purpose of a college chapel. I shall recommend the acceptance of this proposition to the trustees at the next meeting, and in the meantime I have authorized the changes with the understanding that the college will pay the \$1031 provided it does not accept Doctor Head's offer.

Faithfully yours,

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October 8, 1915.

Mr. F. C. Partridge,  
Proctor, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Partridge;

I shall be very glad to see you here next Tuesday morning. I shall probably leave on the Flyer to attend the inauguration of the new President of Vassar Wednesday, but I am sure there will be ample time according to your plans.

We must arrange it so that you will have at least an outside view of the chapel and dormitory.

Faithfully yours,

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December 8, 1915.

Mr. William B. Richmond,  
226 Seventh Ave.,  
Long Island City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Richmond;

Mr. Wiley has handed me your subscription of \$50 toward the Hudson Professorship Fund, for which I thank you sincerely. This find has not come along very rapidly, but we have made a sufficient start so that I hope for eventual success. We certainly ought to do it for Professor Wright's sake, if for no other.

I am grateful for your continued cooperation in many ways. The growth and progress of the college would not be at all possible except for the loyalty of many alumni. I am sure the outlook has never been brighter than it is today. Our new buildings are coming along well and will be very helpful additionette our plant. The chapel is most beautiful and Hepburn Hall will be one of the best college dormitories in the country.

Again thanking you for your generous subscription, I am

Faithfully yours,