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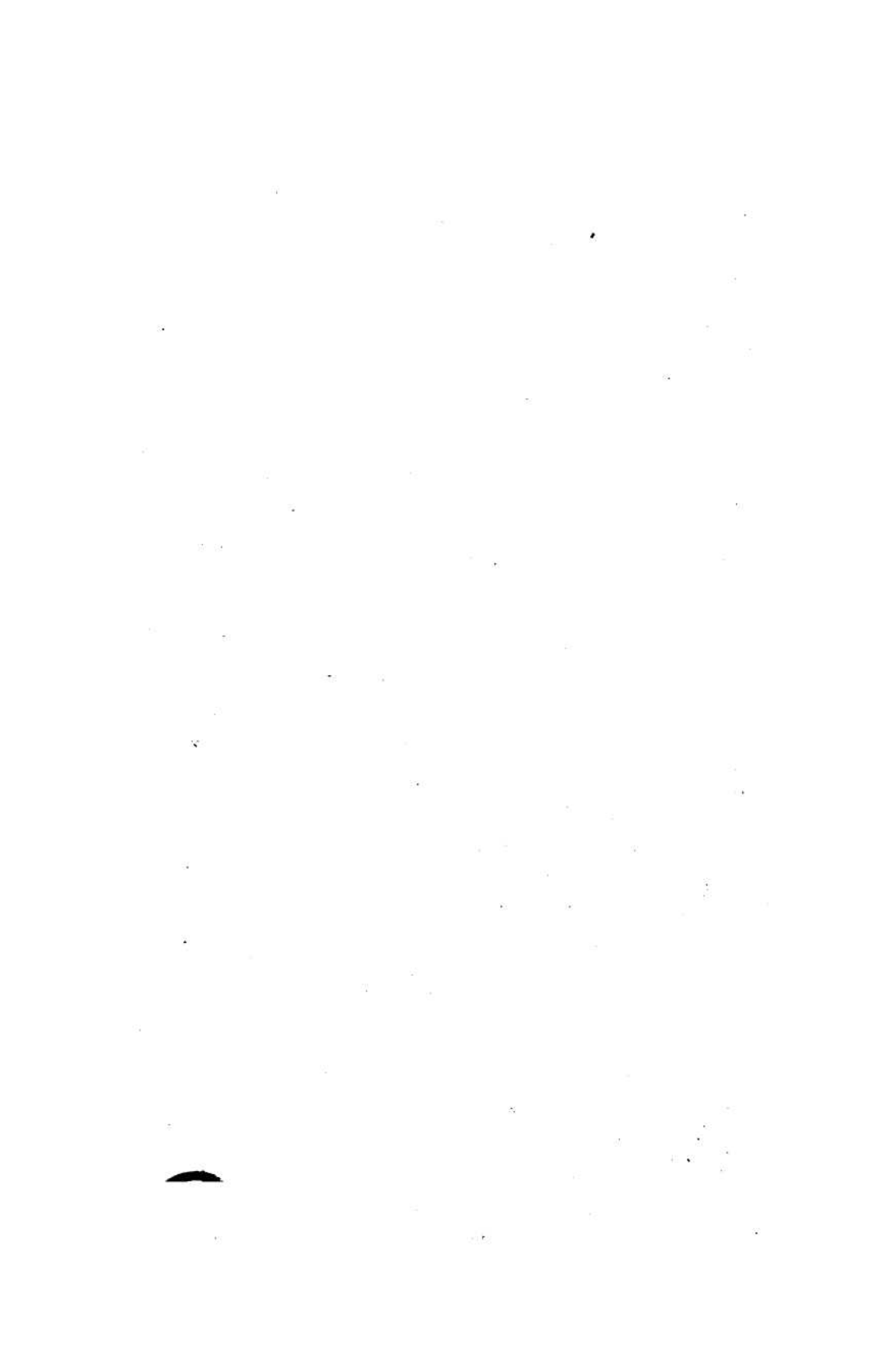
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ORDER OF SERVICES
AT THE
DEDICATION
OF
THE HARRIS CHIME.

1. Bells Chimed by Mr. Jewell, of Boston.
2. Organ Voluntary, by W. H. GOODWIN.
3. Reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. J. Harbut, of New London.
4. Singing, "Gloria in Excelsis," from the "Twelfth Mass," Mozart.
5. Prayer, by Rev. Ezra Gannett, D. D., of Boston.
6. Singing, "Gloria Patria," Bellini.
7. Report, by A. S. Morss, Chairman Committee on Bells.
8. Singing, "Te Deum Laudamus," music by Goodwin.
9. Address, by Rev. James B. Miles.
10. Bells Chimed by Henry Munroe, of Cambridgeport.
11. Singing, Original Hymn, words by Miss M. D. Balfour, music by W. H. Goodwin.
12. Benediction, by Rev. Charles Cleaveland, of Boston.

Chiming of Bells during one hour.



DEDICATION.

DEDICATION OF THE HARRIS CHIME OF BELLS.

The services of dedication took place in Rev Mr Miles's Church, on Wednesday evening, commencing at half-past 7 o'clock. The Church was crowded with members of the society, strangers and citizens, who entered the Church between six and seven o'clock, while the bells were filling the air with their music. Select portions of scripture were read by Rev JOSEPH HURLBUT of New London, and the Report of the Committee for the purchase of the bells by A. S. MORSE, Esq., Chairman of the Committee. Appropriate music was performed by the choir.

The prayer of dedication was offered by Rev Dr EZRA S. GANNETT of Boston, and was followed by an address by the pastor, Rev J. B. MILES.

In the afternoon, between 3 and 5 o'clock, previous to the services in the Church, Rev Mr Miles held a reception at his house on Winthrop square, at which Miss Charlotte Harris was present, and where she was called upon by many members of the society of the First Parish and many of our prominent citizens. Among those present were many of the relatives of both the family names of Devens and Harris, and among others Gen. Devens was expected, but was unable to be here on account of holding Court at Springfield. Among others were the venerable Rev Charles Cleveland of Boston; Rev Joseph Hurlbut of New London; Mayor Hull, Judge Warren, Ex-Mayor Frothingham, James Hunnewell, Esq., and other citizens, who paid their respects to Miss Harris. From hence, after partaking of an elegant enter-

tainment, the company proceeded to the Church, where the exercises took place.

The following is the report of the committee, read by Mr Morse:

CHARLESTOWN, April 15, 1868.

The Special Committee to whom has been intrusted the purchase, and introduction into the tower of this Church, of the "Harris Chime" of bells, respectfully submit their report, prefacing the same by the following brief narrative:

Early in November, 1867, Hon. William Minot, Attorney of Miss Charlotte Harris, of Boston, requested, through a member of this Committee, an expression on the part of this Church and Parish, of their feelings in regard to a proposed donation to be made by Miss Harris, of a full Chime of bells, to be placed at her expense in the tower of this Church.

The pleasing intelligence having been communicated to a meeting of the Joint Committees of Church and Parish, resolutions were unanimously adopted, expressing the gratification with which so munificent a present would be received by our people, and a copy of the same transmitted to Hon. Wm. Minot, for the perusal of Miss Harris.

On the 21st of November, the following communication was received, by the hands of Judge Minot.

Boston, Nov. 20, 1867.

To the Church and Society of the First

Parish, on Harvard street, Charlestown:

My ancestors Harris and Devens were for a great number of years inhabitants of Charlestown, and worshipped in the Church of the First Parish, in Harvard street, on which account, as well as for my respect for its Pastor, Rev. J. B. Miles, I am inclined to show my interest in the prosperity of the Society, by presenting to it the sum of eight thousand dollars, for the purchasing of a chime of bells to be placed in their Meeting-House. I will therefore present that sum on or before the 5th of January next, to such person as the society shall appoint to receive the same.

(Signed)

CHARLOTTE HARRIS.

On reception of this communication, a Joint Committee of the Church and Parish was appointed to take immediate steps to carry the generous design of Miss Harris into effect, and, at a meeting of this Committee, the undersigned were appointed a special committee to prosecute to an early completion the enterprise; and having attended to their duty, would now

REPORT.

In pursuance of their commission, your Committee invited proposals from two of the leading bell founders of this country, viz: Henry N. Hooper & Co., of Boston, and Meneely, Sons & Co., of Troy, N. Y. Their respective offers having been examined, and that of Henry N. Hooper & Co. having been found to be more favorable, they were employed to furnish the Chime. The first of the bells composing the Chime was cast Jan. 11, 1868, in presence of a large number of this Society, and other friends of the enterprise in Boston and Charlestown, among whom all were pleased to observe as regarding the operations with especial watchfulness and zest, the donor of the bells, accompanied by members of her family and friends. Complete success attended the beginning of the work, and from the well constructed mould, soon issued the noble tenor bell marked D in the musical scale. This bell, so resonant and correct in tone, afforded a gratifying harbinger of the entire success of the undertaking. It is hung in the centre of the belfry, and prepared for round ringing as well as for chiming. Its weight is 3267 pounds, its 55 inches in diameter. The several bells bear the following inscriptions:

A. D. 1867.

No. 1, D.

HARRIS CHIME.

This Chime of Sixteen Bells was a gift from Miss Charlotte Harris to the First Parish Church, Charlestown, Mass., of which her ancestors Harris and Devens were members.

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

A. D. 1867.

No. 2, E.

HARRIS CHIME.

"Remember thy congregation which thou hast purchased of old; this Mount Zion wherein thou hast dwelt."

A. D. 1867.

No. 3, F sharp.

HARRIS CHIME.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord; enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise."

A. D. 1867.

No. 4, G.

HARRIS CHIME.

"Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy hill, for the Lord our God is holy."

A. D. 1867.

No. 5, G sharp.

HARRIS CHIME.

"Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise thy God, O Zion! Praise God in His sanctuary."

A. D. 1867.

No. 6, A.

HARRIS CHIME.

"O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary."

A. D. 1867.

No. 7, A sharp.

HARRIS CHIME.

"Behold! I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

A. D. 1867.

No. 8, B.

HARRIS CHIME.

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

A. D. 1867.

No. 9, C.

HARRIS CHIME.

"Being justified by faith, we have peace with God, through our Lord Jesus Christ."

A. D. 1867.

No. 10, C sharp.

HARRIS CHIME.

"Behold! what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God."

A. D. 1867.

No. 11, D.

HARRIS CHIME.

"Holy Father, keep through thine own name, those whom thou hast given me."

A. D. 1867.
No. 12, D sharp.
HARRIS CHIME.
"Suffer little children to come unto me,
and forbid them not, for of such is the King-
dom of God."

A. D. 1867.
No. 13, E.
HARRIS CHIME.
"Beloved, let us love one another, for love
is God."

A. D. 1867.
No. 14, F sharp.
HARRIS CHIME.
"I am the Resurrection and the Life."

A. D. 1867.
No. 15, G.
HARRIS CHIME.
"There shall be no night there; in Thy
presence is fullness of joy."

A. D. 1867.
No. 16, A.
HARRIS CHIME.
"Salvation and glory, and honor and
power, unto the Lord our God."

The respective weight and size of each bell
is as follows:

Number.	Pounds.	Inches in diameter.
1	3267	55
2	2252	49 1-4
3	1662	44 1-8
4	1356	41 1-4
5	1109	38 1-2
6	987	36 5-8
7	814	34 5-16
8	713	32 7-8
9	604	31 1-16
10	507	29 1-8
11	415	27 1-2
12	361	25 15-16
13	290	24 1-4
14	218	22 1-16
15	180	20 11-16
16	129	18 3-8

Twenty-five bells have been cast in all, to
secure the sixteen required for the series,
nine having been rejected as not capable of

affording the required tone. Eight of the
sixteen accepted bells have been brought to
the required pitch by the laborious process of
chipping or filing, without injury, however,
to their symmetry or strength. Within sixty
days from the casting of the first bell, the
last one was taken from the mould, and on
the 17th of March, the work of placing them
into the tower commenced. Workmen had
been engaged for several weeks previously in
repairing the spacious belfry, 20 feet square
by 20 feet in height, and supported on 12
and 18 inch timber, entering the wall, and
seeming to have been constructed originally
with a view of entertaining this great musi-
cal family, and in erecting upon this strong
foundation, a truss frame, six feet in height
of 8 by 12 inch timber, the ends of which,
entering the wall and bolted strongly to-
gether, affording a second foundation for the
heavy hard wood frame, from which the en-
tire Chime, weighing 14,864 pounds, is sus-
pended.

No accident marred the work from the
commencement, and on the 28th of March all
the bells were in place, the chiming appa-
ratus complete and ready for trial. The trial
of the Chime on the 28th of March was so
far satisfactory that with the slight
inaccuracy of a single bell, all were
pronounced a success; and your com-
mittee indulge the hope that in this opinion
the entire community interested in this pub-
lic benefaction and filial tribute to an hon-
ored and patriotic ancestry, will coincide.

The total cost of the Chime, including the
working apparatus and the framework sup-
porting the same, also that upon which the
Chime is suspended, together with a spacious
room for operating the same, is eight thou-
sand dollars, all of which has been provided
for in the donation of Miss Harris.

In closing their report, and while your
Committee feel they may safely congratulate
this Church and Parish in possessing,
through the thoughtful munificence of Miss
Harris, the best Chime of bells, according to
the opinions of able critics, yet constructed
in this country, it is but just to say that to
Mr Henry Munroe, of Cambridge, employed
by Messrs Hooper during the manufacture of
the bells, to gauge the tone, correct the pitch
and harmonize the whole, we are indebted
principally for its success.

For the Committee,

A. S. MORRIS, JAS. F. HUNNEWELL,
BENJ. F. BROWN.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for transparency and accountability, particularly in the context of public administration and financial management. The text notes that without reliable records, it is difficult to track the flow of funds and ensure that resources are being used as intended.

2. The second part of the document addresses the challenges associated with data collection and analysis. It highlights that while modern technology offers powerful tools for data processing, the quality and consistency of the data itself can be a significant barrier. The document suggests that standardized protocols and training for data collectors are necessary to overcome these challenges and ensure that the information gathered is both accurate and useful for decision-making.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the role of communication in the implementation of any program or policy. It argues that clear and consistent communication is vital for ensuring that all stakeholders understand their roles and responsibilities. The text also discusses the importance of regular reporting and updates to keep the public and other interested parties informed about progress and any issues that may arise.

4. The final part of the document provides a summary of the key findings and offers recommendations for future work. It stresses that while there are many challenges, a commitment to transparency, data integrity, and effective communication can lead to more successful outcomes. The document concludes by encouraging continued collaboration and innovation in the field of public administration and financial management.