

The Chimes

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The chime of bells on the Roman Catholic Church is really a very creditable affair and has created a very pleasant sensation in our quiet city. They rang a merry peal at the set times during yesterday, and a number of popular airs which were played or rung upon them sounded very sweetly. The selection of tunes was in very good taste. In the evening the music was uncommonly good. *Hail Columbia*, and *Last of all Sweet Home*, were in the number of the airs. The performer, whoever he was, showed that he had excellent taste in the selection of the airs, as well as in the style of execution. We are sure our citizens generally, share in the gratification with which the first notes of the bells have been greeted. There is peculiar sweetness in the music. The tones of the "church going bells" will sound over the land and will be heard for miles around the city. If the chime is rung at such hours as not to interfere with the time of service in other churches, it will be an additional item worthy of all commendation.

The chime of nine Meneely cast bells was first rung on the Fourth of July, 1870. They had been blessed in a special ceremony in the church on June 29, 1870, and set into the tower in the interval.