

Ex. 18 - Mead's Offer for Chime of Bells

Rutland, Vt., June 21, 1915.

Pres. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vermont.

My dear Friend;

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

Yours most respectfully,