December 21, 1915.

Mr. Andrew M. Mencely, Watervliet, N. Y.

By dear Er. Meneely;

ber 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 Ur. Rogers.

John A. Mead, Rutland, Vermont. This is a special wift on the part of Governor wend and I think he would prefer to handle the matter directly.

It will be very pleasant if Mr. E. A. Mencely 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 stopel service, 8:15 A.M. and if also we could have something of a concert in the afternoon, say at 4 F.M. You will remember we had thought to have the more formal concert with printed program, at the time of the dedication of the chance at Commencement, about June 20th.

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

Paithfully yours,



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CHIMES AND PEALS SCIENTIFICALLY ATTUNED BY OUR SPECIAL IMPORTED INSTRUMENTS ASSURING ABSOLUTE ACCURACY

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. 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.

> > President.

Hon. John A. Mead,



Meneely and Company,

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CHIMES AND BELLS OF QUALITY

One half cash upon inauguration Jan. 4/16 Date Terms: balance in thirty days thereafter.

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For Chime of Fleven Bella - 2444, 1809, 1319, 1080, 900, 776, 600, 809, 433, 385 and 279 lbs. - Total estimated weight 10.450 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 bellwell 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 hasmer ball of bronze - All and everything to be delivered in complete chiming order in the tower of the Mead Memorial Chapel, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt. and to be insuranted January 4, 1916. .. 7000 00 Less allowance towards programs Dr. Thomas prefers to use at Commencement \$ 6960 00 40 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.



The Gift of the Chime

During the construction of the Mead Memorial Chapel, the donor, ex-Governor John A. Mead, of the Class of '64, suggested to the Building Committee that he and Mrs. Mead had thought of providing a chime of bells for the chapel. The suggestion was heartily approved. It was felt that a chime would add greatly to the influence of the chapel, not only upon the college, but upon the community. The location on a commanding height, in a quiet valley, was believed to be especially favorable for a chime, and the high tower was found to be well adapted to the purpose. Accordingly the generous donors decided to make the gift, and a letter announcing this purpose was read at the Commencement of 1915.

The Selection of the founders

After correspondence with many churches and institutions where chimes had been installed, and visits to several foundries, the Committee decided to place the order for the chime with Meneely & Co., Watervliet, N. Y. It was learned later that the old chapel bell, which has served the college since 1836, was east in the same foundry. The name of the grandfather of Mr. Andrew H. Meneely, head of the present firm, is upon the old bell.

Description of the Chime

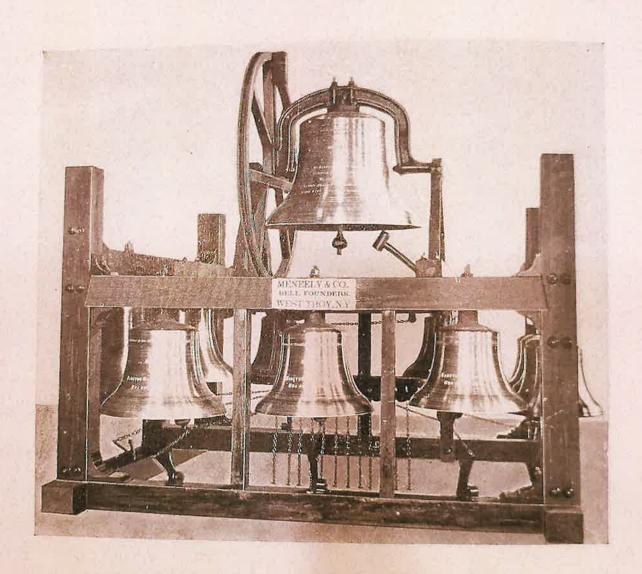
The bells are in the key of E by the founders' imported instruments in concert pitch thus:

This chime of bells has a wide range in playing capacity; in fact, the number of tunes that can be played upon this set of bells is practically unlimited, as there are thousands of tunes within its compass.

These bells are doubly attuned so that the same fullness, tone-richness, and brilliancy obtain throughout the entire set. If anything should occur to injure any of the bells, new ones can be promptly made by the founders to accurately replace them without making any test of the other bells in the tower.

The total net weight of the bells alone is 10,531 pounds, and with the frame, mountings, and complete appliances will aggregate nearly 15,000 pounds.

EXHIBIT 12 -5



HOW THE CHIMES ARE ERECTED

The illustration above shows how this chime is mounted. It was found necessary to make a specially constructed frame, according to the size and features of the tower.