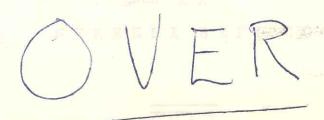
In 1930 a set of chimes was installed in the Rush Rhees Library Tower of the University of Rochester. These chimes were a gift of the Hopeman family and they were, I believe, cast by your company. We are now engagedin a move to make more frequent and regular use of the chimes than has been the practice at this institution. The students who have formed an organization have asked certain questions about the bells that noone here is qualified to answer. One of the questions is related to the availability of music arranged for playing on our particular set of chimes. I wondered whether or not your office might have information on other institutions with a comparable set of bells with whom we might communicate on the subject of arrangements.

The other matter is related to the peculiar characteristics of our set. It is my understanding that there is not a complete set of bells; three or four are not a part of the set of which perhaps one could be quite important in enabling the chimes to be played in a greater number of keys. Is there someone at your company with whom we might communicate on the subject in order to learn whether or not it would be appropriate to give any consideration to adding a bell or in any way revising the physical arrangements. It must be added that the need for an addition is not strong however because of the highly satisfactory character of the bells as they are now hung, but the question was raised, and I would appreciate any information you may have.

RHM: BH

cc: Mr. Canning -Mr. Abbey Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Robert H. McCambridge
Administrative Secretary
of the University



MENEELY BELL CO. Troy, N.Y. Mr. whiley . November 2nd, 1953 dot Hr. Cam ing -(Ciened) Tobert H. HeCambridge Mr. Robert H. McCambridge Administrative Secretary University of Rochester Rochester 3, N. Y. Properties cubiactes of the period of the Dear Mr. McCambridge: In reply to your letter of the 28th, we are asking Mr. Joseph P. Duffy of Pittsford, Vt., to get in direct touch with you. The bells you refer to were made by Meneely & Co. of Watervliet, a separate firm operated by another branch of the family. Both this firm and our own are nonoperating, due to a combination of restrictions imposed by the Korean fighting and death and retirement on the part of the principles. Mr. Duffy, who was at one time the manager of our former New York office, has had many years of experience in bell work and is maintaining his active connections. For that reason, he is not only well qualified to answer your questions, but also in a position to help you obtain the things you may need in order to carry out your decisions. Sincerely yours, MENEELY BELL CO. (Sd.) Clinton Meneely LLON MON KOUL

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November 13, 1953

Mr. Robert H. McCambridge Administrative Secretary The University of Rochester Rochester 3, New York

Dear Mr. McCambridge:

Your kind letter of October 28th, addressed to the Meneely Bell Co. at Troy, N. Y., has been referred to me for attention for the reasons mentioned in Mr. Clinton Meneely's reply of November 2nd.

According to my records, the tower of Rush Rhees Library contains a set of seventeen large bells, the tenor weighing 7500 pounds. The bells were made by Meneely & Co. of Watervliet, N. Y.

I am indeed glad to learn you plan to make more frequent and regular use of the chimes. Frankly, I feel this can best be done by the installation of electric ringing equipment, by means of which the chimes could be played from a plano-like kyrboard. Most hand operated chimes are being played in this manner. Only a year ago we electrified the nineteen large bronze bells in the tower of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, and within the past month we electrified the fourteen large bronze bells at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark, New Jersey.

The tower of George F. Baker Library at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N. H., contains a chime of sixteen bells, the largest weighing 5000 pounds. These bells are rung electrically and automatically as well. I know of no published music for your particular set of chimes, but feel that Prof. Maurice F. Longhurst of the Department of Music at Dartmouth College, may be in a position to help you as regards suitable music arrangements.

While I am not familiar enough which your chime to advise whether or not another bell should be added, it would seem to be that seventeen bells should give you all that should be played on bells. As mentioned above, Dartmouth College has only sixteen bells and apprently Prof. Longhurst feels that range is sufficient. Of-course, if due to the peculiar characteristics of your set an additional bellsseems desirable so as to play in additional keys, that could be arranged, but I would very definitely advise against the addition of a large number of bells to form a carillon.

Should you consider the installation of electric ringing equipment for your fine chime of bells, it could be installed in place of the present hand clavier -- or, if desired, it could probably be in-

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Needless to say, I am anxious to be of service in any way possible
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this subject.

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Tricked ) December 3, 1953 Mr. George Haas Chief Engineer The University of Rochester Rochester New York Dear Mr. Haas: I wish to thank you for the courtesy extended to me when I called at the University yesterday. You were of immense help in locating Mr. McCambridge with whom I had some correspondence regarding the chime of bells on the Campus. We specialize in the manufacture of electric bell ringing equipment and tower clocks, and I would appreciate your filing the enclosed folder for reference if and when the occasion demands. We also specialize in modernizing and electrifying old weight driven tower clocks, etc. With renewed thanks and kindest of personal regards, I remain Sincerely yours, Eastern Representative, The I. T. VERDIN CO. JPD/hs