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v.

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Defendant/Appellee

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Rev, Dr. John M. Thomas, LL. D.,

President of Middlebury College.

My Dear President Thomas:-

In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of my graduation from Middlebury College, and in recognition of the gracious kindness of my heavenly Father to me throughout my life, I desire to erect a chapel to serve as a place of worship for the college, the same to be known as the "Mead Memorial Chapel." I have in mind a dignified and substantial structure, in harmony with the other buildings of the college, and expressive of the simplicity and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the State of Vermont have always been distinguished.

It was my great-great-grandfather, the first white settler of this valley, who brought the first copy of the Holy Bible into this unbroken wilderness and it was his wife, my great-great-grandmother, who gathered her large family about her in an indian wigwam for the first christian service of the Vermont pioneers of this immediate region. With this memory ever present, it has been my hope and prayer that I might be able and permitted to build for this college a suitable place for divine worship and that it might rise from the highest point on its campus as a symbol of the position, most prominent in every respect, which christian character and religious faith should always maintain in its work for our youth.

I have in mind the furnishing of from $50,000 to $60,000 for the erection of such a structure, and I hereby suggest that the Trustees of the College secure appropriate plans for its erection which shall meet with my approval, and that said Board appoint a Building Committee at once, consisting of President Thomas, former President Brainerd and

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myself to make the necessary contracts for such a structure and to supervise the erection of the same, and I will then bind myself and my estate to provide the necessary means for its erection and completion in accordance with the suggestions of this letter and with the contracts to be made by your committee.

Respectfully,

John Adams Heck

Rutland, Vt.
May 11, 1914.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY, VT.

May 15, 1914.

To the Trustees of Middlebury College:-

Your associate, Governor John A. Mead, has made it possible for me to make an announcement which will bring you all great satisfaction and encouragement, as it gives me the keenest pleasure. I enclose a copy of his letter to me signed May 11th which assures the erection of an appropriate and beautiful chapel for Middlebury College.

I have testified many times to the great need of such a building and the large possibilities for good in connection with it. We have all felt for many years that it was one of the most urgent needs of the college, and those who have been closest in touch with the daily life of the institution have felt the need most earnestly.

A chapel is not an income producing building and its erection should be accompanied by an endeavor to increase our endowment and secure a men's dormitory which would yield a revenue and provide for our increased student body. I very much hope that the General Education Board will now look with favor upon our application for a grant towards a fund of $500,000, towards which we now have a good start in the $10,000 recently contributed by Governor McCullough and the amount suggested by Governor Mead for the erection of a chapel. I will greatly appreciate the assistance of any of you toward this end and trust I may have your co-operation in promoting the movement which has been so well begun.

Faithfully yours,

John M. Thomas

P.S. May I hear from you immediately as to whether you will authorize the acceptance of Governor Mead's proposition and the appointment of the Building Committee which he suggests?

FRANK C. PARTRIDGE
PROCTOR, VT.

May 16, 1914.

President John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Your good news is received and I am delighted that your dream of a new chapel is to be realised. It is a generous and beautiful thing for Governor Mead to do and of course I agree, as one of the Trustees, to the acceptance of his proposition and the appointment of the building committed which he suggests.

Faithfully yours,

Frank C. Partridge

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(I have written to him.)

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Mr John E. Weeks
Rutland Vt.

My dear Gov Weeks

Congratulations and many of them for the splendid gift to Middlebury College. This is a most worthy reminder of your great loyalty to this institution, and one that can and will be instrumental in great good to the student body as long as time lasts. & almost every year future, for who can foretell how many boys and girls will receive inspiration for the better things of life by reason of this meeting place. Your honorable public career is certainly crowned by this act. May the Heavenly Father in whom we believe, preserve your life many years. Sincerely yours, F. E. Boyle

May 17, 1944

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Chairman of the Board

May 18, 1914.

Hon. John Abner Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor:

I am gladdened beyond expression by the receipt of a letter from President Thomas this morning, enclosing copy of your letter to him.

It is a splendid, well-considered and generous action on your part. It shows you possess that love for Alma Mater, which is one of the greatest charms of college life, the essence of college spirit; it shows your respect and reverence for your forebears, which is one of the highest qualifications a man may possess, and it shows, also, your disposition to do a good and useful act for the community in which you live and the State which you honor and which has bestowed its highest honor upon you. Congratulations and thanks.

Sincerely yours,

A Barton Hepburn

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May 19, 1914.

Honorable John A. Mead, M.D., LL.D.,

Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead:-

I can hardly describe to you the thrill of satisfaction that I experienced when a letter from Dr. Thomas reported your magnificent gift to Middlebury College in the form of a Memorial Chapel. I know of nothing more fitting as a memorial - nothing that will be of greater value to the College in all the years to come. I know of no building that could be put up out from which will go more fundamental and permanent influences for social, civic and national righteousness, for our own country and for the world. I want to express my deep personal appreciation of this gift, as well as my appreciation as a member of the Board of Trustees. I am sure you will get great satisfaction in seeing the walls of the building rise, as you realize what they mean to the College, the State, the country and the world, in all the years to come.

I remain, my dear Governor Mead,

Yours most gratefully and faithfully,

James L. Barton

JLB/E

6 Regent Circle, Brookline, Mass.,

May 22, 1914

My dear Thomas,

I can't tell you how pleased I was & am at the news that Governor Mead wishes to build a chapel on the College grounds. I had not thought that he dreamed of it.

And how fitting that it should be at the Semi-Centennial of his graduation - showing that his love for his College has not waned but waxed during the 50 years.

Now I in his place as to means & attachment to the Institution, no one else should be allowed to contribute a penny to the purchase of even the Cushions for the Seats, the Bible for the desk, or for the organ or piano that should grace the room.

Convey to him, please, my personal thanks for his generous plans. Of course the Trustees will allow him his way, & will be everlastingly grateful to him in taking it

Most Cordially Yours,

Frederick L Ellis

Middlebury, May 23, 1914.

My dear Mr. President;

Replying formally to the welcome news contained in your message of the 15th, I wish to concur in the acceptance of the "Mead Memorial Chapel."

It is a splendid gift, and will be especially welcome to you, who have so long desired it. I congratulate you upon once more receiving the fruits of casting your bread upon the waters.

I trust that the General Education Board will now look with favor upon your application for a grant toward a new fund, on contemplating this new evidence of the substantial and loyal support of our alumni.

Cordially yours,

John A. Fletcher

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Degrees

Voted to confer the Degree of M.S. (in course) upon
Margaret Farnsworth Sheldon

New Instructors.

Voted to approve the President's appointments of instructors as follows:-
Llewellyn R. Perkins, Mathematics $1,200.-
Miss Marion Spaulding, Home Economics $1,100.-

Mead (Chapel)

The following resolution, introduced by Dr Bramwell, on motion of Dr Barton & Prof. Kellogg, was adopted by a rising vote:-

"Whereas our esteemed colleague, the Honorable John Abner Mead of the Class of 1864, has signified to President Remsen his desire, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation, to erect a Chapel for Middlebury College, and his readiness to furnish the sum of from fifty thousand to sixty thousand dollars for the erection of such an edifice,

Resolved that the President and Fellows of Middlebury College hereby accept of this munificent benefaction with sincere gratitude to both Dr & Mrs Mead and their family for their deep interest in the religious welfare of the College, so impressively manifested by this provision of a suitable place for divine worship.

Resolved that the Trustees through the Committee nominated by Dr Mead will use their best endeavors to secure the erection of a dignified and substantial structure, in harmony with the other buildings of the College, and such as will merit the approval of the donor."

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Dr Mead made fitting response to this resolution. His letter of presentation follows in full:

Mead Chapel

Rev. Dr. John M. Thomas, L.L.D.
President of Middlebury College.
My dear President Thomas:-

In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of my graduation from Middlebury College, and in recognition of the gracious kindness of my Heavenly Father to me throughout my life, I desire to erect a Chapel to serve as a place of worship for the College, the same to be known as the "Mead Memorial Chapel." I have in mind a dignified and substantial structure, in harmony with the other buildings of the college, and expressive of the simplicity and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the State of Vermont have always been distinguished.

It was my great-great-grandfather, the first white settler of this valley, who brought the first copy of the Holy Bible into this unbroken wilderness and it was his wife, my great-great-grandmother, who gathered her large family about her in an Indian wigwam for the first Christian service of the Vermont pioneers of this immediate region. With this memory ever present, it has been my hope and prayer that I might be able and permitted to build for this College a suitable place for divine worship and that it might

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Mead Chapel

rise from the highest point on its campus, as a symbol of the position, most prominent in every respect, which Christian character and religious faith should always maintain in its work for our youth.

I have in mind the furnishing of from $50,000.— to $60,000.— for the erection of such a structure, and I hereby suggest that the Trustees of the College select appropriate plans for its erection which shall meet with my approval, and that said Board appoint a Building Committee at once, consisting of President Thomas, former President Brainerd and myself to make the necessary contracts for such a structure and to supervise the erection of the same, and I will then bind myself and my estate to provide the necessary means for its erection and completion in accordance with the suggestions of this letter and with the contracts to be made by your committee.

Respectfully,
(signed) John Abner Mead

Rutland, Vt.
May 11, 1914.

On motion of Mr Partridge, seconded by Dr Abernethy, the Building Committee for the Mead Chapel was elected as above, Mr Thomas, Brainerd, Mead and Clark.

Mr Collins of the architectural firm of Allen & Collins then appeared before the Board with tentative plans for the new Chapel, which were discussed at length.

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WEATHER FORECAST: FAIR TO-DAY.

EX-GOV. MEAD GIVES COLLEGE A CHAPEL

President Thomas of Middlebury Announces Offer of $40,000 for Memorial.

TO BE OF WHITE MARBLE

Former Vermont Chief Executive Commemorates 50th Anniversary of His Graduation.

(Special to the Free Press.)

MIDDLEBURY, May 15.—President John M. Thomas announced this evening at a meeting of the governments the gift of a $40,000 memorial chapel to the Middlebury College by Governor John A. Mead of Brattleboro, to be called the Mead Memorial chapel. The announcement was made by President John M. Thomas, who read the letter giving the college during the 50th anniversary of President Thomas.

President Thomas said that the announcement had been made known to the trustees of the College by Governor Mead, who was present. He said it would be a gift of great interest to the college, giving a place of worship and lecture room to the college for years to come.

He said that Mead was chosen to the presidency of the college.

The record to be recorded on the chapel will be which is about as follows: "The President, Trustees and Faculty of Middlebury College, Professor Vernon of Dartmouth and the Rev. Andrew H. Fitzpatrick of Burlington, speaker of a chapel which is known the Free Chapel."

Governor Mead's letter, addressed to President Thomas and the trustees of Middlebury College, Professor Vernon of Dartmouth and the Rev. Andrew H. Fitzpatrick of Burlington, speaker of a chapel which is known the Free Chapel, is as follows:

GOVERNOR MEAD'S LETTER.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Trustees of Middlebury College:

Gentlemen of Dartmouth College:

Mr. Vice President Thomas, in the supposition of my 50th anniversary of my graduation from Middlebury College, I am moved to make a contribution of my good wishes to the Alma Mater of my boyhood, and I propose to erect a chapel to cost about the sum of $40,000 to be called the Mead Memorial chapel, to be built of white marble and attractive in appearance, with the exception of the university and strength of conscience for which the inhabitants of this state call the State of Vermont. Now always free institutions.

In view of my great-great-grandfather, the first white settler of this village, who was the first Justice of the Peace, who was the first colonial militiaman, and it was his wife, my great-great-grandmother, who gathered the large hedge stone, but to see Indian attack, the first Vermont settler of the Vermont province, or with remarkable courage. When this happened, exactly I do not know, but what I do know and remember to build the first college a village, that is, Mr. Walker, my great-great-grandfather, and his wife, my great-great-grandmother, as a school of the institution, some of whom are now living, namely, Chancellor Crosby and President Fairchild, which appears necessary to work for our cause.

I have in mind the institution of Vermont, which is 50,000 for the university of good, a university and I hereby suggest that the trustees of the college accept my contribution and use the money, and that work shall begin on the chapel, and that work shall be completed and ready for use by the fourth of President Thomas, Samuel Fairchild, Dartmouth and Andrew H. Fitzpatrick, the speaker of the day, and I may, and should and accompany the chapel, and to provide the necessary funds.

For John A. Mead.

J. G. TRACY, Pres. Commander.

GEORGE HALLETT, Recorder.

Burlington Commandery, No. 2.

Knights Templar.

The members of Burlington Commandery, No. 2, K. T., are requested to assist in the Church service, which will be held at the church, on Sunday, May 17, at 2:30 o'clock p. m., to see the gift of a memorial chapel to the Middlebury College by Governor John A. Mead, of Brattleboro, and the dedication of the chapel, and to be present at the exercises.

For order of

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accompanying break down in health, and abstinence from the use of liquor. The speaker said he did not mean to have his hearers understand he meant to slight the small matters and he did believe that constant worry after the best efforts had been expended was needless and useless.

"Never since I left the regular army service at the close of the Civil War have I used alcoholic beverages in any form," continued Dr. Mead, "and on this subject I could quote you instance after instance where I have prospered because my brain was alive and not befuddled with liquor or the result of excessive smoking."

In closing former Governor Mead said that in his opinion a boy born with a silver spoon in his mouth was oftimes saddled with a drawback that in a majority of cases proved disastrous. Men and animals are born lazy and if there is not something to strive for, generally there is little gained.

Dr. Mead also referred to the habit of working day by day, doing all that needed doing and a little more, and he said there should never be despair of ultimate success.

Frequently during his address Dr. Mead told amusing stories to illustrate his point and his own life story was referred to at intervals during the hour's talk.

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PRICE THREE CENTS

EX-GOV. MEAD GIVES MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE $60,000 FOR CHAPEL

Progress is to Lay the Corner Stone on June 23, at Commencement.

DONOR GRADUATED, CLASS 1864

President John M. Thomas at Assembly of Faculty and Student Body Announces Gift and Reads Letter From Dr. Mead—Donor Speaks at Tea Interval in Alma Mater—New Building to Be of Marble 100 by 50 Feet—Will Seat 700 Persons.

(Special to The Herald.)

Middlebury, May 15.—Middlebury college's church, which has stood on the campus of the institution for 70 years is to soon cease to be place to be occupied a congregation of students who should worship in it, and a building which is to build it being a gift from Ex-Gov. John A. Mead of Burlington, was announced from Middlebury 60 years ago this year. The announcement of this evening was a complete surprise when President John M. Thomas read a letter from Dr. Mead, it an member of the family and student body in the Burlington gymnasium, which is the president. The purpose of acquainting the family and students against complacency contingent and when President Thomas made the announcement the enthusiasm became contagious. Dr. Mead, who was present, was overwhelmed with thanks from scores of men and women, past and present graduate of the institution.

To Seat 700 Persons.

The new chapel, the corner stone of which, will probably be laid on Tuesday, June 23, during Commencement week, will be located on the highest land in the campus, east of the present chapel. The building, colonial in design, built of marble, will be about 50 by 100 feet and will seat 700 persons. There will be a balcony in the rear overlooking the main floor. Allen & Collens, Boston architects, have submitted plans to President Thomas, Dr. Mead and the bronze president, Ezra Dinsmore, who will act as the building committee. A bronze tablet in the building will contain the following inscription: "Mead Memorial Chapel, Erected in 1914, by John Abner Mead of the Class of 1864."

President Thomas called the assembly to order and read Dr. Mead's letter. The president spoke briefly to emphasize his appreciation of the gift and dwell upon the significance of such a building in stimulating religious life. President Thomas said that Dr. Mead's gift was the largest received during the five years of the present president's administration.

Dr. Mead's Letter.

He read the following letter from Dr. Mead:—

Rev. Dr. John M. Thomas, LL. D.,
President of Middlebury college.

My Dear President Thomas:—In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of my graduation from Middlebury college, and in recognition of the gracious kindness of our Heavenly Father to me throughout my life, I desire to erect a chapel to serve as a place of worship for the college, the house to be known as the Mead Memorial Chapel. I have in mind a dignified and substantial structure in harmony with the other buildings of the college, and expressive of the stability and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the state of Vermont have always been distinguished.

It was my great-great-grandfather, the first white settler of this valley, who brought the first copy of the Holy Bible into this extreme wilderness, and it was his wife, our great-great-grandmother, who gathered her large family about her in an Indian wigwam for the first Christian service of the Vermont pioneers of this boundless region.

Across Building Committee.

With this memory ever present it has been my hope and prayer that I might be able and permitted to build for this college a suitable place for divine worship and that it might rise from the highest point on its campus as a symbol of the position, most prominent in every respect, which Christian character and religious faith should always maintain in its work for our youth.

I have in mind the furnishing of from $50,000 to $60,000 for the erection of such a structure, and I hereby request that the trustees of the college hereby appropriate place for its exercises which shall meet with my approval, and that said board appoint a building committee at once, in addition of President Thomas, former President Dinsmore and myself to make the necessary contracts for such a building and to supervise the erection of the same, and I will give that amount and my money to provide the necessary funds for its erection and completion in accordance with the suggestions of this letter and with the contracts to be made or your approval.

Respectfully,
JOHN ABNER MEAD.

Dr. Mead was introduced by President Thomas and for several minutes was unable to make himself heard owing to the cheering again which gave the "Middlebury" long cheer. Dr. Mead spoke as follows:—

Given Gale "Long" Cheer.

Introduced by the students to President Thomas, former Gov. Mead said in part:—

"Time added to Dr. Thomas—have to wait a few weeks for the plan

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EX-GOV. MEAD GIVES MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE $60,000 FOR CHAPEL

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denis of this beloved Vermont institution, I was at a loss to know just what line would be most interesting as well as partially instructive to you and I so suggested to the president of this college. He said: 'Why don't you tell them some of your ideas of getting on in the world.' You started with nothing and have made a success in your business and political life and why not drop the young men and young women a few suggestions according to your ways and methods.

"And so there comes to mind five 'don'ts' to which I have given more and more thought as I have made my way and these are: 'Don't follow the crowd'; second, 'don't worry over small matters'; third, 'don't despair of success'; fourth, 'don't fear poverty,' and lastly but by all means not least, 'don't use liquor.'

Dr. Mead Gives Advice.

"By my expression, 'don't follow the crowd,' I mean to convey the idea of not following in the footsteps of the majority of people. Be original and think out problems for yourself. I know of an experience which may more easily explain my point. My uncle was a prosperous farmer, one of the wealthiest in his section. For a time all the farmers about him raised sheep and sold the wool and at this time he was turning his money into butter and cheese from a young herd of cattle. Soon his neighbors came to him and said: 'Wool is cheap and "cheese and butter" are expensive and we want to trade sheep for cows.' A deal with many was consummated and soon all the farmers about were producing cheese and butter and he had all the sheep as the price of wool went sky high. Then they all came back and traded again, he reaping the harvest and this was continued till Frank Ric Blanchard was considered one of the wealthiest farmers in Vermont and he started life with a farm heavily mortgaged. By not following the crowd he became wealthy. And during my experience I have ever kept in mind the fundamental principle followed by Mr. Blanchard."

Do Not Worry.

Former Gov. Mead then took up the question of "worrying over small things," which he claimed often led to the loss of sleep and appetite and the accompanying breakdown in the health. The speaker said he did not mean to have his hearers understand he meant to slight the small matters and he did believe that constant worry after the best efforts had been expended was needless and useless.

"Never since I left the army service in 1863 have I used alcoholic beverages in any form," continued Dr. Mead, and he stated that this habit had been of great benefit to him.

In closing, former Gov. Mead said that in his opinion a boy born "with a silver spoon" in his mouth was often times burdened with a handicap that in a majority of cases proved disastrous. Men and animals are born lazy and if there is no incentive that compels them to special effort, generally there is little accomplished.

Dr. Mead also referred to the habit of working day by day, doing all that needed doing and a little more and he said there should never be despair of ultimate success.

"Mids" Among Leaders.

Dr. Mead then referred to the advantages enjoyed by the students of Middlebury college; of the special advantages of being under the leadership of President Thomas, who has wrought such wonderful changes in that institution, and who stands today among the leaders in educational life, not only in Vermont but in New England. He felt they should fully appreciate these benefits and that they should so govern themselves that they would be an honor to their "Alma Mater" and to their state. He told them they might attain to any honor they might aspire. If they were willing to make the effort they should succeed in their ambition. Frequently during his address Dr. Mead told amusing stories to illustrate suggestions he had made in his address.

Prof. Vernon C. Harrington, speaking for the faculty and student body extended the thanks of both to Dr. Mead. Rev. Arthur H. Bradford, pastor of the Congregational church of Rutland, congratulated the college on receiving such an appropriate gift. President Thomas announced that the varsity team had today defeated Colgate university thereby increasing the enthusiasm of the occasion.

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DR. MEAD'S GIFT TO MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

Middlebury college and its faculty, its students and alumni, are to be congratulated on the handsome gift proposed by Dr. John Abner Mead of this city, former governor of Vermont, the details of which appear in The Herald's news-columns this morning. The gift of a chapel, in which the eternal Truth may be taught, and devoted to the sacred purposes of divine worship, is an admirable expression of active piety and reflects creditably upon its donor.

The figure set upon the gift insures a building of substantial and enduring character, and the traditions of the college, no less than the dignified style of its architecture, would seem to insure a chapel that will speedily take its place among the institutional buildings of a campus which traces back a glorious history through 114 years of useful life.

It is peculiarly fitting that Dr. Mead should thus recognize Middlebury college, an institution so peculiarly a part of his native state and his personal environment, for the reason that, as he sets forth in his letter of gift, his great-great-grandfather was the first white settler in the Otter Creek valley, and brought the Bible, in all its sublime and uplifting beauty, to the peaceful Indians of the wilderness.

The college, too, which has made for itself an enduring name and place in Vermont's institutions of education and uplift, must feel, through its faculty and student body, a peculiar pleasure in accepting the Mead Memorial chapel as an expression of native patriotism and appreciation from a citizen who has been honored with the highest executive office in the gift of his state.

The Herald, for its readers, heartily joins in the sincere approbation and praise which this gift will justly inspire.

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VOL. X. THE MIDDLEBURY CAMPUS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1914.

A NEW CHAPEL.

Ex-Governor John A. Mead will Celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of His Graduation by Erecting a Chapel for Middlebury College. Announcement Received with Enthusiasm at Assembly of Faculty and Students May 15. Plans are Underway.

There was an atmosphere of expectation and curiosity about the college campus last Friday. President Thomas had invited the Faculty and students to assemble in the McCullough gymnasium in the evening, without announcing the object of the gathering, except that it "would be worth their while to be there." And it was! The "gym" was filled at the appointed time, at least fifty men finding "standing room only." The college band seemed to increase the expectancy of some announcement that would call for enthusiasm. Ex-President Brainerd and Ex-Governor Mead, '64, accompanied the president to the platform. The audience was not kept waiting long, for President Thomas soon brought out a manuscript from his pocket, and during a hushed approval which every one could sense, read the following letter from Dr. Mead:

Rev. Dr. John M. Thomas, LL.D.,
President of Middlebury College.

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I have in mind the furnishing of from $50,000 to $60,000 for the erection of such a structure, and I hereby suggest that the Trustees of the college secure appropriate plans for its erection which shall meet with my approval, and that said Board appoint a Building Committee at once, consisting of President Thomas, former President Brainerd, and myself to make the necessary contracts for such a structure and to supervise the erection of the same, and I will then bind myself and estate to provide the necessary means for its erection and completion in accordance with the suggestions of this letter and with the contracts to be made by your committee.

Respectfully,
JOHN AHNER MEAD.

There could be no question of the hearty gratification which this letter evoked from all present. Cheer-leader Dade took the platform and the "long Middlebury" resounded for Middlebury's latest benefactor. Every one felt that a gift of great significance and importance had come at a most opportune moment, and as the donor spoke of his love for the college and feeling of gratitude towards her, of his early struggles to secure an education and his strong desire to see the work of the college perpetuated, the meaning of the gift became clearer to all.

Governor Mead spoke with deep feeling of his life while a student at Middlebury and of some of his experiences in the Union army while he was still enrolled as a member of the Class of 1864. He said that President Thomas had urged him to state some of the principles and maxims which had governed his life and by which he had attained success. These he summarized under "Five Don'ts."

1. Don't follow the crowd. Think for yourself. Get out of the beaten path. Success in business depends upon the courage to follow your independent judgment. Do more than others. Work harder than any other man in the shop.

2. Don't worry about the smaller things of life, nor the large ones either. Fight your hardest and leave the results with God.

3. Don't use liquor or tobacco, in any form or in any amount.

4. Don't despair of success in life. You can accomplish what you wish. You have nothing in the world to be afraid of but yourselves.

5. Don't be afraid of poverty and don't be discouraged if you have a hard time to get a start. It is not the man who has the most at the beginning who succeeds best, but the man who is willing to work the hardest and who early learns to overcome obstacles.

At the close of his address Governor Mead was cheered long and heartily. President Thomas spoke briefly of the importance of a chapel in the work of a college, and said that in visiting other colleges and noting their beautiful chapels he had often longed for one for Middlebury. He said he hoped it would be the most commanding object on the campus, a building in harmony with the other buildings of the college.

Ex-President Brainerd was introduced by President Thomas as a wise and considerate friend, always loyal in his support, and generous and kind in counsel. He was received with a cheer and spoke effectively of the value the new chapel would have for the college and the place which religious faith should play in all earnest life. Brief remarks were also made by Professor Harrington and Rev. Arthur H. Bradford, Governor Mead's pastor in Rutland.

In closing the meeting President Thomas said that the corner stone of the "Mead Memorial Chapel" would be laid at Commencement, and that the exercises would be one of the features of Alumni Day, June 23.

And so Middlebury starts out on the road of progress once more, or rather continues steadily to advance despite discouragements and apparent setbacks. After the completion of the General Education Board fund of $200,000 and the Carnegie report, it looked as if progress was at an end for a time, and that the college would be forced to battle to keep even. Governor Mead has changed all that. His gift will inspire every friend of Middlebury to courage and optimism and every one will believe that still other gifts and yet more notable advance are to be the order of the day.

Student Government Election.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Student Government Association was held on Monday afternoon, May 18. The results of the election were as follows: President, Ruth Kendall; vice-president, Margaret Mills; secretary, Harriet Myers; treasurer, Josephine Tracy.

St. Louis, Mo., May 17.—Bankers in this part of the country are waiting eagerly for the new Federal reserve banking system to go into effect, and they feel confident it will result in a general quickening of business, according to J. B. Jennings of Moberly, President of the Missouri Bankers' Association, who arrived here to attend the State convention of bankers tomorrow.

R. P. I. Track Meet.

On the 23rd Middlebury will meet R. P. I. in a track meet. With "Casey" and other veterans back in the line-up we hope to win. Anyhow, we will give them a good fight.

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The Vermont Tribune (Ludlow, Vermont) · Thu, May 21, 1914 · Page 7

Gift for Middlebury College.

Ex-Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland, who graduated from Middlebury 50 years ago this year, has donated $60,000 with which to build a new college chapel of marble to take the place of the old institution which was built 78 years ago. The new chapel, the corner stone of which will probably be laid on Tuesday, June 23, during Commencement week will be colonial in design and will seat 700 persons. A bronze tablet in the building will contain the following inscription: Mead Memorial Chapel, Erected in 1914 by John Abner Mead of the class of 1864. A building committee consisting of President Thomas, former President Brainerd and Gov. Mead was named.

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Burlington Weekly Free Press (Burlington, Vermont) · Thu, May 21, 1914 · Page 11

EX-GOV. MEAD GIVES COLLEGE A CHAPEL

President Thomas of Middlebury Announces Offer of $60,000 for Memorial.

TO BE OF WHITE MARBLE

Former Vermont Chief Executive Commemorates 50th Anniversary of His Graduation.

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The Enterprise and Vermonter (Vergennes, Vermont) · Thu, May 21, 1914 · Page 3

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THIS SUM FOR NEW CHAPEL AT MIDDLEBURY.

Commemorates Fiftieth Anniversary of His Graduation and Memorial Also to His Ancestors Who Brought First Bible Into Otter Creek Valley.

At an assembly of the faculty and student body of Middlebury college in McCullough gymnasium last Friday evening President Thomas announced that ex-Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland had signified his intention of giving to the college a chapel to cost about $60,000.

The chapel is to be erected on the ridge west of what is called the "old campus." It will be 50 feet higher than the present chapel. Plans have been prepared by Allen V. Collens of Boston. The chapel will be colonial, in harmony with the architecture of the other college buildings. The material will be white finished marble, and the dimensions 60 by 120 feet, with a spire over 100 feet high. It is hoped that the cornerstone may be laid at commencement this year and that the building will be finished by commencement in 1915. A bronze tablet in the building will contain the following inscription: "Mead Memorial Chapel, Erected in 1914, by John Abner Mead of the Class of 1864."

President Thomas, after reading Dr. Mead's letter, spoke briefly in expressing his appreciation of the gift and dwelt upon the significance of such a building in upbuilding college life. President Thomas said that Dr. Mead's gift was the largest received during the five years of the present president's administration.

GOVERNOR MEAD'S LETTER.

Dr. Mead's letter to President Thomas offering the gift was as follows:

Rev. John M. Thomas, LL. D., President of Middlebury College.

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John Abner Mead.

"DON'T USE LIQUOR."

Introduced to the students by President Thomas former Governor Mead said in part:

"When asked by Dr. Thomas to have to spend a few minutes for the students of this beloved Vermont institution, I was at a loss to know just what I can would be most interesting as well as partially instructive to you and I so suggested to the president of this college. He said, 'Why don't you tell them some of your ideas of getting on in the world?' You started with nothing and have made a success in your business and political life and why not drop the young men and young women a few suggestions according to your ways and methods?'

"And so there comes to mind five 'dont's' to which I have given more and more thought as I have made my way. These are: 'Don't follow the crowd', second, 'Don't worry over small matters', third, 'Don't despair of success'. Fourth, 'Don't fear poverty', and lastly, but by all means not least, 'Don't use liquor.'

"By my expression 'Don't follow the crowd' I mean to convey the idea of not following in the footsteps of the majority of people. Be original and think out problems for yourself.

"Take my own case. The Howe scale company was bankrupt four times previous to 1887 and nobody wanted to buy the stock. I saw a chance, bought in the stock and to-day it is probably the greatest scale company in the world."

Gov. Mead then took up the question of worrying over small things, which, he asserted, often led to the loss of sleep and appetite and the accompanying break down in health, and abstinence from the use of liquor. The speaker said he did not mean to have his hearers understand he meant to slight the small matters, but he did believe the constant worry after the best efforts had been expended was needless and serious.

"Never since I left the regular army service at the close of the Civil war have I used alcoholic beverages in any form," continued Dr. Mead, "and on this subject I could quote you instances after instance where I have prospered because my brain was alive and not befuddled with liquor or the result of excessive smoking."

DETECTIVE SERVICE.

Attorney-General Will Soon Issue a Statement.

Attorney-General Brown sends the following letter to the press regarding the recent showing of expenses in connection with his office and the payment of large sums for detective service:

To the Editor:

In view of the one sided and unfair statements that have appeared in certain newspapers of this state, regarding the expenses of "detective service," I deem it best to prepare and publish for the information of the people of the state, a complete statement of the detective service which has been used, showing each item of expense in each county, the purpose for which the money was expended and the result obtained. In other words, it is my purpose to have both sides of the account before the people so they may judge of it upon full information.

It can be readily understood that the preparation of such a statement involves considerable work and will take some little time because it is necessary to obtain from the state's attorney of each county a full report of the criminal proceedings in each county. This statement is now being prepared and will be completed and placed before the people as soon as possible, without interfering with the performance of the duties of my office.

I trust that this statement will be of service to the people of this state in determining the question which seems now to be squarely raised, as to whether or not the crime shall be commercialized in this state, in other words, whether the proper, efficient and economical prosecution of the higher crimes shall be made to depend upon the question of what it may cost.

In the meantime, so that the legal department of the state may know that the people support judgment in this matter until full information can be furnished them so that they may know the exact purpose for which money has been expended and the net result of such expenditure. Very respectfully yours,

R. E. Brown, Attorney-General.

EAST PANTON.

Mrs Roland Barnebe is visiting at John Rivers'.

Henry St John returned from the middle west about a week ago.

Miss Jessie Russell, Miss Mary Drumm and Peter Russell of Montreal, N. L., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Russell.

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The Orwell Citizen (Vergennes, Vermont) · Thu, May 21, 1914 · Page 2

If anyone thought the report of the Carnegie Foundation sounded the knell of Middlebury college, they have another guess coming. Only two weeks ago we reported a gift of $10,000 from former Gov. McCullough to help keep the gymnasium going and now comes former Gov. Mead with a magnificent gift of $60,000 for a memorial chapel. It is particularly appropriate that Gov. Mead, whose ancestors brought the first Bible and held the first Christian religious service in Otter creek valley, should erect this house of worship in Middlebury, thereby proving his Christian spirit and his love for his alma mater. Every friend of Middlebury will rejoice in its good fortune and join in gratitude to the man who makes this latest and much needed addition to the campus possible.

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE.
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY.
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

Rutland, Vt., May 28, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Doctor:-

I have just received your favor of the 27th and have read the same with great pleasure, also have received the carbon copies received from the various trustees, all of which I have read with interest and will file with the other papers.

I notice in the order of exercises you state, "scripture lesson from the first copy of the Holy Bible brought into the Champlain valley." I think you intended this to be, into the Otter Creek valley.

Yesterday I was obliged to go to Pittsford in accordance with a promise made to appraise the estate of Mrs. George N. Boardman, and in accordance with his special request, and I regret to state that I found Doctor Boardman very very feeble and very deaf. I was almost sorry that I had met him, because I should much rather think of him as I saw him some two years or so ago. I also met Dr. Henry Walker and he seemed to me very feeble and nervous, and it appeared to me that he was unnecessarily worried over this what appealed to me as a very simple matter. I assured him that I could help him out and he needn't give it another thought. He seemed specially pleased at this. Mrs. Boardman's will is a very strange document, but I had with me Judge Harmon, our county clerk and one of our best lawyers, and he stated that the thing could be worked out, as he thought, satisfactorily. I kept in mind all the time the fact that both Doctor and Mrs. Boardman were to endow a professorship at the college and I hope that there will be a good substantial sum left for the same. ~~I shall be pleased to~~

If there is anything that you wish me to do in connection with this corner stone or the breaking of the ground, as you state, kindly advise. I have just heard that people in "breaking ground", that they often take and just remove a sod, and this is placed in a box or something, and is taken sometimes home to the party specially interested, and that he has used this in connection with some other object. I was thinking of this just for a moment, that I might bring the piece of sod that is removed and place the same in Evergreen Cemetery here in Rutland, as a part of the sod which should be used in our burial lot, which is 50' in width by some 75' in length, and contains the Mead monument and, as you are aware, fourteen members of our family. This thought just occurs to me at this moment. You can have this for your consideration. We will have the little box with the bible which little John is to place in the stone all properly arranged. Your selection of Doctor Barton and Professor Wright, etc., meets with my entire pleasure.

With very kind regards, believe me,

Yours most respectfully,

Breaking Ground for the Mead Memorial Chapel and Presentation of the Corner Stone

June 23, 1914

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MUSIC, by the College Band

HYMN, O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand

O God, beneath Thy guiding hand,
Our exiled fathers cross'd the sea;
And when they trod the wint'ry strand,
With pray'r and psalm they worship'd Thee.

Thou heard'st, well pleased, the song, the prayer:
Thy blessing came; and still its power
Shall onward, through all ages, bear
The memory of that holy hour.

Laws, freedom, truth, and faith in God
Came with those exiles o'er the waves;
And where their pilgrim feet have trod,
The God they trusted guards their graves.

And here Thy name, O God of love,
Their children's children shall adore,
Till these eternal hills remove,
And spring adorns the earth no more.

SCRIPTURE LESSON, from the first copy of the Holy Bible brought into the Otter Valley

PRAYER, Ex-President Ezra Brainerd, '64

READING OF LETTER OF PRESENTATION

BREAKING GROUND AND PRESENTATION OF THE CORNER STONE, Ex-Governor John A. Mead, '64. A copy of the Holy Bible will be placed in the stone by John Abner Mead Hinsman

ACCEPTANCE IN BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES, Rev. James L. Barton, D. D., LL.D., '81

ADDRESS IN BEHALF OF THE FACULTY, Prof. Charles B. Wright

ADDRESS IN BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS, Homer J. Vail, '14

HYMN, Onward, Christian Soldiers

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before!
Christ the royal Master
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
See, His banners go.

Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.

Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain;
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail.

Onward, then, ye people!
Join our happy throng!
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song!
Glory, laud, and honor,
Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing.

BENEDICTION, Rev. Arthur H. Bradford

Groundbreaking Speech

Mr. President, Members of the Class of '64 and Friends.

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As the devout Hebrew, wandering in distant climes far from the home of his fathers, ever turns his face, at sunset hour, toward the "sacred city" to offer his evening devotions, so to-day do we, the former students of Middlebury, on this anniversary day, stirred and thrilled by the glorious memories of the past, return instinctively to the shrine of our college life, - to revisit the old Halls of Learning, now so sacred, - to grasp again the hands of the few remaining friends, and to consecrate again our lives to the high ideals which for more than a century have inspired the students of our beloved Alma Mater.

As we have been approaching this milestone of our busy lives, - the Commencement of 1914, - I have anticipated special pleasure in being permitted to place my offering upon the "altar" of my academic life, and on this day, the fiftieth

anniversary of my graduation, when so large a ~~per cent.~~ proportion of my classmates living ~~can be~~ are present, to remove the soil and lay the corner stone of a Memorial Chapel which will rise from the highest portion of this Campus.

The history of my ancestors is such as to make it specially appropriate for me to assume this duty, for, as I stated in my letter to our President, Doctor Thomas, it was my great-great-grandfather, the first white settler on the Otter Creek, who brought the first copy of the Bible into this valley, and it was his wife, the mother of the first white child born in the valley, with her daughters gathered about her in an Indian wigwam, upon one side of which was seated the squaw and the papooses of the then Chief of the Caugnawagas, who read by the light of a pine torch a chapter from this Bible, and then kneeling with her daughters in a circle, she offered the first prayer, so far as history or tradition teaches, ever uttered in this valley.

A few months afterward, Rev. Benajah Root, a

graduate of Yale and a regularly ordained minister of the Congregational Church, came into this valley at Center Rutland, where the first religious society was organized, and my great-great-grandmother was one of the fifteen charter members,- and years afterwards my great-grandfather married the eldest daughter of said Reverend Mr. Root, and thus she became my great-grandmother on my father's side.

These relations, with many others which I will not rehearse, make it specially my duty to continue the noble work which these ancestors inaugurated on the first evening of their arrival in this valley, and thus the thought of being able financially, and of being permitted physically, to erect this chapel has been the source of sincere pleasure to me for the last few months, and as I strive to discern the future, I am strengthened, yes, assured, by the many promises of Holy Writ, that the acts of this day performed under such favorable auspices, will be a source of great pleasure to my family, to my

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As we stand upon this height of our campus, (made sacred this day by being consecrated to the development of the spiritual life, that which will continue unto the end,- that which will grow brighter and more beautiful as the succeeding generations roll away), from this height we look down upon the grand old chapel, which has been the sacred shrine of our fathers for nearly

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We also look down upon those noble structures of colonial art, Old Painters and Starr Halls, and what previous memories are associated with these students' homes of the last three centuries!

Such, my friends, was Middlebury College 54 years ago when I first came upon its campus, with all her pleasant memories and her noble work so well done.

The War of '61 and '65 had a most depressing effect upon our college life, absorbing largely the interest of the students, a large per cent. of whom left the college halls and hurried with

their brothers to the defence of their country, and it was nearly forty years before our Alma Mater recovered from the terrible scourge. Hundreds of thousands of our noblest sons were offered as a sacrifice on the Altar of Freedom, our nation was impoverished and burdened with a debt of many billions, many cities and towns were totally destroyed, many large sections both north and south were left as barren wastes, and thus it took nearly two generations to recover from this affliction.

But what has the last 12 to 15 years added to the original buildings! the Beautiful Library by Mr. Starr, the Science Hall by Mr. Ezra J. Warner, (whom many of us so well remember,) Pearsons Hall, by that grand old philanthropist, Dr. B. K. Pearsons, the McCullough Gymnasium, by our adopted brother, Gen. J. G. McCullough, the Chemistry Building, ~~the Girls Dormitory and its adjacent buildings~~ and other new structures. These useful and beautiful ~~structures~~ buildings have within 15 years been placed upon our campus at a cost exceeding $400,000. Such is the physical life

of our college to-day, with an increase of students of from 200 to 300 per cent.

But, my friends, what of the future? Do not fear - the future will in no respect discredit the past. With our Doctor Thomas as standard bearer, with such a corps of professors and teachers, and with many thousand alumni and alumnae, all inspired by the noble deeds of the past century, and specially by the enormous growth of the last quarter of a century, its equal unknown in the history of New England college life, with an immediate future so rich in proffered assistance, we should have no fear, ~~less it might be the loss of our own self respect and of our high regard for the future of our children.~~ If 50 years ago those of us then associated with Middlebury College could have raised the veil of the future only for a moment, would we not have been filled with surprise and admiration?

With the prestige of past success and with unabated confidence in the future, let us have perfect faith in the destiny of our Alma Mater,

each realizing his duty. Let us labor that she may increase abundantly, not only in wealth and numbers, but in that which is infinitely better - growth in the mental, the moral and the spiritual life.

Inspired by this thought, my family and myself wish to ~~dedicate~~ erect this Memorial Chapel for Middlebury College, with good will and affection for ~~to~~ our respected President, Doctor Thomas, and former President and Classmate, Doctor Brainerd, and to all others associated with our Alma Mater, as Trustees, Teachers and Students, I wish to break the ground and place the corner stone for this Memorial Chapel, with the hope and prayer that there shall be a sacred duty resting upon each , to make this Holy Temple, so soon to be erected, an instrument of great good to those of this generation and to those who may follow after, and that our Alma Mater may be favored by steadily increasing numbers and with ample means for the noble work which will devolve upon her, and all of which she will attempt so willingly, so courageously and so faithfully.

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The War of '61 and '5 had a most depressing effect upon our college life, absorbing largely the interest of the students, a large per cent. of whom left the college halls and hurried with

their brothers to the defence of their country, and it was nearly forty years before our Alma Mater recovered from the terrible scourge. Hundreds of thousands of our noblest sons were offered as a sacrifice on the Altar of Freedom, our nation was impoverished and burdened with a debt of many billions, many cities and towns were totally destroyed, many large sections both north and south were left as barren wastes, and thus it took nearly two generations to recover from this affliction.

But what has the last 12 ~~to 15~~ years added to the original buildings ; the Beautiful Library by Mr. Starr, Science Hall by Mr. Ezra Warner, (whom many of us so well remember,) Piersons Hall, by that grand old philanthropist, the McCullough Gymnasium, by our adopted brother, Gen. J. G. McCullough, the Chemistry Building, the Girls Dormitory and its adjacent buildings. These useful and beautiful structures have within ~~15~~ 12 years been placed upon our campus at a cost exceeding $400,000. Such is the physical life

of our college to-day, with an increase of students of from 200 to 300 per cent.

But, my friends, what of the future? Do not fear - the future will in no respect discredit the past. With our Doctor Thomas as standard bearer, with such a corps of professors and teachers, and with many thousand alumni and alumnae, all inspired by the noble deeds of the past century, and specially by the enormous growth of the last quarter of a century, its equal unknown in the history of New England college life, with an immediate future so rich in proffered assistance, we should have no fear, less it might be the loss of our own self respect and of our high regard for the future of our children. If 50 years ago those of us then associated with Middlebury College could have raised the veil of the future only for a moment, would we not have been filled with surprise and admiration.

With the prestige of past success and with unabated confidence in the future, let us have perfect faith in the destiny of our Alma Mater,

each realizing his duty. Let us labor that she may increase abundantly, not only in wealth and numbers, but in that which is infinitely better - growth in the mental, the moral and the spiritual life.

Inspired by this thought, my family and myself wish to dedicate this Memorial Chapel to our respected President, Doctor Thomas, and former President and Classmate, Doctor Brainerd, and to all others associated with our Alma Mater, as Trustees, Teachers and Students, On this date I wish to break the ground and place the corner stone for this Memorial Chapel, with the hope and prayer that there shall be a sacred duty resting upon each , to make this Holy Temple, so soon to be erected, an instrument of great good to those of this generation and to those who may follow after, and that our Alma Mater may be favored by steadily increasing numbers and with ample means for the noble work which will devolve upon her, and all of which she will attempt so willingly, so courageously and so faithfully.

Thanks

R. Barton.

I am honored in being permitted, upon behalf of the Trustees of Middlebury College, to accept from the hands of one of their number, a graduate of the College and an ~~honored~~ revered citizen of this Commonwealth, this corner stone and that for which it stands, namely, a fitting chapel to be erected upon this site ~~and~~ to embody and represent and perpetuate the religious life of this College.

It is doubly gratifying to me, as it is to the Board of Trustees, that this building, as a memorial, will bear the name of ~~a family~~ one so long and so honorably connected with this institution and ~~which~~ who in the state and nation has always ~~stood for~~ upheld and promoted true piety and civic and national righteousness.

This College has always stood for Christianity and has aimed to send out its graduates actuated by the loftiest Christian ideals. The foundations of this institution were laid by the sons of the Pilgrims and the Puritans. Their ideas of the place religion should hold, is

demonstrated by their making the Chapel the central building of the first three ~~buildings~~ erected. This has been encroached upon and crowded by the increasing material demands until the Spiritual idea seemed to be overshadowed by the material. Today we see the religious ideals of our forefathers emancipated and exalted to this loftier position and embodied in a structure worthy the College and its resplendent history. Here, upon this hilltop it will, by the outlines and symmetry of its architecture, proclaim that this College believes in God, in the supremacy of righteousness, in the creation of a safe, sane and just society, the triumph of justice, the transcendent worth of character, the reality of the unseen, and in the immortality of the soul.

Christianity has always been the friend of education. In the middle ages when intellectual life stagnated, the Church kept burning upon the altar of learning the flame of true education. It was the Church that with deep penetrating prevision laid both upon

the Continent of Europe and in Great Britain the foundations of the greatest Universities of the Old World. The history of education in America is but a repetition of the story of the leadership of the Church in the promotion of sound learning.

Even today, among the more than 360 colleges reported by the Commissioner of Education in the United States, only 30 are known to be secular in their origin and management. On the other hand, education has not always given due place to that for which the Church stands and sometimes has tried to rule it out as antagonistic.

In this Chapel education and religion will meet upon common ground and none can say to the other "I have no need of thee." Education will lift religion from the realm of sentiment into the sphere of intelligence, and religion will save education from provincial narrowness, + self-destructive, arrogance.

There are two kinds of education, that which culminates in the accumulation of knowledge, and that which imparts constructive power

through the creation of character. Both are necessary for the development of a broad and balanced manhood and womanhood. The library, the halls of science and history and philosophy and literature, as well as the gymnasium and the athletic field, are essential parts of a true college. Through these the awakening minds as well as bodies of the students are aroused to effort and made to experience new visions, and arrive at new conclusions regarding the material and intellectual universe. But education must take cognizance of the fact that above the body and the mind of man there presides a spiritual self whose capacity for growth is boundless and through whose reaction character becomes self-assertive. This superior self can find its satisfaction only in an atmosphere of spiritual ideas and in the realm of spirit. It is that part of man which reaches out after God and in its searching cries, "Oh that I knew where I might find Him."

This chapel will provide for the generations of students and faculties of this college that to

which the other buildings cannot minister. To this place all will turn in order to experience the reality of the unseen, to satisfy the thirst of the soul for God.

Though this college have all resources so as to be superior to every financial want, though its faculty surpass all others in recognized intellectual and pedagogical supremacy, though it impart all knowledge and all wisdom in every department of modern education, though its researches be as broad as the universe and as boundless as time, yet, if its supreme purpose be not to create Christian character it will become a national menace and an intellectual monstrosity.

Throughout the East religion is interwoven with the daily concerns of all. It is this that has saved society from chaotic dissolution through the unrestrained passions of evil men by casting about them the restraining influences of a ~~genuine~~ religious belief. Only we Christians are inclined to question the place of religion in shaping character and in

the creation of ideas and ideals that ~~shall~~ should dominate. Religion is the greatest concern of all races and conditions of men in all the world. It calls out the greatest sacrifices, inspires the most astounding heroism, commands the largest army of devotees, and exercises a more resistless sway than all physical and intellectual ideals and forces combined.

We are here today concerned with the erection of a structure that will stand, not only for a religion, but for that religion whose supremacy is acknowledged by all others and whose beneficent sway means purity of thought and purpose, perfection of character, and self-sacrificing service for humanity. The building to be erected on this spot is exalted above the gymnasium as the soul is exalted above the body; above the library as the oracles of God written upon the human heart are above the printed words of men; above the halls of science, art, philosophy and history, as the author and creator is above that which he has created; superior to all that human vision can grasp as

the unseen, eternal God is exalted above that which is temporal.

We then, the Trustees of this College, on behalf of ~~them~~ourselves and ~~their~~ our successors, in the name of the generations of students it will serve, in full recognition of the supreme importance of such a religious center to the life of the institution, and in loving memory of him whose name this structure is to bear, gratefully accept at your hand this Chapel as we pledge ourselves to safeguard to the limit of our capacity the gift and the ideals it is intended to perpetuate.

by Prof C B Wright

Mr. President, Doctor and Mrs. Mead, and friends of the College here gathered:-

The most beautiful stories of the world are those of fulfilled desire, and it is to the opening chapter of such a story that we have come today. I esteem it a peculiar privilege that it falls to me - as an older member, not a better; as one who has awaited, not more earnestly but longer, the coming of this hour - to express in however imperfect a fashion the joy of the Faculty in this realization of a cherished hope. That joy is common to us all - to students and alumni, to Trustees, Faculty, and friends - but the deepest satisfaction should be found in the hearts of the Faculty, for the reason that of all these groups it is they who should appreciate most fully our need of the chapel that is here begun. How, indeed, could it be otherwise? They are in daily touch with the college life, as Trustees and Alumni cannot be; and that touch is prolonged, as the undergraduate touch is not, through an ever-increasing number of college generations. I would not minimize others' delight in the great good fortune that we share. The Corporation may well rejoice in this generous benefaction, with its timely and convincing proof of a strength for Middlebury commensurate with her days. Nor will any one question, who knows them well, the happiness of our students in the prospect now unfolding. The thoughts of youth are long, long thoughts. Oftener than the world believes, there is, I doubt not, in student minds, beneath their careless seeming, a wistful longing, an unsatisfied hunger, for the deep things of the Spirit; nor do I doubt that this latest gift has kindled in student hearts a hope,

vague and unformulated, perhaps, but real and rich in promise, that with this chapel there is coming for Middlebury a new and better order in which they are to have a part. All this is true, yet nevertheless it is the Faculty to whom for years the need must have seemed most pressing, and to whom in consequence the splendid possibilities of that new order should reveal themselves most fully.

Archbishop Temple, himself for years a second Arnold at Rugby, said once to one who was reconstructing an ancient grammar school, "If I were making a school, I should create the chapel first of all." There is no true pedagogics in any other plan: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. And I trust that in the truest sense Middlebury College, from the very first, has been built about her chapel; how else account for that bead-roll of her sons whose consecrated service in every field has been for more than a hundred years her chief cause for pride? Nor would I exalt unduly the need of a stately structure for the effective fostering of spiritual life; it needs but the dream of a ladder and of angels ascending and descending on it, to make of even a desert place a veritable house of God and gate of heaven. But the soul, with artist instinct, has ever craved embodiment in form - "For soul is form, and doth the body make", - and vaulted nave and rhythmic hymn are alike the outcome of its Godward aspiration. Such an embodiment should this structure be. Happy this institution if the chapel we have here begun - a chapel whose very lines, I trust, as they rise upon this summit, may prove for us all in the years to come a compelling call to goodness; whose very atmosphere, I trust, may dispose

our hearts to praise - shall be but a fit expression, a symbol in stone, of the mingled strength and beauty of the Middlebury life.

The Faculty thank you, Governor Mead, from profoundly grateful hearts. You have bodied forth our dream of years; you have given to an airy nothing a local habitation - and not the least of our pleasure is the thought that through all the days to be it will bear your honored name.

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RUTLAND DAILY HERALD, WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 24, 1914.

DR. MEAD TURNS SOD FOR "MUDD'S" CHAPEL

Donor of New Structure Gives Address on Chapel at Middlebury.

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RALD, WEDNESDAY MORNING

DR. MEAD TURNS SOD FOR 'MIDD'S' CHAPEL

(Continued from Page One.)

ASSOCIATED ALUMNI MEETING.

Former President Brainerd Delivers Annual Address.

The anniversary of the associated alumni was held in the Congregational church at 10.30 o'clock this morning. The large edifice was crowded when ex-Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland took his seat in the presiding chair. Ex-President Alva Brainerd delivered the address of the occasion.

The subject of Dr. Brainerd's address was "Fifty Years of Middlebury College." He sketched the history of the institution from 1866 to 1914 with a brief reference to general conditions.

In speaking of college life during the Civil War he said in part:—

Patriotic College Men.

"The wave of patriotism that swept over the northern states, when our flag was assailed first on Fort Sumter, was wonderful—difficult of comprehension by those who did not actually witness it. And nowhere was it more intense than among the students of Middlebury college. The spirit of adventure hardly at all entered into it.

"The first to enlist was Henry W. Bennett of our class. Before his departure the class gave him a supper at the Addison house, to which we invited Vicen Kellogg. We intended it to be an occasion of good cheer, an enthusiastic send-off. Filled with hope for a successful, glorious and a happy return, but in spite of all our pluck and efforts, a serious mood pervaded the gathering. A sadness which we could hardly at that time—While a few weeks later—on the 26th of June—we got the news of his death at Fortress Monroe, we thought we could interpret our sadness at parting as a premonition that it was to be forever.

"Within two months three more of our class enlisted, Bigley, Emerson and Thomas. A year later eight more enlisted,—Clark, Demarest, Hitchcock, Lewis, Mann, Pringle, Smith, Walker, Williamson. At the close of junior year Gates entered the army and Wood the navy. In all 14 of our class served in the civil war—just half of the total enrollment.

Class of '64 in War.

"But other classes had men ready to serve their country, though none furnished as large a per cent as the class of '64, doubtless in part because the war was in progress during nearly the whole of our college course. From the class that entered in 1861 six enlisted, only one of whom survived for graduation. From the class that entered in 1862 Rev. E. J. Hamilton, captain Kennard, served for a year in the navy; and at the close of the war was promoted to receive his class and to graduate in 1866. From the class of 1865, immediately preceding ours, 11 enlisted out of a total enrollment of 36.

"To these we should add the name of Richard H. Tuttle, who enlisted right after graduation, and became a brilliant officer under Generals Sherman and Thomas. From the class of '63 there left college for the war and never graduated, and eight others enlisted soon after graduation, two of whom were killed in battle at Petersburg, Va., Lieut. Cameron in July, 1864, and Lieut. Col. Baxter a month later.

"The circumstances attending the enlistment of Col. Alonzo P. Walker are interesting. He was the valedictorian of his class. A few days before graduation he joined the 11th Vermont regiment which was being organized at Brattleboro. The regiment made a choice of officers on the forenoon of commencement day, and Walker was elected first lieutenant of company B. There was not nearly time afterward for him to become a college graduate. He graduated at Middlebury the preceding.

"Concerning his own administration and his views for the future of the college, he said:

"On accepting the presidency, I set before me four distinct objects to be accomplished by the close of the century.

College's Growth.

"First, the discipline of the college should become more efficient. The second aim was to improve in every way possible the efficiency of the instruction. My third aim was to increase the enrollment of students. The number that matriculated during the first 10 years of my administration was 253, of which 143 were graduated, a yearly average of 14 1-10 as against a yearly average of nine under Hulbert and Hamlin.

"From those who matriculated during the remaining 13 years of my administration 187 were graduated, a yearly average of 14 5-13.

"My fourth aim was to increase the financial resources. If we may consider the state appropriation amounting to $2,000 annually as equivalent to the income of $50,000, the foundations of the college while I was president amounted to $500,000.

"And now in closing let me express the one of my hopes that under President Thomas, our beloved Alma Mater has made even more rapid strides in prosperity than ever before in her history. . . . We wanted for our president one of our own graduates, and we got him, and truly a good one, but the one of us honored graduates—one who loves Vermont with a patriot's fervor, and is devoted heart and soul to the welfare of his Alma Mater. I say we got him, and he has made good."

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GROUND FOR CHAPEL BROKEN

GIFT OF EX-GOV. J. A. MEAD TO MIDDLEBURY.

Gov. Mead Also Makes Gift of Corner Stone—His Duty To Continue the Work Begun By His Ancestors.

The exercises of commencement week at Middlebury Tuesday centered largely in the ceremony of breaking ground for the Mead memorial chapel, the gift of Former Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland.

A scripture lesson, from the first copy of the Bible brought into the Otter Creek valley, was read. Former President Ezra Brainerd offered the prayer.

Ex-Gov. Mead broke ground for the new chapel and made the presentation of the corner stone. A copy of the Bible was placed in the stone by John Abner Mead Hinsman of Rutland, grandson of the donor.

In his address at the breaking of ground Gov. Mead said:

"These relations, with many others which I will not rehearse, make it specially my duty to continue the noble work which these ancestors inaugurated on the first evening of their arrival in this valley, and thus the thought of being able financially, and of being permitted physically, to erect this chapel has been the source of sincere pleasure to me for the last few months. As I strive to discern the future, I am strengthened, yes, assured, by the many promises of Holy Writ, that the acts of this day performed under such favorable auspices, will be a source of great pleasure to my family, to my friends, and to myself, and I trust it will be "the bread cast upon the waters" which will return to many thousands who will succeed us as members of this college, and through their influence and teaching will remain a blessing to many others living in distant lands and during generations yet to come,—and other thousands who will never know when or where the sacred seed was planted, which grew so abundantly and comforted them and theirs with sacred blessings, and which can only spring from one source."

Rev. James L. Barton, DD., LL. D., of Boston, also a graduate of the college and a member of the board of trustees, delivered an address in accepting the gift from former Gov. Mead. Prof. Charles B. Wright delivered the address in behalf of the student body. The exercises closed with benediction by Rev. Arthur H. Bradford of Rutland.

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Mead Memorial Chapel.

The festivities of commencement week centered largely in the ceremony of breaking ground for the Mead memorial chapel at 2:00 p. m., the gift of former Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland. The exercises of laying the corner stone were very impressive.

A scripture lesson, from the first copy of the Bible brought into the Otter Valley, was read. Former President Ezra Brainerd offered the prayer.

Ex-Gov. Mead then broke ground for the new chapel and made a presentation of the corner stone. A copy of the Bible was placed in the stone by John Abner Mead Hinsman of Rutland, grandson of the donor.

The acceptance of the gift in behalf of the trustees was by Rev. James L. Barton. Prof. Charles B. Wright delivered the address in behalf of the faculty. Homer J. Vail, '14, gave the address in behalf of the student body. The exercises closed with benediction by Rev. Arthur H. Bradford of Rutland.

At 4:00 o'clock came the ball game between the Chinese University of Hawaii and Middlebury, resulting in a score of 7 to 2 in favor of Middlebury.

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THREE-YEAR-OLD PARTICIPATES.

Ex-Gov. Mead's Grandson Helps to Break Ground for Mead Memorial.

An interesting episode in connection with the ceremonies of breaking ground for the Mead Memorial chapel at Middlebury last week was the placing in the corner stone of a copper box, hermetically sealed, by John Abner Mead Hinsman, three-year-old grandson of the donor. This box contained a copy of the Holy Bible, a national silk flag, copies of the Rutland Daily Herald of June 16, 1914, Rutland Evening News of June 25, 1914, and the Middlebury College Campus of June 20, 1914, containing descriptive articles upon the nature and offering of the gift, and also a program of the Middlebury college commencement exercises for 1914, the speech of former Gov. Mead upon the auspicious occasion and the cards of the family, Dr. and Mrs. John Abner Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Hinsman and John Abner Mead Hinsman.

In the ceremony of breaking the sod for the foundation of the edifice, ex-Gov. Mead, assisted by his grandson, who, with a spade the handle of which was decorated with blue and white ribbon, the colors of the college, worked with a will amid the applause of the audience.

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Rutland, Vt., May 18, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

You said something about trouble in getting more than one architect to figure on the chapel. I confess what you said had startled me a little bit and I have taken a little pains to ascertain if there was anything specially unusual existing among architects, and this afternoon have learned that there is a perfect combination among many of the leading architects that if one has been called upon "to figure", that no other member of that society will make drawings or estimates without there is really a combination between them, and whatever the second man does is fully known to the first. You may be aware of this arrangement, but I must confess it was new to me, and I probably should not have learned of the same had it not been for the stray remark which you made. This then is the situation. I write to advise you of this condition and also to ask if you were advised of the same before?

With best wishes, I am,

Yours truly,

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Doctor John A. Mead,

Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I have just received a very interesting letter from Professor Hamlin, head of the School of Architecture at Columbia University, who is a son of Doctor Cyrus Hamlin, former president of Middlebury. Personally I feel very grateful to Doctor Hamlin for the careful attention which he has given to our problem and I feel that his letter contains very wholesome advice and much useful information.

I should think now the best thing would be to wait for the revised sketches from Allen & Collens, which they promised us next week, and then have a meeting of the committee with the faculty advisory committee. I expect Professor Wright to be back not later than next Monday. I shall be glad of your judgment on this point or any other matters connected with Professor Hamlin's letter and the general subject.

Faithfully yours,

June 15, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 13th and in accordance therewith I will take pleasure in inviting Judge Weeks to serve with us on the committee for the erection of the Mead Memorial Chapel.

I earnestly hope we shall be able to come to a clear judgment as to the kind of building we wish to erect during the commencement meetings, in order that we may proceed with the preparation of working plans and specifications and get the building well started during the summer. I am leaving for Worcester this noon and if possible will get to Boston and have another interview with Mr. Collens.

The more I think of the idea which I spoke to you about the other day with reference to President Brainerd, the more appropriate the suggestion seems to me and I think I shall confer with some of the other trustees.

Faithfully yours,

P.S. Will you arrange with Mr. Bradford to pronoune the benediction at the exercises on the afternoon of Tuesday June 23rd? If it would be inconvenient, of course we can easily get some one else, but I thought he might enjoy being here and it would be appropriate for him to have a place on the program.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

Rutland, Vt., June 16, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I have just received yours of the 15th and note that you would suggest of Judge Wicks accepting our invitation as a member of the building committee. I regret that I did not think of this before, but whenever I have been in Middlebury it has been a good deal of a hurry to return as quickly as possible, that business would not pile up on me here at the factory, and I have thought, as I stated in former letter, many a time of your suggestion as to Judge Wicks and I certainly thought it was advisable. I shall be delighted to have him with us.

As to the completing of the plans, I am just as anxious as you and would be more than pleased to have this building started at the earliest moment possible, though I do hope that we will not regret what we undertake, and when the plans are acceptable, then for us to find some contractor as quickly as possible.

As to Doctor Brainerd taking a part in the laying of the corner-stone, etc., it would be very pleasing to me.

I will endeavor to take up the subject of Mr. Bradford's being present.

I think I have not yet seen the announcement of the hour when the laying of the corner stone will be held. Several have asked me, but I could not tell them.

Thanking you for this information, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

John A. Howe

P. S. I have just had a talk with Mr. Bradford and he states

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to believe that they were pleased with what they saw.

We do not know whether it is this that you have in mind, but if so, we shall highly appreciate anything you may do in our behalf.

With warm personal regards, I am

Very respectfully,

J. G. Kotz

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July 27th, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vt.

Dear Governor:-

Yours of the 24th is received. In reply to your question, we are the largest manufacturers of full line of dairy apparatus including centrifugal cream separators, churns, butter workers, cream vats, etc., in New England at the present time or ever has been as far as my knowledge goes.

Our leading product at the present time as you are aware is the United States Cream Separator which holds the World's Record in efficiency in skimming. This record has been won in contests lasting for 30 days with the leading centrifugal separators of the world.

In the line of maple sap evaporators I think we are entitled to be classed the largest in that line in New England. We held the original patents of the tortuous channel, but since the patents have run out we have had a good many immitations.

You ask if we are larger than D. H. Burrell & Co. Yes, I think we are certainly twice as large as they are in the creamery line. D. H. Burrell & Co. are the leading men in cheese apparatus in the country and so far as my knowledge goes, there is no other Company in the United States that can compare in that particular line. We do not make cheese apparatus.

If there is any particular point that you desire to know about if you will specify, I will be pleased to answer if I am able to.

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your gift to Middlebury College of the Mead Memorial Chapel. I think that was a grand thing for you to do and I am very glad that men of public spirit like yourself use their money for such purposes.

With kind regards to Mrs. Mead and yourself,

Very respectfully,

N. G. Williams

M.J.P.

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

Rutland, Vt., Aug. 20, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I have just received a package of blue prints from Allen & Collens and some specifications pertaining to the same. I have no doubt but what they have sent you duplicate copies of everything that was mailed to me. I have not had time to consider them even for a moment with our Mr. Lyman, but shall do so at my very first opportunity. We are sadly behind in our new building, which we hoped would be finished by Sept. 1st certainly, and now if it is finished by Dec. 1st I am sure we will be very fortunate. There have been so many delays that I have almost despaired of completing same before severe cold weather is upon us.

I wrote you some time since with reference to the by-laws governing the architects of this country and I believe I have not heard from you with reference to the same. I infer that you are having a pleasant outing on your island and that you and yours are enjoying life to the very limit.

With very kind regards to Mrs. Thomas and your family, and with best wishes to you all, I remain,

Yours most respectfully,

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

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Rutland, Vt., Aug. 26, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I have yours of the 25th referring particularly to the new drawings, etc. I surely wish that we could get this thing out of the way and fully started, if such a thing is possible under present conditions, though I have felt that we were so late that we should not be able to do very much this season. I have wondered why it was that the architects delayed so long in their plans. Surely we are losing all the best of the year. As you state, it is now nearly two months since the original plans were approved. Possibly we might get in the foundation this year and if we had a proper contract made and everything buttoned up, so to speak, we would have everything in shape to move off rapidly in the spring.

We have had here in our factory one misfortune after another following us until we are in all kinds of trouble just at present.

Shall be pleased to hear from you when it is convenient for you and President Brainerd to come down.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

John A. Howe

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Middlebury Register (Middlebury, Vermont) · Fri, Oct 2, 1914 · Page 5

A meeting of the trustees of Middlebury college was held Wednesday evening. The following were present: President John M. Thomas, Dr. Ezra Brainerd, ex-Gov. John A. Mead, Judge John E. Weeks, Frank E. Partridge and J. W. Abernethy. Architect Charles Collens of Boston was present in connection with matters concerning the new Mead memorial chapel.

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October 27, 1914.

Governor John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor;

I find your letter with Mr. Nelson's on my return to Middlebury. I hope we can use his slate when the time comes.

I have heard from Mr. Collens an reply to the letter which we sent the other day. They are anxious to have us go ahead and install the concrete foundations this fall, so that the detailed drawings may be prepared during the winter and also the material assembled, so that rapid progress can be made in the spring.

In answer to the question about supervision they say that that is one-sixth of the total fee, i.e. 1% of the total cost of the building. They argue strongly that we do not dispense with their supervision . Perhaps I had better quote you just what they say:-

"You ask about the architect supervision. The supervision of the building is about one-sixth the total fee. We are very sorry, however, that this question is brought up. Not from a financial standpoint but because this has been tried once or twice in our office and has never been successful. On such jobs there have always been any number of questions relating to detail, coloring, grading, finish, etc. which have always come up, and which resulted most unsatisfactorily because of the lack of direct supervision. In a monumental building of this character there is no question but what you will find it necessary to call upon usffor considerable personal supervision although the structural part can without doubt be taken care of by yourselves. We should be glad to make some arrangement with you by which we would charge independently for every trip that you might find it necessary for us to make, but we strongly

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advise that you reconsider this matter, and allow us to turn over to you a building of which we ourselves would feel in every respect satisfied."

I am inclined to think that Mr. Collens is right abdut this matter and that we would need him at certain times during the construction. I doubt if he would be obligedto make many trips, perhaps not as many as he has made already in working out the plans. It is true that we could get supervision cheaper as far as strength of construction is concerned, but this is a memorial building, and the beauty and artistic qualities are matters of the first importance. I am inclined to think Rogers would really need the help of the architect in putting through some of the work as it ought to be done. It is of course for you to decide, but I hope you will feel that we can save the money in other things.

I wish very much you would be willing to right away to authorize Rogers to proceed at least with the excavation and foundation. That would be the same whatever we decide on some of these questions, and I have no doubt Rogers would name a figure for that part of the work.

Faithfully yours,

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

Rutland, Vt., Oct. 30, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I received your favor of the 27th inst. and have read the same over several times and hardly know what response to make. I note that you have heard from Mr. Collens and he is anxious to proceed with the building. That is very natural. I rode in the seat with Mr. Rogers to Brandon the other night and had a long talk with him. He is anxious to take the contract, but I do feel that you could make a better one than he has named, although I asked him if he would be willing to go ahead with the foundation part this fall, and he said very plainly, no. He said that before we knew it we should have freezing weather and that would be worse when attempting a concrete foundation. I had been hoping that we might by some means get the foundation in this year and would be perfectly willing so to do at this very moment. I can but recall Mr. Collens' statement when he was with us at commencement - that he would have the plans all complete in from four to six weeks, and you realize the length of time which expired before we could get them. I do not like this feature of it for a moment. It seems as though he was holding us off.

As regards the architect's supervision, my special thought at present is to be able to have the building erected within the $60,000 limit, because, to be frank with you, I have felt that this was the very farthest that I could go. You will recall that when we spoke about this in New York, I said from $50,000 to $60,000. I was hoping,

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naturally, that we might limit it to the $50,000, but the size of the building, etc., very naturally has carried it beyond that point; but I do feel that I must draw the line on the $60,000 and leave the building all in first class shape. The moment you can make contracts which will cover this and cover the little details pertaining to the same, I shall be as much delighted as you will. It is with this end in view that we were trying to cut down some expenses.

You will remember that Mr. Rogers told me that he would send me the bill of the timber at once so that the same could be purchased. I have already virtually contracted for this lumber and have written Mr. Rogers already asking for the bill to which he referred, but have not heard from him. If you gentlemen in Middlebury feel that you have got this expense account down to that point where we surely can land within the $60,000, I am perfectly willing to step one side and have nothing further to do with it, it being understood that the general features of the building should remain about as has been already specified. I will not stand in the way in any respect for a moment. So do not say that what is or is not done is "for me to decide."

Referring again to Mr. Collens' general supervision, his statement that he could arrange to have a fixed sum which he would charge when he came for advice, I should think would be desirable.

In this connection, I would state that we are now in this political fight up to our eyes and I trust that you will appreciate that one thought I had in mind, was to have somebody in the senate who would be friendly to our college, and Mr. Hinsman was the man. I have already had a long talk with Doctor Wright of Brandon, who will without doubt be elected to the senate, and he is entirely in sympathy with us. We are having quite a

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struggle here in Rutland as between the progressives and the democrats, but I feel that we are quite sure to win out, although the fight is desperate. It is for this reason that every single moment has been occupied and let the results be what they will, I shall be perfectly satisfied with the verdict of the people. Then I shall have more time to take up these other subjects.

I wish you and Messrs. Brainerd and Weeks would thoroughly consider this subject and I assure you I shall join you most heartily in anything which would hasten the construction of the chapel and leave the same within the limits we have mentioned.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

John O. Mead

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY, VT.

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Ans Postal

November 5, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I have received your letter of March 4th and also the one of October 30th. I am obliged to go to Boston tonight or I would try to see you in Rutland, with Mr. Rogers tomorrow. I think we ought to get together next week and I will try to arrange it. In the meantime I will ask Mr. Rogers what is his figure for the excavation and foundations, and if we decide that is right, we can tell him to go ahead on that part, completing further arrangements later. I am sure we are agreed in our feeling that the building must be brought within $60,000, but we all want to get the most that we can within that figure. It may be necessary to leave off the marble in the rear wall, and I think I would rather do that than change the front. I will try to have some more information on the subject for our meeting next week.

I was very much pleased with Mr. Hinsman's election and by such a large vote. It must be very gratifying to you all that he ran so well ahead of the ticket. We elected Judge Weeks here by a handsome majority and I hope he will be successful in getting the speakership. It seems to me that the results of the elections are quite gratifying all the way around. Certainly you in Rutland County are to be congratulated.

Faithfully yours,

Jas M Thomas.

November 10, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I have not been altogether idle on the chapel matter although I have not been able to get to see you, as I had hoped to do. I had to be in Boston Saturday and had quite a talk with Mr. Collens. He finally agreed to take off $600 from his figure for the architects' commission, bringing that to $3200. This would include four trips to Middlebury during the erection of the building. If we did not need him to come that many times, we would save $50 on each trip. On the other hand if we needed him more, he would charge $50 per trip, which would include his expenses. I do not believe we would want him more than four times during the construction.

Mr. Rogers was here this morning and we went over possible savings with Judge Weeks. I think we can find a way to make some reductions. Mr. Rogers is to give us a figure for dark marble in place of white from the ground to the top of the base course. I think this would look just as well and would save us some money.

He will also give us a figure for omitting some of the excavation which he thinks unnecessary.

We asked him also to find how much less it would cost if we used rough random ashlar instead of finished marble. I should rather hate to do this but there may be no other way to get the building down to where we want it.

Rogers also offers to do the job at the cost of materials and labor plus five percent, with a guarantee that the cost will not exceed the sum named, $54,806. I think it would be wise, when we

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get around to make the contract, to do it in this way. We cannot lose anything and might save quite a little.

As soon as I hear about some of these things I will try to let you know and shall be glad to get the matter settled.

Faithfully yours,

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

Rutland, Vt., Nov. 25, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

Yours of the 24th I find on my return to town and I am delighted to learn that there is a prospect of saving quite a snug sum on our contracts and I felt very sure that we could do so. If we jump at a man's first figures, we generally find ourselves left before we get through dealing with him.

I sincerely wish that Mr. Partridge could see his way clear to meet the price of stone which is made by the western people, and when we realize the difference in freight rate, it does seem as though they could do so.

I shall hope to see you on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning of next week without fail. I am pleased to learn that you are to be with us and shall surely endeavor to be present if I am in town.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

Edwin A. Head

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Rutland Daily Herald (Rutland, Vermont) · Wed, Dec 9, 1914 · Page 10

Former Gov. John A. Mead was in Middlebury yesterday to meet the committee in charge of the Mead memorial chapel donated by the Rutland man to Middlebury college.

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Mrs. Mead and myself agree to have the windows in the chapel (two on either side) and to have the ten pilasters (five on either side), same to be built in accordance with the original plans shown in photo number 1 as to bases and caps and width, and we are to pay $1031 for the same in addition to the original gift of $60,000. The trustees agree to finish the chapel as agreed and to instal a pipe organ to cost at least $5000.

(Signed) John A. Mead

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Rutland, Vt.

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Boston Evening Transcript (Boston, Massachusetts) · Thu, Apr 8, 1915 · Page 16

MIDDLEBURY'S 100 YEARS

OLD TRADITIONS PRESERVED IN NEW CHAPEL

A Building of the New England Meeting-House Type to Adorn the Campus—Construction Work Has Already Begun—The College and Its Century of Ups and Downs

BY JOHN M. THOMAS
President of Middlebury College

IN a quiet, old-fashioned town on the Champlain side of the Green Mountain State just half-way between the Massachusetts line and Canada, is a New England college with a unique history, which has preserved for over a century a consistent loyalty to the old New England type of college architecture. Founded in 1800, as the first institution to begin college instruction in Vermont, a popular, democratic community enterprise, entirely non-sectarian, Middlebury College took possession of its first permanent building just a century ago. It was a plain, but graceful and dignified, college hall, strictly Colonial in type, not unlike Hollis and Stoughton in the Harvard yard, but with an added beauty from the gray limestone of which it was constructed. It still stands on the campus, flanked and shaded by stately elms and maples. During its hundred years of service it has never been closed, and it still an important element in the college plant—it has furnished academic rooms, halls for recitations, administration offices, and under the vigorous administration of Cyrus Hamlin it even housed the library and provided a gymnasium.

Middlebury has had a checkered history, with more ups and downs than most New England institutions. During the first forty years it was easily the leading college in Vermont, and in that period graduated nearly twice the number of its neighbor, the University of Vermont at Burlington. One year its senior class exceeded that of Harvard, and in 1817 Middlebury's president, Henry Davis, declined a call to Yale because of the larger opportunity he believed the Vermont institution afforded him. Just before the turn of the half-century fortune was not so kindly, and the college was just beginning to recover when the Civil War nearly emptied here its halls and its treasury.

New buildings were few and far between, but the "chapel," chiefly a recitation hall, constructed in 1836, ranks well with the earlier structure as one of the best examples of Colonial architecture in New England. Starr Hall, erected in 1861, is a bit more crude, but harmonizes well with the other structures and completes a college "row," which is still the fairest part of the campus.

Perhaps it was fortunate that Middlebury had no building fund in the 70s and '80s, the barbaric period in American college architecture. The next building did not come until 1900, a library of classic outline, built of clear white marble from the famous quarries of the vicinity. The same style and material were followed in the Warner Science Hall in 1905. Middlebury has had a building revival since 1908, and four large buildings have followed each other in rapid succession, all in Colonial architecture.

The Chapel a Problem

The proposal of ex-Governor John A. Mead to erect a chapel for Middlebury in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation presented a difficult problem to the college. Local influences called for "something different," Gothic, or at least Romanesque. The impossibility of a "beautiful service" in a structure of New England type was urged strongly. Photographs of many an imitation cathedral on American campuses were pressed for consideration.

On the other hand, in his letter of gift ex-Governor Mead had said, "I have in mind a dignified and substantial structure, in harmony with the other buildings of the college, and expressive of the stability and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the State of Vermont have always been distinguished." He asked that the chapel to bear his name might "rise from the highest point of the campus, as a symbol of the position, most prominent in every respect, which Christian character and religious faith should always maintain in its work for our youth."

The problem was submitted to Allen & Collens, the architects, and they advised strongly that ex-Governor Mead's suggestion of "harmony with the other buildings of the college" be strictly followed. They have designed a chapel of the New England meeting-house type on the exterior, all in white marble, but with a wooden spire. The interior, however, in order to recall the more ecclesiastical effect of the Gothic type will follow the colonial note in detail. The woodwork of the chancel, ceiling and pews will all be birch, stained a dark color. By this means the objection to the colonial has been successfully met. The chapel will occupy a commanding location on the grounds on the highest crest of the campus, from which point there is a wide panorama of the Green Mountains and the valley of Otter Creek. On the architrave over the colonnade will be appropriately inscribed "The Strength of the Hills is His Also."

Work has been begun on the building and it is hoped that by Commencement time enough of the structure will be completed to enable the alumni to judge of its final possibilities.

A "Meeting-House" for Middlebury

(Allen & Collens, Boston, Architects)

Return to Early New England Architecture in College's New Chapel, the Gift of Ex-Governor Mead of Vermont.

TUFTS JUNIOR DAY MAY 13

The Usual Social and Athletic Programme Being Arranged—Western Trip for Musical Clubs

The class of 1916 at Tufts will celebrate Junior Day, Thursday, May 13. College exercises will be suspended on that date and the whole day will be given over to the programme for which elaborate preparations are being made. The first event will be the flag raising followed by the parade of the "Horribles, which consists of members of the two lower classes, dressed in varied fantastic and grotesque costumes. Then will come a tennis match between the varsity team and Bowdoin and possibly some exhibition singles matches. Between the tennis matches and the Bowdoin-Tufts baseball game in the afternoon all the fraternities will entertain at luncheon in the different chapter houses. After the game a "sing" will be held either in the Gymnasium or on the "Hex." At six the Junior Day supper will be served, during which there will be music and dancing. "The Money Question," a comedy by Alexander Dumas, Fils, will be given in the evening in Jackson Gymnasium under the auspices of the Three P's Dramatic Society.

Long Trip for Musical Clubs

The schedule of nine concerts for the Western trip of the Musical Clubs has just been announced by Manager Melvin J. Messer, '15. The clubs will go as far west as Detroit, giving concerts in New York, Brooklyn, Schenectady, Buffalo, Detroit and Pittsburgh. At a recent meeting of the clubs, N. W. Morrison, '16, was elected assistant manager and Henry Priest, '15, was chosen secretary for the remainder of the year.

The last of the series of College teas will be held tomorrow from four until six. Professor and Mrs. Charles E. Fay will receive. These teas have proved very popular through the season and a large attendance is expected. Students from both Tufts and Jackson are invited.

The Sigma Tau Alpha fraternity are giving a house party this evening at the chapter house on College avenue. The entertainment will be music, games and whist. The guests are Professor and Mrs. George F. Ashley and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bacon of Malden. The committee in charge is Harold S. Hamilton, '16, Lewis A. Tentler, '17, Raymond C. Taylor, '16, and Edward Burns, '18.

OTTOMAN TERRITORY

The Ottoman Empire is made up of Turkey in Europe—the strip of territory stretching across from the Black Sea to the Adriatic—and Turkey in Asia, which includes Arabia, Syria and Palestine, and provinces in the isles of Samos and Cyprus are also under the sultan's rule. [New York Tribune.]

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THE NEW CHAPEL.

Colonial Architecture to be Followed. Impressive Interior Planned. Description from the Boston Transcript.

Through the courtesy of the Middlebury University the Register is able to reproduce a picture of the Mead Memorial chapel and the following description of it by President Thomas, which appeared in the Transcript April 8:

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The problem was committed to Allen & Collens, the architects, and they set conscientiously to work to harmonize Mead's suggestion of "harmony with the other buildings of the college" in colonial character. They have designed a chapel of the New England meeting-house type on the exterior, as he wrote specific, but with a modern spire. The interior, however, is made to emphasize more substantial effect of the Doric type and forms the essential unity to the fact. The wood work of the chapel, ceiling and pews will be in white, without a color effect. By this means the objection to the colonial has been overcome in part. The chapel will occupy a commanding position on the grounds on the highest point of the campus. Trees which point there in a dark panorama of the Green Mountains and the valley of Otter Creek. On the architecture over the surroundings will be primarily functional "The Strength of the Hills is Its Men."

Work has been begun on the building and it is hoped that by Commencement time enough of the structure will be completed to realize the genius is judge of the final possibilities.

The inheritance of the church of the new United had called attention to Middlebury College, and the decision to make use of the old New England Meeting House as a model has brought forth some very favorable notices. The Boston Globe, Transcript, &c., suggests that the Middlebury chapel may "mark a revolutionary in church architecture." The editorial is as follows:—

ARCHITECTURE OF THE MEETING HOUSE

A tribute to the architecture of a bygone or some years ago in New England is paid by the decision that Governor John A. Mead chapel at Middlebury College, Vermont, shall be after the style of the early New England meeting house. This decision may mark a New England consciousness in church architecture. There is nothing more clearly characteristic of time and place than the type of church which it is proposed to reproduce at Middlebury. We have hitherto borrowed indiscriminately from the Gothic, the Romanesque, the classical, the Italian, Spanish and Moorish styles of a Greek temple, and even a church of the Christopher Wren order.

Without the attempt the building seems to consort with the excellent examples of the colonial which has since copied in many American public buildings of substantial use, but it would lend the meeting house distinction. The meeting-p is to of merits and the simple of mind. Whether or not this diversity of materials will not prove to lend to being accept the meeting house will have to be determined.

Neither of the old meeting houses in New England are left to lend some from relieve a monotonous or uninspired, but there are still hundreds of specimens which support the style adopted for the Mead Chapel.

The college group at Middlebury is strongly characterized by variety of architectural style, and the plans of the trustees looking to the gift of Mr. Mead's estimated the wish that the new building should harmonize with the other buildings. President Thomas of the college has remarked that the interpretation to harmonize is a fine and so fitting for building in the structure and sentiment which Governor Mead has in his heart. Some are therefore strongly sympathetic with Governor Mead's filing for a harmonious group with the result of the entirely adoption of the colonial meeting house type.

The Register, a forty paper of New Haven, Conn., gives unanimous approval to Governor Mead's judgment and congratulates the inhabitants of Middlebury on the establishment of the college building. Its comments on the new Chapel are as follows:—

A COLLEGE "MEETING-HOUSE."

The Green Mountain of New England environment well, if he is just go out of his way to pay a tribute to the independent of neighborhood John A. Mead of Vermont in supporting hence since the new chapel on Middlebury campus, which is to accompany.

SUDBURY

Members of Sudbury Grange will give the play, "The Village School Marm," through the Parochial, Tuesday evening, April 27.

The Monument meeting was held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Hayden.

Dr. D. D. Colby is in Bangor.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Gates and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hosmer of East Middlebury were guests Sunday at W. Hosmer's.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hydeman of Orwell visited relatives preparatory for Decoration exercises.

A game of ball was played last Saturday between the North and South Sudbury teams. The score was 19 to 11 in favor of North Sudbury.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. Moses Sullivan were Thursday evening visitors.

Mrs. William Dubois is visiting her brother, Elmer Cook, and family in Proctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hayden of Brandon and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Foster were W. Hosmer's Sunday. Mrs. Hosmer underwent an operation at Mary Fletcher Hospital Wednesday.

The regular meeting of Sudbury Grange was held Thursday evening, April 22.

A ball game took place on Decoration day between Sudbury and Hydeville—a score the Sudbury team. Every Register will pay from all middle on the lines and leaving all of drug stores—only.

STARKSBORO

Mrs. J. F. Gifford, who was recently operated on at the State Fletcher Hospital, is getting along fine.

Edward Hosmer, who has been in with pneumonia, is better.

Mrs. R. H. Wales is home.

Verne Hicks has rented John Gates' farm and he and his family will move to Starksboro.

The chapel makers are gathering their tools.

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CELEBRATES MIDD.'S GOOD FORTUNE.

Cup Presented to Judge Weeks by Students at Big Gathering. Many Guests Present.

Undergraduates, faculty, alumni, member of the State legislature and friends of Middlebury College filled McCullough gymnasium on the evening of Friday, April 9th, the occasion of Middlebury's celebration of the termination of the two years period of uncertainty and anxiety through which the college has successfully passed. The determination of the Educational Commission that all three Vermont colleges were on a par and equally entitled to State support; the endorsement, by the State, of Middlebury's educational

JUDGE JOHN E. WEEKS.

policy; the generous appropriation of $28,800, annually, for carrying on her work were matters which inspired the gathering. As President Thomas expressed it, the friends of Middlebury had assembled for two purposes: first to "celebrate" and second to say "thank you."

President Thomas opened the exercises with a very masterly address in which he skillfully outlined the struggle through which the college had passed; the perils with which the position of the college was beset; the policy of the college throughout the period and particularly during the legislative battle recently concluded. Doctor Thomas gave a clean cut exposition of how Middlebury had met the situation, and how she had not only won, but has, in addition, made many warm friends throughout the commonwealth. In the course of his remarks Doctor Thomas stated that the action of the legislature marked the close of an epoch in the history of Middlebury; that the college had passed through a period in which its institutional life and its relation to the State and other institutions had been in jeopardy, but were now safe and secure. He pointed out the importance of the decision of Judge Watson that all three colleges were "private institutions on a par" and he carefully traced the steps

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CELEBRATES GOOD FORTUNE.

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in the struggle which were fraught with danger of cutting off one third of Middlebury's total income. Dr. Thomas in conclusion stated that the close of an epoch found the three Vermont colleges "sisters on absolute equality" and that the historic educational policy of the State had been vindicated.

President Thomas was greeted with such applause that it was some moments before he could make his voice heard to introduce the next speaker, George W. Stone, '99, member of the legislature from Vergennes. Representative Stone paid a warm tribute to President Thomas and attributed the remarkable success of Middlebury in the State legislature to the personalities and influence of the two men—President Thomas and Judge Weeks. He congratulated the college on her success and expressed his pleasure, as one of her sons, of having had the privilege of assisting his alma mater.

Judge Foote, member of the legislature from Cornwall, was the next speaker, "than whom" said Doctor Thomas, "Middlebury had no more loyal or firmer friend." Judge Foote was in a happy frame of mind and attested his great pleasure in the success of Middlebury, and the generous feeling toward her throughout the State.

President Thomas then called upon Senator Hinsman, of Rutland, who arose in acknowledgment, as did Coach Murch who was next called upon.

In a few appropriate words, President Thomas then addressed Judge Weeks, presenting him with a beautiful loving cup, the gift of the students of Middlebury College in appreciation of his efforts in their behalf during the recent session of the State legislature. Doctor Thomas said that he would let the cup convey what he himself was unable to express.

Judge Weeks expressed his gratitude to the student body and accepted the gift in the spirit with which it was tendered. He attested to his profound interest in the students and the college itself. Judge Weeks thought that Middlebury had seen her darkest days; referred to her as now being one of the brightest lights within the State, and was pleased that thirty-four of her present senior class planned to serve the State in an educational capacity. He retold, from a different angle, what the college had successfully passed through and stated that Middlebury College was in the forefront in the legislature of 1916.

Judge Weeks then presented President Thomas with the pen with which Governor Gates had signed the bill appropriating $28,800 annually to the college.

Governor Mead was the final speaker and in very happy fashion recounted the progress on the new chapel; expressed his extreme joy in the latest success of the college and worked in a very fitting tribute to the skill and leadership of both President Thomas and Judge Weeks. Governor Mead kept the audience in good humor with his usual witty stories, and in conclusion predicted greater influence and usefulness for the college in the years to come.

President Thomas then took occasion to express his gratitude to the faculty, students and members of the legislature after which all partook of refreshments served by a committee from the women's college. The college band contributed selections and a social time was enjoyed.

MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

Colonial Architecture to be Followed. Impressive Interior Planned. Description from the Boston Transcript.

In a quiet, old-fashioned town on the Champlain side of the Green Mountain State, just half-way between the Massachusetts line and Canada, is a New England college with a unique history, which has preserved for over a century a consistent loyalty to the old New England type of college architecture. Founded in 1800, as the first institution to begin college instruction in Vermont, a popular, democratic community enterprise, entirely non-sectarian, Middlebury College took possession of its first permanent building just a century ago. It was a plain, but graceful and dignified, college hall, strictly Colonial in type, not unlike Hollis and Stoughton in the Harvard yard, but with an added beauty from the gray limestone of which it was constructed. It still stands on the campus, flanked and shaded by stately elms and maples. During its hundred years of service—it has never been closed, and is still an important element in the college plant—it has furnished students' rooms, halls for recitation, administrative offices, and under the vigorous administration of Cyrus Hamlin it even housed the library and provided a gymnasium.

Middlebury has had a checkered history, with more ups and downs than most New England institutions. During the first forty years it was easily the leading college in Vermont, and in that period graduated nearly twice the number of its neighbor, the University of Vermont at Burlington. One year its senior class exceeded that of Harvard, and in 1817 Middlebury's president, Henry Davis, declined a call to Yale because of the larger opportunity he believed the Vermont institution afforded him. Just before the turn of the half-century fortune was not so kindly, and the college was just beginning to recover when the Civil War nearly emptied both its halls and its treasury.

New buildings were few and far between, but the "chapel," chiefly a recitation hall, completed in 1836, ranks well with the earlier structures as one of the best examples of Colonial architecture in New England. Starr Hall, erected in 1861, is a bit more crude, but harmonizes well with the other structures and completes a college "row," which is still the fairest part of the campus.

Perhaps it was fortunate that Middlebury had no building fund in the '70s and '80s, the barbaric period in American college architecture. The next building did not come until 1900, a library of classic outline, built of clear white marble from the famous quarries of the vicinity. The same style and material were followed in the Warner Science Hall in 1902. Middlebury has had a building revival since 1908, and four large buildings have followed each other in rapid succession, all in Colonial architecture.

The proposal of ex-Governor John A. Mead to erect a chapel for Middlebury in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation presented a difficult problem to the college. Local influences called for "something different," Gothic, or at least Romanesque. The impossibility of a "beautiful service" in a structure of New England type was urged strongly. Photographs of many an imitation cathedral on American campuses were pressed for consideration.

On the other hand, in his letter of gift, ex-Governor Mead had said, "I have in mind a dignified and substantial structure, in harmony with the other buildings of the college, and expressive of the simplicity and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the State of Vermont have always been distinguished." He asked that the chapel to bear his name might "rise from the highest point of the campus, as a symbol of the position, most prominent in every respect, which Christian character and religious faith should always maintain in its work for our youth."

The problem was submitted to Allen & Collens, the architects, and they advised strongly that ex-Governor Mead's suggestion of "harmony with the other buildings of the college" be strictly followed. They have designed a chapel of the New England meeting-house type on the exterior, all in white marble, but with a wooden spire. The interior, however, in order to recall the more ecclesiastical effect of the Gothic type will follow the colonial only in detail. The wood work of the chancel, ceiling and pews will all be birch, stained a dark color. By this means the objection to the colonial has been successfully met. The chapel will occupy a commanding location on the grounds on the highest crest of the campus, from which point there is a wide panorama of the Green Mountains and the valley of Otter creek. On the architrave over the colonnade will be properly inscribed "The Strength of the Hills is His Also."

Work has been begun on the building and it is hoped that by Commencement time enough of the structure will be completed to enable the alumni to judge of its final possibilities.

The Hartford Conference.

The eleventh annual conference of Eastern college men was held under the auspices of Andover, Hartford and Union Theological Seminaries March 19-21. There were about one hundred and fifty delegates present among which were seven from Dartmouth, one from Vermont and two from Middlebury. Among the speakers for the occasion were Dean Jacobs of Hartford; Dr. Fitch, President of Andover Academy; Rev. H. S. Coffin of New York city; Rev. R. E. Speer; Dr. S. Parker Cadman of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Dr. Powell, president of Hobart college. Dr. John R. Mott L. LD., General Secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation was also present and told of many of his interesting experiences while traveling in Europe during the war period.

Signs of Spring.

March 15. Various beautiful signs appear on the campus.

March 20. Barker dares to brave the winter air without his sweater.

March 28. The first spring hats.

April 2. Dan Mason is seen exploring the campus vegetation on his knees.

Don't forget the Middlebury College Commencement dates, June 21, 22 and 23.

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The Womens' College sinking fund, now standing at $8,194.47, will be increased by the result of the year's operations, probably to over $11,000, which is to apply on losses to the Corporation Funds incurred for the benefit of the Women's College.

Dr. Mead has obligated himself to the College for the construction of the Mead Memorial Chapel to the extent of $61,031, remittances for which are made to the Treasurer as required.

In the assets of the balance sheet, page 14, the valuation of the securities has not been changed from the figure at which secured, although in some issues the quotations show a considerable shrinkage at the present time.

Respectfully,

JOHN A. FLETCHER, Treasurer.

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Income and Disbursement for the Fiscal Year, Ending May 31, 1915.

INCOME.

Corporation Funds' income		$ 4,278 85
Trust Funds' income (see in detail)		22,786 12
State appropriation for scholarships		4,800 00
State appropriation, other		24,000 00
Students' semester bills	$40,074 15	
less scholarships	8,760 00	31,314 15
Graduate students		145 00
Alumni Fund income		1,191 50
Gifts for current use		520 00
Boardman Fund income		1,646 88
*Farm, net		508 54
Miscellaneous		189 33
		$91,380 37

DISBURSEMENT.

Advertising		$ 125 50
Birds'-eye-view photos		320 16
Boardman annuity	$1,500 00	
suspense	146 88	1,646 88
Bulletins, including annual catalog		2,209 80
Campus		661 50
Commencement		459 97
Construction, Painter Hall	$784 80	
other	150 47	935 27

*Farm inventory shows an increase.

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,

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MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT, FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1915.

SUCCESSFUL COMMENCEMENT.

Large Attendance and Enthusiastic Gatherings. Sixty-nine Members in Graduating Class. Ex-Governor Mead Presents a Chime of Bells.

LARGEST CLASS GRADUATED

Professor Wright Honored for 30 Years of Service. Darwin P. Kingsley and Rev. John W. Chapman, '79, Among the Recipients.

The old Congregational church was taxed to its capacity Wednesday morning for the culminating exercises of the 115th Commencement of Middlebury College. Trustees, Faculty, and candidates for honorary degrees made a body of about fifty on the platform. The procession from the campus was the longest since the centennial of 1900 and nearly the entire body of the church had to be reserved for alumni and members of the graduating class.

The day was cool and the exercises were most enjoyable. The program was excellent, the subjects of the speakers being interesting to all.

The bestowal of the degree of Doctor of Letters upon Professor Charles B. Wright, who completes this year thirty years of service as a teacher of English Literature at Middlebury, was a surprise to him and to nearly every one present. In conferring the degree President Thomas spoke as follows:

"Thirty years ago by invitation of President Hamlin you left the company of the first students of Johns Hopkins University to begin your work as a teacher at Middlebury College. A large fraction of our living graduates have been your pupils. They have learned from you to think clearly, to express

CHIME OF BELLS

An Additional Gift from the Donor of the Mead Memorial Chapel.

A pleasant surprise of Alumni Day was the announcement of the gift of ex-Governor and Mrs. John A. Mead of a chime of bells for the new Mead Memorial chapel. The letter in which he made the gift was read at Bread Loaf Tuesday and was greeted with prolonged applause. Dr. Mead testified to his great satisfaction in making the gift and urged others to do what they could for the college during their lifetime. His letter was as follows:—

"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 Board of Trustees, Mrs. Mead and I would be pleased to add a chime of bells to our gift of the Mead Memorial Chapel."

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Middlebury College has just had a great Commencement. Not since the centennial of 1900 have so many alumni returned and not even then was there such enthusiasm. The extensive building operations in progress on the hill, the realization of the extent of the Battell bequest from the trip to Bread Loaf, the graduation of the largest class in the history of the college, the gift of a chime of bells for the Mead Memorial chapel and of a tablet in memory of Silas Wright, the appropriate honorary degrees all combined to make the occasion a notable one. Middlebury's star is certainly in the ascendant and never before did the future look so bright.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. Barton Hepburn and Mr. Darwin P. Kingsley, of New York, were at Judge Weeks' during Commencement. Mr. Hepburn was accompanied by Irving H. Batcheller, the novelist, and Mr. Harry A. Cushing, Secretary of the New England Society of New York city.

Frank L. Bell and Mrs. Bell of Glens Falls were here for Commencement.

Ex-Governor John A. Mead was accompanied to Middlebury by Mrs. Mead and Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Hinsman and the grandson, John Abner Mead Hinsman, who deposited the box in the corner stone of the Mead Memorial chapel last year.

The Misses Sarah and Florence Gilmor of Stony Point, N. Y., were Commencement guests of Prof. and Mrs. Wright.

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The Barre Daily Times (Barre, Vermont) · Fri, Jul 9, 1915 · Page 7

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Mead have announced their intention of giving a chime of bells to the Mead memorial chapel now under construction at Middlebury.

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The Barre Daily Times (Barre, Vermont) · Sat, Aug 14, 1915 · Page 1

FINE ORGAN ORDERED

For New Mead Memorial Chapel at Middlebury College.

Middlebury, Aug. 14.—Contracts were signed to-day for the erection of the organ for the Mead Memorial chapel which ex-Gov. John A. Mead has presented to Middlebury college. The commission for the organ has been given to the Estey Organ Co. of Brattleboro. The organ will be of two manuals with electro-pneumatic action. The console will be located in the chancel opposite the organ. The organ will have a total of 24 speaking stops and 1,438 pipes.

The great organ will include two diapason stops, gemshorn, dulciana, gross flute, octave, flute harmonic and tuba stops. The swell organ will contain the following stops: Bourdon, open diapason, salicional, aeoline, voix celeste, quintadena, stopped diapason, fluto traverso, solo flute mixture, cornopean, oboe and vox humana. The pedal organ will consist of four stops: Open diapason, bourdon, bass flute and Lieblich Gedeckt.

The organ will contain a total of nine couplers, balanced crescendo pedal, sforzando pedal, and nine combination pistons. There will be no capped or mitred bases in any pipes in this organ of normally open tone. The blowing plant will be operated by a five-horsepower electric motor located in the basement directly under the organ.

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CHIME OF BELLS PURCHASED.

Ex-Governor John A. Mead of Rutland has signed a contract for the construction of a chime of bells to be placed in the tower of the Mead Memorial chapel. The chimes will be cast by Meneely & Co. of Watervliet, N. Y., a firm of many years successful experience. There will be eleven bells, the largest weighing 2500 pounds and the smallest 275 pounds. Any ordinary church tune or secular air can be played on the chime. Each bell will have an inscription of presentation by Governer and Mrs. Mead, with a stanza of Tennyson,—

"Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

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MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT, F

BELLS DELIGHT MANY.

Ex-Governor Mead Hears Concert-Mrs. Mead Listens in Rutland-Chime Very Successful.

Middlebury residents who watched the old year out heard a few tunes from the new chime of bells in the tower of the Mead Memorial Chapel, but the real inauguration of the chime came on Tuesday, when Ex-Governor John A. Mead came up from Rutland to hear them for the first time and to decide as to their acceptance.

First in company with his class-mate, Ex-President Brainerd, he visited the tower and noted the arrangement for playing the bells. The workmanship about the console and everything about the installation was pronounced excellent and perfectly satisfactory. The bells themselves had been seen in Troy and found to be beautiful specimens of foundry casting.

For the concert the visitors went to the old chapel, which is just the right distance for the best effect. Promptly at four o'clock the chime rang out, and the first strains were sufficient to convince the listeners that the makers had been unusually successful in the Mead chimes. The tones are rich and full and the bells are remarkably harmonious and even in quality. The lower tones are especially admirable. The donor had no hesitation in accepting the chime.

Through the enterprise of the Rutland Herald a very pleasant feature had been arranged. That paper had engaged the telephone company to install a special instrument on the college campus and at the proper time connection was made with the Mead home in Rutland, where Mrs. Mead, who was unable to be in Middlebury, had the pleasure of listening to the entire concert. It was at the Herald's suggestion that the recital included "God be with you till we meet again," the familiar hymn composed by Rev. Dr. Jeremiah E. Rankin, a graduate of the college.

The bells were rung by E. A. Meneely of the firm of Meneeley & Co., of Watervliet, N. Y., and the program was arranged by the chimer specially for the approval of Dr. Mead. The program was as follows: "Trinity Chimes," "Doxology," "Lead Kindly Light," "Sicilian Mariners," "Abide With Me," "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "The King of Love," "Joy to the World," "Columbia," "Old Kentucky Home," "Marching Through Georgia," "The Holy City," "God Be With You," and "Auld Lang Syne."

The chime of 11 bells, the largest weighing 2414 pounds and the smallest 279 pounds, total in weight 10,531 pounds, the tones are F and F sharp, G sharp, A and A sharp, B, C sharp, D and D sharp, E and F sharp. The bells are composed of 78 parts pure copper and 32 parts imported block tin.

Each bell bears the inscription:

"Presented to Middlebury college by John Abner and Mary Sherman Mead."

"Ring in the valiant men and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand,
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be."

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Ex-Governor John A. Mead has placed the town of Middlebury and this whole country-side deeply in his debt by his gift of the beautiful chime of bells which have been sounding so sweetly over the village the past few days. Their music delights the workers in shops and stores, the laborers in the fields, the travellers over the hills and valleys, the sick in the wakeful hours, not less and perhaps even more than the Professors and students on the hill. Henceforth one of the pleasant memories of Middlebury will be the bells which make sweet music from the high chapel tower. Many a man will be led to pure thoughts and gentle feelings by their solemn tones. The bell in the old chapel tower—has it been a bit jealous these days?—has been a familiar daily sound in Middlebury for eighty years and is still clear and musical. If the chime, which was cast in the same Meneely foundry lasts as long, who can number the hearts that will be cheered and softened by its music?

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TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 31, 1916

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Gifts.

From Hon. A. B. Hepburn, '71, Hepburn Hall and Commons	
From Hon. John A. Mead, '64, the Mead Memorial Chapel	
From a friend for the development of Porter Field	$2,500 00
From Mrs. Chas. M. Mead for standard books for the library	25 00
From Dr. M. Allen Starr, for equipment for the library	205 20
From a friend for a permanent library fund, the income to be used for the purchase of non-fiction books .	1,500 00
From Dr. John M. Thomas, '90, for the Horace W. Bailey collection of Vermont pamphlets . . .	25 00
From James M. Gifford, Esq., '77, for the same .	100 00
From George M. Wright, Esq., '76, for the same .	100 00
From the Carnegie Foundation for a retiring allowance	1,750 00
From the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace for a summer course	150 00
From a friend in Middlebury, Vt., for a scholarship	100 00
From friends in Wallingford, Conn., for a scholarship	100 00
From alumni and friends for the Hudson Professorship Fund	1,858 00
From alumni and friends for the Alumni Income Fund	459 00
From alumni and friends for the G. E. B. Fund .	55 00
From alumni and friends for the Gymnasium Fund	68 00
From a friend for a prize for the best note book in zoology	5 00
From a friend for the Student Loan Fund . .	15 00
Exclusive of buildings	$9,015 20

Exhibit 3 - 046

Plant—Schedule A.

Men's Campus.

LAND.

Campus	$5,000 00	
Porter Athletic Field with Grand Stand	5,000 00	
		$10,000 00

BUILDINGS.

Chapel	25,000 00	
Starr Hall	15,000 00	
Painter Hall	18,000 00	
Starr Library	50,000 00	
Warner Science Hall	70,000 00	
Gymnasium	52,034 77	
Chemical Building	60,056 15	
Heating Plant with conduits . .	37,441 55	
Mead Memorial Chapel, not complete .	60,000 00	
Hepburn Hall and Commons, not complete	110,000 00	
		497,532 47

EQUIPMENT.

Library of Books, number 45,000		33,000 00	
Apparatus :—			
Biology . .	$ 2,400 00		
Chemistry . .	5,000 00		
Physics . .	4,000 00		
Home Economics .	700 00		
Draw'g and Survey'g	300 00		
Music . . .	1,000 00		
		13,400 00	
Museum		5,000 00	

Exhibit 3 - 047

Insurance on Plant.

BUILDINGS.

Chapel, flat	$17,000 00	
Starr Hall, flat	10,000 00	
Painter Hall, flat	10,000 00	
Starr Library, flat	10,000 00	
Warner Science Hall	55,000 00	
Gymnasium, flat	10,000 00	
Chemical Building, flat	20,000 00	
Heating Plant	2,500 00	
Mead Memorial Chapel, flat	20,000 00	
		$154,500 00
Battell Cottage	16,000 00	
Pearsons Hall, flat	31,000 00	
Hillside Cottage	3,000 00	
		50,000 00

EQUIPMENT.

Chapel Contents	2,000 00	
Books in library	15,000 00	
Warner Hall Equipment	5,000 00	
Museum	5,000 00	
Chemical Building Equipment	8,000 00	
Heating Plant Boiler (Indemnity)	10,000 00	
Chime of Bells	5,000 00	
		50,000 00
Battell Cottage Contents	2,000 00	
Pearsons Hall "	4,000 00	
Hillside Cottage "	500 00	
		6,500 00
		$261,000 00

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Brandon, Vt. Sept. 11th., 1916.

John A. Fletcher,

Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

As requested I am sending you an approximate statement of the Mead Chapel Acct. There is a little more extra work to add to this account which I have not yet completed aside from that I think it is O.K.

Contract dated Jan. 11th 1915.	$51,945.00
Extra work	
Marble Pilasters &c as per letter of Feb. 27th., 1915	1,031.00
Rock Excavations April 17th., 1915.	382,50
Change in Tower as per letter Aug. 11th., 1915.	407.00
Change in Roofing of Spire as per letter Oct. 12, '15.	184.00
Change in the Bell Deck for Bells as per letter Oct. 12th., 1915.	309.00
Chancel Windows Backed with glass, Order of Arcitects.	52.50
Basement Drain Ordered by John Weeks.	98.61

CREDIT

By check on Acct.	$45,000.00	
By Chapman Lumber, 89,336 Feet @ 25.	2,233.40	
By Water Proofing Back of Marble Omitted.	100.00	
	$47,333.40	$54,409.61

Very truly yours,

Thomas W. Rogers

Copy./H.

Mead Memorial Chapel. Sept. 12, 1916.

College account to date.

Received from Dr. Mead $53,897.16

(An amount of $1,742.05 paid by Dr. Mead direct to Mr. Chapman for lumber for account of Rogers makes the total amount paid by Dr. Mead to date $55,639.21.)

Disbursement.

Calhoun & Son	$2,729.90	
Architects	3,249.92	
Heating engineers	150.	
T. W. Rogers (Not including a credit on this account of $2,233.40 by lumber from Chapman)	45,000.	
Pews	1,559.39	
Duncan, electrical work	574.77	
Elec. switch	25.12	
Elec. fixtures	503.15	
Cess-pool	26.19	
Gravel	15.	
Lightning rods	100.	
Mats	38.25	
Linoleum	55.02	
Organ	5,000.	
Miscellaneous	28.37	59,055.08

Balance $5,157.92

John A. Fletcher, Treasurer.

Mead Memorial Chapel, Sept. 12, 1916.

Statement according to data at this time.

Amount to be given by Dr. Mead		$61,031.
Paid by him thru College Treasurer	$53,897.16	
Paid direct (Chapman)	1,742.05	
		55,639.21
Balance		$5,391.79

Rogers Contract.

As per his statement herewith		$54,409.61
Paid him by college	$45,000.	
Credit on Chapman lumber deal	2,233.40	
Other credit	100.	47,333.40
Balance		$7,076.21

(A small amount additional to this, Mr. R. says.)

Calhoun Contract.

Contract	$3,200.
Paid	2,700.
Balance	$500.
Other payment to him	29.90

Tentative Resume.

Paid on account of Chapel	$59,055.08
Add lumber payment to Chapman	1,742.05
Due Rogers (plus ?)	7,076.21
Due Calhoun	500.
Due other ?	?
Chimes (given by Dr. Mead)	7,000.
	$75,373.34

John A. Fletcher, Treasurer.

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MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE BULLETIN

VOL. XI NO. 3

REPORT

OF THE

PRESIDENT

OF

Middlebury College

Middlebury, Vermont
November
1916

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eyond the income of funds for that pur-
e has collected its bills better. A sys-
ment of college charges was inaugurated
d has worked well. The income from
rom $1,080 in 1908 to $24,664 in 1915,
ceed $26,000. The total receipts from
including charges for room and board
s, were $56,976.61, which will be further
by room rents from Hepburn Hall.
ay be raised whether our charges should
The charge for tuition at Middlebury,
v in comparison with many colleges, as
the following list:

140	*Norwich	165
75	Smith	150
100	University of Vermont	110
105	Wellesley	200
50	Wesleyan	140
140	Williams	175
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hand it is difficult for a large number
romising students to meet the present
on of economy has attached to Middle-
century. It is not associated with one
Mary Lyon at Mount Holyoke, but it has
t policy of the college from the begin-
alumni can remember when tuition was
of the large number of Vermont students
he tuition should not be raised until it is
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rent.

We are under no obligation, however, to provide living expenses at less than cost. Because of the increase of prices, the charge for board at Hepburn Commons will be advanced to $4, and for room and board at the women's halls to $230 a year. The rates for some of the rooms at Hepburn Hall will also be advanced.

Additions to Plant

The grounds and buildings of the college have been increased in recent years as shown in the following table:

Year	Addition	Value	Source
1909	Battell Campus, 35 acres	$5,000.00	Gift
1909	Battell Cottage	23,363.28	General funds
1910	Music Studio	2,000.00	General funds
1910	Pearsons Hall	66,494.55	Gift
1912	Gymnasium	52,034.77	Gift and Subscription
1912	Heating Plant	37,441.55	General funds
1912	Porter Field, 79 acres	14,095.00	Gift
1913	Chemistry Building	60,056.15	Subscription
1913	Hillside Cottage	3,961.92	General funds
1916	Mead Memorial Chapel	75,000.00	Gift
1916	Hepburn Hall	116,000.00	Gift
1916	Fertig Property, 100 acres	8,100.00	Gift
		$463,547.22	

In ten years we have enlarged our campus from 30 acres to grounds of 244 acres and added nine buildings costing $436,352.22.

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The two buildings completed this year are proving exceedingly helpful. When the colonial style of architecture was adopted for the Mead Memorial Chapel and the drawings showed a structure of the New England meeting-house type, many feared that the chapel we had so long desired would turn out to be a bare, forbidding church, with nothing to inspire feelings of reverence or to stimulate worship. The result, however, especially the treatment of the interior, proves that the classic New England style of church building may be made to express modern feeling for beauty and dignity in worship. The stately, graceful arches, the deep chancel, and the dark, rich coloring unite to convey the impression of solemn reverence the moment one enters the door. The effect of the daily services in the new chapel upon the entire student body has been marked. The refining influence, and I think also the moral and spiritual influence, has been noticeable. The attitude of the students in reverence during the services and in hearty participation leaves little to be desired.

The daily chapel is now held at 10 A. M., two recitations preceding it, and two following before luncheon. The change from the early hour following a hurried breakfast has been a great improvement. A vesper service, attendance at which is required of all unless excused for valid cause, is held each Sunday at 5 P. M. These services are conducted ordinarily by Professor Harrington or myself. A few friends have provided the means for several distinguished preachers during the year. It would be very helpful if the college had a permanent fund, the income of which would provide for a Board of Preachers, as well as for the other expenses connected with the chapel, which now amount to about $1,700 a year.

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TO DEDICATE CHAPEL ON SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Dr. John A. Mead's Gift to Middlebury College Will Play Conspicuous Part in College Commencement Exercises.

The Mead memorial chapel, the gift of Dr. J. A. Mead of Washington street, will play an important part in the commencement exercises at Middlebury college this year. The first use of the building will be on Saturday, June 17, when a recital will be given on the chapel organ.

Sunday morning, June 18, the baccalaureate service will be held in the chapel and Sunday afttrnoon at 4 o'clock the regular dedicatory services will take place. One of the impressive scenes in this service will be when Ex-Governor Mead will give over to the authorities of the college the keys to the building. Dr. and Mrs. Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Hinsman and John A. Mead Hinsman will be in attendance at the service.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock a concert will be given by the chapel chimes.

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Rutland Daily Herald (Rutland, Vermont) · Mon, Jun 12, 1916 · Page 6

DEDICATE MEAD CHAPEL JUNE 18

Middlebury, June 11.—The centennial of the birth of John Godfrey Saxe, one of the greatest poets in the list of Middlebury college graduates, will be observed at commencement, June 18-21. Saxe was born in Highgate June 2, 1816. An address on his life will be delivered at the commencement dinner by his grandson, John G. Saxe of New York. Chairman Howard, Elliott of the New Haven railroad will also speak at the commencement dinner.

The opening of the Mead Memorial chapel will take place June 18. An address will be made by Rev. Charles H. Brown, dean of the Yale Divinity school and a former moderator of the National Congregational Council Bishop A. C. A. Hall and other clergymen will take part in the exercises. Hepburn Hall will be dedicated at the same time.

Opportunity to hear the new chapel organ will be given at the recital next Saturday evening. Ernest A. Meneely will give recitals on the chimes during commencement. The program for the week is as follows: June 17, 3 p. m., baseball, St. Michael's against Middlebury; 8 p. m., organ recital, Mead Memorial chapel. June 18, 10.45 a. m., baccalaureate service; 4 p. m., dedication of Mead Memorial chapel. June 19, 9.15 a. m., meeting Phi Beta Kappa society; 10.30 a. m., class day exercises; 3 p. m., baseball, U. V. M., against Middlebury; 8 p. m., prize speaking, Parker and Merrill contests. June 20, 10 a. m., chimes concert; 12 to 1.30, alumni luncheon, Hepburn hall; 1.30 p. m., meeting of association alumni; 3 p. m., "As You Like It," Ben Greet Players; 8 p. m., "Taming of the Shrew," Ben Greet Players. June 21, 10 a. m., commencement exercises; 1 p. m., corporation dinner; 7.30, president's reception; 9 p. m., senior ball.

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Presentation of the keys (1) The one & only 6/18/16

Doctor Thomas, Classmates, Past and Present Members of our College, and Friends:

It is with solemn and pathetic recollection that we turn again in our life's pilgrimage to this spot, fragrant with memories of two years ago, when we laid the foundation of this structure. Like the devotee of the Orient, we have returned to this shrine of our hearts' desire to pledge again our allegiance to the God who gave us our being in a happy land, patriotic, yet ever tender of her own.

If we are permitted to reach the Promised Land, it will be by successive efforts as we would accomplish an earthly journey, one step following another, till perseverance finally brings us to our journey's end, ~~and~~ as two years ago we first assembled on this sightly hill, to-day we come to the spot now so sacred to us, with thanksgiving and praise to a Kind Providence for this Holy Temple, pointing the way to the higher and the better life.

These two years have passed only too rapidly,

and I might say pleasantly, since the soil was first removed and the corner stone of this memorial chapel was placed on this, the highest portion of our campus, which made sacred our academic home. It was then determined, that from this hallowed ground should arise this temple, and it was then presented to our President Thomas, for whom my respect and appreciation is ever increasing, to my beloved classmates, and especially to my lifelong friend and classmate, Doctor Brainerd, for whom my love and admiration is growing stronger with every passing year, and to all others associated with our Alma Mater. On this occasion a common prayer was offered, that it should be a sacred duty devolving upon every person associated with our beloved college, to make this Temple an instrument of great good to those of this generation and to those of the distant future.

It was "the casting of the bread upon the waters" which should return to bless the many thousands who will succeed us, and through their influence and teaching should remain a blessing

to others, even in distant lands, who could never know when or where the sacred seed was planted.

As has been said, two years have been given to the planning and building of this chapel,- the growth has been slow, ~~but~~ as it has been the earnest desire of your committee, to make the same complete in every detail, and specially worthy of the great and holy purpose, which it should serve, specially with the students of this college and all others associated with our Alma Mater.

A generation is but an incident in the great march of events, and, yet all-powerful for good or evil in individual lives or national welfare; ~~and~~ and as the sunset hour approaches, and we shall soon wend our way down to the Valley, let us cast one more lingering glance back toward this Memorial ~~Chapel~~, enshrined high upon its throne, as the "Day God departs amid garments of royalty and beautiful jewels of horizon splendor".

"Let us seal our hearts anew with the inspiration that surrounds this Temple", centered as it is among the Green Mountains and the Adirondacks.

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Truly we voluntarily exclaim, "The Strength of the Hills is His also".

May the solid masonry on which it is built speak to us of the firm foundation of our religious faith.

Its rising spire should remind us of the streets of the New Jerusalem, which, as we are told, are paved with gold. The chimes and the organ recall to us the Heavenly Hosts with their hymns of praise and devotion around that throne whose builder and maker is God.

Let these thoughts linger, reminding us that not simply for the present, but for all future ages, we have this day dedicated this Temple to the glory of our God and as a blessing to all eternity.

On this occasion and in behalf of your committee, I wish to express our high appreciation of the skill and untiring efforts of Messrs. Allen and Collins, your architects, in designing a structure so thoroughly in keeping with the style of architecture of the buildings upon your campus, and in accordance with the expressed wishes of your

committee, and to Mr. Rogers, I ~~wish to~~ would convey the thanks of your committee for his continued and untiring efforts to follow in every detail the designs submitted, often assisting with valuable suggestions,- the results of a lifelong experience; and to your committee in behalf of our Board of Trustees, as we are so soon to complete our task and to transfer the results of our endeavors to the proper college officials, I wish to state that no gentlemen could have been more earnest or more faithful in their efforts to accomplish the very best results with the means at their command, than have President Thomas, Doctor Brainerd and Judge Weeks, and I personally wish to assure them of my sincere appreciation for their patience and great kindness during certain periods of unreasonable anxiety on my part to make this Memorial Chapel in every way worthy of the noble and inspiring purpose which prompted its erection.

With our labor of love and devotion all complete, it is with great pleasure and an honor that I, through him who assisted me some two years since

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"in removing the soil" for the "setting of the corner stone", and who placed under the same his token of love - his Bible and a short history of his relation to those who made this Temple possible; as I stated, it is with pleasure, that through him, I may present to you, Doctor Brainerd, former President of this College, the keys to the Mead Memorial Chapel; and may the Kind Providence who governs all our efforts for the greatest good and happiness of his children, give you all strength and wisdom, that your and our fondest and most extravagant anticipations of this day may be more than realized, in the years that are to come.

Doctor Read:-

I esteem it a great privilege to appear in behalf of the President and Fellows of Middlebury College, at the hand of your grandson, these keys representing this day publicly your gift of this beautiful sanctuary, that we have met to dedicate to the service of Almighty God. For many years, especially since the old chapel proved too small to hold even the half of our students, it has been the fond hope and the earnest prayer of the friends of the College, that in God's providence there might appear a man of the religious fervor and the financial ability requisite to meet this urgent need for a larger and more suitable edifice. To-day our ardent hopes are realized; our prayers are graciously answered. And to me it is especially gratifying that our benefactor is my beloved classmate, one to whom I am bound, now for fifty six years, by ties of the warmest friendship.

During these many years (which have passed with us so swiftly) the Heavenly Father has been pleased to grant you strength of mind and body, and varied opportunities for doing great service to your fellowmen. How well I recall the patriotic zeal with which, while yet a student in college, you enlisted in the war to maintain the union of these United States. Later, as a well-trained physician, you served in another war---against the diseases that distress mankind; and by sound judgment and kindly sympathy achieved an enviable reputation in this beneficent calling. Still later your executive talent enabled you to build up a great industry, whose products are now used in every civilized portion of the world. More recently you served the Commonwealth of Vermont, in the highest public office, with business sagacity, with fidelity, and with honor. But the noblest deed of all---the one for which future generations will hold you most in grateful remembrance---is the erection of this spacious and attractive Chapel, where the religious life of the College may find fitting expression and the stimulus of hallowed associations.

With grateful hearts, dear brother, we accept your generous gift; and we assure you of our earnest purpose so to utilize its opportunities for religious culture, as to promote the growth of earnest Christian character in the students of Middlebury College.---Here for generations yet to come the melodious bells of this Chapel shall sound out over the Campus and the Town the strains of Christian music, that from childhood have awakened in our souls the sentiments of faith and courage and earnest living. Through the coming years at morning prayer here shall

"the pealing organ blow
To the full voic'd quire below,
In service high, and anthems clear."

Here from Sabbath to Sabbath shall be proclaimed the blessed truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, opening the eyes of the earnest student to behold the glorious things of the Kingdom of God——awakening the spirit of reverence, of self-sacrifice, of brotherly love——inciting to noble endeavor in the service of God and of man.

The Lord reward you, dear friend, for all that you have done, or may yet do, for the good of others; and may the years of earthly life that still remain be your best years, filled with blessed memories and abiding peace.

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DR. MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL IS DEDICATED

Governor Delivers Address as He Presents Keys of New Building.

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The Burlington Free Press (Burlington, Vermont) · Mon, Jun 19, 1916 · Page 2

DEDICATE MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL AT MIDDLEBURY

Donor Presents Keys and ex-Pres. Brainerd Accepts Gift —Baccalaureate by President Thomas.

(Special to the Free Press.)

Middlebury, June 18.—Commencement exercises at Middlebury College began to-day. President Thomas baccalaureate sermon was delivered this morning, his subject being "Four Propositions."

This afternoon the Mead Memorial chapel, the gift of ex-Governor Proctor of Vermont, to Middlebury College was dedicated with impressive ceremonies. The service was conducted by Rev. Charles H. Brown, of the Yale Divinity school, and the dedicatory prayer was by Bishop Arthur C. A. Hall of Vermont. A large audience sang "Ein Feste Burg" and "Lift Up Your Hearts O Ye Gates."

In presenting the gift of the memorial ex-Governor Mead said: "It is with sincere and humble appreciation that we have made, in our little pilgrimage to the west, frequent visits, beginning six years ago, when we laid the foundation of this structure. On this occasion and in behalf of your committee, I wish to express our deep appreciation of the skill and untiring efforts of Messrs. Allen and Chilson, your architects, in identifying themselves so thoroughly in keeping with the style of architecture of the buildings upon your campus, and in accordance with the expressed desire of your committee, and to Mr. Hoadley I wish to express the thanks of your committee for his continued and untiring efforts. I wish, in addition, that no gentleman could have been more anxious or expected to have efforts to accomplish the work had to do with the course as they seemingly did. Here President Thomas, Dr. Brainerd and Judge Waite.

With an image of love and devotion all complete, it is with great pleasure and we assure that it becomes fine who assumed the active responsibility for the building of the self, for the "setting of stone upon stone" and who labored under the same the cause of Christian Bible, and a short history of the students in those were made the honor possible. In it stated, it is with greatest pleasure, through the I may present to you Dr. Brainerd, representing the trustees of the school, the keys of the Mead Memorial chapel, and since the good Proctor family who generously and unknown to the greatest good and benefactor of our children, give his account and wishing that you and my brother will find the keys the most appropriate of this day and be more than doubled.

In accepting the chapel in behalf of the trustees, ex-President Brainerd said: "Mr. President Thomas: I endeavor to a great pleasure to deliver in behalf of the president and fellows of Middlebury College and accept gratefully your gift of this beautiful sanctuary. For many years it has been the hope from many earnest prayers of the friends of the college that in some providential way might appear a room of the character we are and the financial ability necessary to meet the urgent need. For a longer and more extensive account of the work, there are reasons, we rejoiced, we rejoiced in a manifest providence that the hand Father in my behalf considered and be where I am found, now for it seems to me of the highest function.

During these years many events have passed with us to confirm the beneficent Father has been pleased to grant our strength of mind and body and what opportunity for doing great service to our institution. Here also I recall the particular work which Dr. Brainerd, in addition to college, accomplished in the field to prevent the disintegration of these United States. Later on, in the trained obstacles, and earlier in another war against the diseases that increase marshall, and the moral decadence and kindly sympathy, addressed on occasion invitation to the Southern states and also your executive upon matters concerning to build up a great industry, whose products are now used in every civilized portion of the world. More recently you served the commonwealth of Vermont in the highest capacity. Here your business capacity, with energy, and was honor. For the million dollars of the one for which Bryan commission will just fall to your practical business, brains, in the direction of this university and activities, which, the influence of the College was will Christian expression and the attainment of individual possession.

With grateful hearts, this evening we accept your generous gift. Here for generations to come the hundreds of the class shall hound continued the gospel and the long the strong of Christian, more, that from cultured have attained in our state the ambitions of faith and courage and earnest living. The Lord reward you, dear friend, for so noble an love, to man and for the good of others, and may the years of service the that will benefit to other dear years. Glad with joyous memories and abiding peace."

THE BACCALAUREATE.

In his baccalaureate this morning President Thomas said in part:

"The 4th has been here from our eyes and many of us are seeing for the first time the conditions under which we live. Dreams are more vivid of years," when those with which we

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LOVING CUP FOR PEAKS.

Business Men Honor Retiring Head of Johnson Normal School.

(Special to the Free Press.)

Johnson, June 18.—One of the most [illegible] features of the commencement exercises at Johnson normal school was the presentation by the business men of the school to Principal Peaks of the Johnson Normal School. The Sons of the Revolution, [illegible] Johnson, [illegible] Johnson, [illegible] was conferred by the Board of Trustees of Dr. Peaks. About 50 men

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TIMES, BARRE, VT., MONDAY, JUNE 19, 1916. 3

NEW CHAPEL DEDICATED

Mead Memorial at Middlebury College Opened to The Public

BUILDING GIFT OF EX-GOV. J. A. MEAD

President Thomas Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon Yesterday

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Middlebury Register (Middlebury, Vermont) · Fri, Jun 23, 1916 · Page 1

MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT, FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1916.

COMMENCEMENT

College Closes 116th Year with Notable Gathering—Enthusiasm Over New Buildings.

(The opening of two large and beautiful new buildings had the sesquicentennial of the birth of John G. Saxe made this annual commencement one of the most notable in the history of Middlebury College. The town was filled with guests, including the largest number of alumni since 1906. The delight of the visitors over the magnificent additions to the college equipment stirred a spirit of enthusiasm which everyone could feel. The high merit of the various addresses, the impressive dignity of the chapel dedication, and the presence of many distinguished guests combined to raise the occasion to a level not often attained in academic gatherings. "The best commencement I ever attended" was the word of many an alumnus.

It is impossible to say which of the many features gave the most important or aroused the greatest interest. Any one of half a dozen features would have been sufficient to make the commencement memorable. The address of Mr. Howard Elliott, President of the New Haven railroad, was a remarkable utterance, which would have dominated any gathering. The large concourse was audibly moved and the remarks of his listeners were very greatly enjoyed by an audience which filled the McCullough gymnasium. It is safe to say that the chapel dedication was one of the most impressive

"Founded in 1800, Middlebury is not so old, nor so large, as that college which, until today, was the only one to claim my loyal allegiance,—Harvard. I am a great believer in the institutions of the smaller colleges located at a distance from congested centers of population, and near to Mother Earth. We all remember the story of Antaeus, who was so strong that he conquered all who came against him,—how his strength came from Mother Earth, and how Hercules finally overcame him when he lifted him from off the earth and then prevented him from recovering his strength and so it is important to get back to Nature if we are to keep up the virility of the American people.

"Middlebury's catalogue for the year just ending shows 27 names in the teaching and administrative staffs, 331 undergraduates, from 12 States, and foreign countries, and 140 attending the summer school,—a total of 498. Middlebury is showing a national growth.

"The high character of Middlebury graduates is shown by the fact that in its first 100 years among its graduates were 35 college Presidents, and 9 Governors of States.

"To accomplish the results of the last fifty years thought, energy and people, work more necessary work to remain. Remain it the

JOHN G. SAXE

Lincoln ever held in the State of Vermont. No one who saw the fine gentleman of Governor Mead take the keys of the chapel upon the charge to Governor Mead, or who heard the student choir sing "Lift up your Heads, O ye Gates," will ever forget it. Boylston Hall, opened on Tuesday, was the admiration of every visitor, as it was realized how complete the new dormitory is in all its features, and how it would surely increase the popularity of the college.

The Register has not space for a complete story of this great commencement. No attempt is made to narrate the events in the order of their occurrence or their beginning, and even a complete report could not convey the spirit of expansion and enthusiasm which characterized the various gatherings.

THE COMMENCEMENT DINNER

Every place was taken at the dinner following the graduation exercises and many could not secure admission. President Thomas presided and spoke of his joy in the prosperity of the college and his strong hope for the future. Aside from the address of Hon. John G. Saxe, reported in another column, Rev. Arthur H. Bradford of Rutland, who had received the degree of Doctor of Divinity, spoke of the strong position of Middlebury in Vermont and paid a tribute to Governor Mead. He was followed by Mr. Howard Elliott, who said in part:

"I wish to express my profound thanks to the Trustees of Middlebury College for the honor conferred on me today by this, the oldest college in the beautiful Green Mountain State.

appreciately accumulated material resources of our country and the great changes in our ideals and thought sufficiently of conditions that will confront us when we are compelled to husband our resources in order to compete with other nations. These conditions are here so. We surely can help ourselves if we try to practise the old-fashioned characteristics that many are pleased to call New England habits. These characteristics and habits are not so prevalent as in the old days, traits that built up the country from the Revolution to the Civil War, and which I am glad to know Middlebury College encourages.

"As your catalogue points out, the location of the college favors economy, a strong habit that seems to be lost sight of in this period of extravagance, due, doubtless, to the great increase in wealth. We are extravagant as individuals, and our Government,—Federal, State, municipal, and county,—reflects that spirit. As a result, we are piling up debts that will be a burden upon many a county and town, and the State and nation for years to come.

"The college in the country has a direct influence for sane and economical living which is an offset to the extravagance of the great cities.

"There is another habit that is not so prevalent as formerly—the habit of work. Those who made the American nation what it is today worked long and hard. The spirit of hard work now seems to be lacking and we hear constantly that eight hours or less work a day is all that a strong, healthy man

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Middlebury Commencement

Commencement exercises at Middlebury College began Sunday. President Thomas baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday morning, his subject being "Real Preparedness."

This afternoon the Mead Memorial chapel, the gift of ex-Governor John A. Mead of Rutland, to Middlebury College, was dedicated with impressive ceremonies. The sermon was preached by Dean Charles R. Brown of the Yale Divinity school, and the dedicatory prayer was by Bishop Arthur C. A. Hall of Vermont. A large student choir sang "Te Deum" and "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates."

In presenting the keys of the building ex-Governor Mead said: It is with solemn and pathetic recollection that we turn again in our life's pilgrimage to this spot, fragrant with memories of two years ago, when we laid the foundation of this structure. On this occasion and in behalf of your committee, I wish to express our high appreciation of the skill and untiring efforts of Messrs. Allen and Collens, your architects, in designing a structure so thoroughly in keeping with

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the style of architecture of the buildings upon your campus, and in accordance with the expressed wishes of your committee, and to Mr. Rogers, I wish to convey the thanks of your committee for his continued and untiring efforts. I wish to state that no gentlemen could have been more earnest or faithful in their efforts to accomplish the very best results with the means at their command, than have President Thomas, Dr. Brainerd and Judge Weeks.

With our labor of love and devotion all complete, it is with great pleasure and an honor that I, through him who assisted me some two years since "in removing the soil" for the "setting of the corner stone," and who placed under the same his token of love—his Bible—and a short history of his relation to those who made this temple possible; as I stated, it is with pleasure that through him I may present to you, Dr. Brainerd, representing the trustees of this college, the keys of the Mead Memorial chapel, and may the kind Providence who governs all our efforts for the greatest good and happiness of his children, give you strength and wisdom, that you and our fondest and most extravagant anticipations of this day may be more than realized.

In accepting the chapel in behalf of the trustees, ex-President Brainerd said: "Doctor Mead: I esteem it a great privilege to appear in behalf of the president and fellows of Middlebury College and accept publicly your gift of this beautiful sanctuary. For many years it has been the fond hope and earnest prayer of the friends of the college, that in God's providence there might appear a man of the religious fervor and the financial ability requisite to meet the urgent need for a larger and more suitable edifice. To-day our ardent hopes are realized, our prayers are graciously answered. And to me it is especially gratifying that our benefactor is my beloved class-mate, one to whom I am bound, now for 56 years, by ties of the warmest friendship.

"During these many years (which have passed with us so swiftly) the Heavenly Father has been pleased to grant you strength of mind and body, and varied opportunity for doing great service to your fellowmen. How well I recall the patriotic zeal with which, while yet a student in college, you enlisted in the fight to prevent the dismemberment of these United States. Later as a well trained physician, you served in another war—against the diseases that distress mankind; and by sound judgment and kindly sympathy achieved an enviable reputation in this beneficent calling. Still later, your executive talent enabled you to build up a great industry, whose products are now used in every civilized portion of the world. More recently you served the commonwealth of Vermont in her highest public office, with obedience sagacity, with fidelity, and with honor. But the noblest deed of all, the one for which future generations will hold you in most grateful remembrance, is the erection of this spacious and attractive chapel, where the religious life of the college may find fitting expression and the stimulus of hallowed associations.

"With grateful hearts, dear brother, we accept your generous gift. Here for generations yet to come the melodious bells of this chapel shall sound out over the campus and the town the strains of Christian music, that from childhood have awakened in our souls the sentiments of faith and courage and earnest living. The Lord reward you, dear friend, for all that you have done, or may yet do, for the good of others; and may the years of earthly life that still remain be your best years, filled with blessed memories and abiding peace."

Sixty-four Middlebury Graduates

Middlebury, June 21.—The 118th commencement exercises of Middlebury College were held this morning at 10:30 o'clock, in the Congregational Church, where for more than 50 years the commencement exercises have been held. A class of 64 was graduated, one of the largest in the history of the college. The procession composed of the graduating class, faculty, and honorary guests was formed on the campus near the old chapel and headed by the college band and Col. Thad M. Chapman, marshal marched from the campus through the Main street around the park to the church.

The program of the commencement exercises, opened by music by the college orchestra and followed by prayer by President Thomas, was as follows: Salutatory address, Ada Barnes; "Happiness as the Aim of Life," John Prescott Hoyt; "Recent Educational Progress in Vermont," Winona Shattuck; "Geography and History," Carroll Goulding Rose; "The Joy of Living," Vera Emma Arnold; "The Internal Combustion Engine," Harold Eugene Adafs; "Woman and the Study of Economics," Marjorie Ruth Lee; valedictory address, Alban James Parker.

After the usual conferring of degrees to the graduating class the following received degrees of A. M.: Carroll W. Dodge, class of '15, Middlebury, of Pawlet; Professor W. E. Davison, '12, instructor in the department of German in the Middlebury College; Miss Catherine Hunt of Middlebury, Mrs. McGillion, wife of Professor McGillion, of the chemistry department of Middlebury College; Stevens S. Cushing of St. Albans, Miss Carrie Ormsbee of Rutland and John A. Viele of Springfield, Mass.

Honorary degrees were conferred upon the Rev. Thomas G. Thompson, graduate of Williams College and pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Schenectady, N. Y., and formerly a preacher in Middlebury, who received the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The Rev. A. H. Bradford, pastor of the Congregational Church at Rutland, received the degree of Doctor of Divinity. The Rev. Mr. Bradford was presented by ex-Governor Mead, the donor of the new Mead chapel, who received loud applause. The congregation of Dr. Bradford's Church is to present him later with a special cape symbolic of his degree. Albert D. Mead of the class of '91, professor of biology at Brown University, was given a degree of Doctor of Science. President Howard L. Elliott of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, graduate of Harvard University, received the degree of Doctor of Law. President Elliott was presented for his degree by Dr. A. Barton Hepburn, donor of the new Hepburn hall dormitory, who was received with loud cheering by the graduating class, as was also President Elliott.

Attorney John G. Saxe of New York city, grandson of Saxe, the poet, a graduate of Middlebury in the class of 1839, and whose anniversary is now being commemorated, received the degree of Doctor of Law.

The Congregational Church was filled by the graduating class, the faculty of the college, fellows of the college, honorary guests and friends and relatives of the graduating class.

This noon the annual commencement dinner was held in the McCullough gymnasium. The speakers of the occasion were the Hon. John G. Saxe of New York city, President Howard Elliott of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, and the Rev. Mr. Bradford.

The annual reunions of the fraternities and classes were held this evening, the class of 1911 having the largest number of representatives back for commencement, more than half of them being here. The class of 1881, of which President John M. Thomas and Professor Harrington of the faculty are members was well represented.

The president's reception was held this evening from 7:30 to nine o'clock at his residence on College street. President and Mrs. Thomas, Howard Elliott, John G. Saxe, Mrs. Eleanor S. Rose, dean of the women's college, and Professor and Mrs. E. C. Bryant received. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers and the lawn in front was handsomely illuminated.

The senior hop was held at the gymnasium at nine o'clock, about 75 couples attending. Prof. and Mrs. P. H. Swett, Prof.

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To

Hon. John Abner Mead, A. M., M. D., LL. D.

of the Class of 1864, who, as Alumnus and Trustee,
has served his Alma Mater faithfully and well, and
as donor of the Mead Memorial Chapel has
proven one of her most munificent bene=
factors, this volume of the

Kaleidoscope

is respectfully dedicated.

President's Office.
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

Rutland, Vt., Dec. 11, 1914.

J. James Floyd, Editor,
Middlebury College,
Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Sir:-

Your esteemed favor of the 2nd inst. received this A. M. and I hasten to respond to the very kind and appreciative thought expressed in said letter. It will be my pleasure to mail you the photograph desired, as per your suggestion, and through the Kaleidoscope to express to the members of the Junior Class, to the Faculty, the Alumnae and Alumni of our beloved college, my high appreciation of the many kind words spoken and for the innumerable letters received commending this gift to our Alma Mater. I have realized for many years that the only enduring source of happiness springs not from selfish acts, but is only attained by doing for others where no return can be expected, and the greater is the pleasure when you so govern your acts, that mankind may rise to a higher lever - that other lives may be happier and more useful because you have lived and have seen and realized an opportunity. It was this thought which inspired my desire to assist the students of Middlebury college in having a place of worship where they could all assemble in one auditorium for this inspiration, that the duties of each day might begin with a religious thought, which we all realize is the foundation of all true knowledge.

Assuring you of my very high regards, I remain,

Most respectfully,

John A. Mead

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY, VT

January 22, 1915.

To the Editors of the Kaleidoscope,

Middlebury College, Class of 1916.

The years in which you have been students of Middlebury have been a period of progress, almost unexampled in the history of the college, of much encouragement, hard work, serious responsibility, and no small anxiety. You entered the largest class but one received in Middlebury - to this date. We had just completed the General Education Board Fund of $200,000. The McCullough Gymnasium was just ready for use and we had acquired the Porter Field, which you have seen transformed to a real athletic field. You watched the Chemistry building grow and have had the first two years' use of its advantages. The Music building has been opened and the girls have overflowed into Hillside Cottage. Before you graduate we shall doubtless be using the new Mead Memorial Chapel, making the college plant almost a third larger than in your freshman year.

It is not only larger, but certainly also better - very much better. Some of the teachers who have helped you most have come to us during your course. It is harder to get into Middlebury and it takes more work to stay. There are more courses and better ones - and they are very much better arranged in the new group system. We have been investigated and pronounced a good small college - which is all we want to be. We are sure of the loyalty of our alumni and of the people of Vermont, and have more friends than ever before. Success to the future Middlebury and to all her friends and children, and may none be more loyal than the Class of 1916!

John M. Thomas

The Chapel Bell

Near or afar off, still to me,
Enwrapt on Memory's hazy shore,
In half-sad thoughts of other days,
I hear the toll once more.

A thread that binds me to the past,
A link with magic spell,
Thou lead'st me back in pleasant dreams
To scenes I loved so well.

Old scenes, old faces, rise again.
Time's curtain backward rolls.
Old victories pass by, one by one,
Led by thy clamorous tolls.

Ring out forever, Chapel Bell,
O'er valley, hill, and lea.
Ring out thy call to toil and sport,
True worth and victory.

—J. C. Voss, '14.

September 19, 1916.

Hon. John A. Mead,

Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

We have our opening Thursday morning of this week at nine o'clock. All the faculty and students will be together in the new chapel and I am expected to make an opening address. I am sure it would add much to this first assembly of students in the Mead Memorial Chapel if you and Mrs. Mead could be present, especially if you could bring little John and his father and mother. I know you are very busy, and of course I would not impose it as a duty, but if you can run up we will all be very glad to see you.

I had fully expected to get down to Rutland before college opened and tell you about some of my experiences in Texas, but I have been so busy I could not find the time. I hope I can see you some time and have a good talk.

Faithfully yours,

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The Inner Life of a College

By

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THE INNER LIFE OF A COLLEGE.

At the opening of the 117th year of Middlebury College and at this first student assembly in this stately and beautiful chapel, whose dignity and impressiveness must move us all to serious and earnest thought, I wish to sound a note of progress in the things which make up the inner life of a college. What shall it profit us if we gain magnificent buildings and rich endowments, and boast a wide domain of primeval forest, if we lose that spirit of high ambition and academic earnestness which has been all our glory in the great days of the past? Silas Wright and Solomon Foote, Edward J. Phelps and John G. Saxe, Henry Norman Hudson and Albert Hurd, and Stewart and Kellogg and Brainerd and Mead and Hepburn came not from marble halls and from dormitories with rooms with bath, but from great teachers, like Nathaniel Chipman and John Hough and Solomon Stoddard and Charles B. Adams and George N. Boardman, and from a resolute purpose on their own part to master Greek tragedy, and to know Shakespeare, and to grip the problems of Calculus.

Since the centennial of our college in 1900 the institution has gone forward in all material ways by leaps and bounds. At that time there was only the old stone row, dignified, well-proportioned, wrapt in

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time's incomparable beauty, but plain in all their appointments and limited in their facilities both for student life and academic pursuits. In that centennial year the old college was flanked by the Egbert Starr Library, still the gem of all our college structures, and year after year hall and residence and laboratory have been added until few of us could tell offhand how many college buildings we have. It depends upon where in our spacious campuses you stop and what kind of buildings you include. Including residences we have 22 college buildings, and the newest of them exceeds both in cost and capacity all three of the old buildings which were the only home the college acquired for itself in the first 100 years of its history.

In 1900 Middlebury College had 123 students. This year with the summer session our catalogue will show well over 500. Then our faculty numbered 10: now we have 32 instructors. Then our endowments were $400,000. We have today half again as much. Then we offered 106 term courses: now we are giving 217 semester courses. Then the college was spending less than $25,000 annually for its students: the last Treasurer's report shows an expenditure of $91,500.

We have a right to pride in this record and it is proper we should put the facts forcibly before the public. The people of Vermont do not yet realize the advance that has been made by Middlebury College in the first sixteen years of its second century. They do not yet appreciate the advantages we offer:

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for example, that we have one of the best series of chemical laboratories to be found in America, with more courses than are given in many institutions which bestow ambitious degrees in chemical engineering; nor that our Department of Pedagogy is in some respects the best practical normal school for high school teachers to be found in New England. Surprise as well as admiration is expressed by every visitor to this Mead Memorial Chapel and by every one who examines the facilities and equipment of Hepburn Hall and looks off on the mountains from its windows. They had not imagined that such structures had been erected for any college in Vermont.

I trust we have not finished our material expansion. We sadly need an infirmary and an endowment to sustain it, so that students becoming ill may be cared for without danger or inconvenience to others. A college of 350 students, 30 miles from a hospital, with no provision for caring for the sick, is certainly not suitably equipped. I hope some day we may have a college boat-house, with concrete foundations sufficient to withstand the spring freshets, so that we may take advantage of our beautiful river, which is as well adapted to boating as the Thames at Oxford. Much more serious is the need of proper provision for administrative offices. One office has been added to another wherever room at the time was available until they are now scattered in three different buildings and on six different floors, at great inconvenience to both officers and students. We could

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work at a far greater efficiency if we could bring these offices together on one or two floors. The old chapel ought always to be the administrative center of the college. There would be room there for sufficient offices if we could have either a building devoted to History, Economics and Political Science, or a hall for the ancient and modern languages—departments which are already too crowded in the old chapel building—allowing the use of present recitation rooms there for administrative purposes. Since the library was erected, this chapel is the only structure which has been given to us which stands for the human or spiritual side of college work. We have built new homes for the sciences, for Biology and Chemistry and Physics, and three or four student residences, and a gymnasium and a heating plant and a grand-stand, but we teach Homer and Horace, History and Government in the same rooms in which my father learned them over fifty years ago. It is time we built a little for the humanities, for which we profess especially to stand.

But I propose that we hope for these needed additions on the principle stated in the text, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you." If we are worthy of them, from the high quality and serious earnestness of our work as an institution for education, they will come to us. If we are not worthy of them, because of the laxity of our student work, we ought not to expect them. At any rate I am persuaded the time has come for us in Middlebury College to stress internal improvement

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Rutland, Vt., June 10, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I have just returned from New York and find yours of the 8th, and wish to thank you for the information. I will endeavor to get in touch with our friend as to the dormitory for the boys and I will urge that to the very limit, and I shall ask him to allow me to advise you of the information he gave me, as I am so sure you will handle this subject far better than I. He seemed quite a little touched and apparently disappointed in our talk, as he said he had been thinking for quite a while of the pleasure he would obtain in giving the chapel. I expect to see you on Friday evening next, as I note there is to be a meeting of the alumni and alumnae of Middlebury here on Friday evening.

With best wishes to all and specially to your family, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

J. E. Howard

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MIDDLEBURY'S 100 YEARS

OLD TRADITIONS PRESERVED IN NEW CHAPEL

A Building of the New England Meeting-House Type to Adorn the Campus—Construction Work Has Already Begun—The College and Its Century of Ups and Downs

BY JOHN M. THOMAS
President of Middlebury College

IN a quiet, old-fashioned town on the Champlain side of the Green Mountain State just half-way between the Massachusetts line and Canada, is a New England college with a unique history, which has preserved for over a century a consistent loyalty to the old New England type of college architecture. Founded in 1800, as the first institution to begin college instruction in Vermont, a popular, democratic community enterprise, entirely non-sectarian, Middlebury College took possession of its first permanent building just a century ago. It was a plain, but graceful and dignified, college hall, strictly Colonial in type, not unlike Hollis and Stoughton in the Harvard yard, but with an added beauty from the gray limestone of which it was constructed. It still stands on the campus, flanked and shaded by stately elms and maples. During its hundred years of service it has never been closed, and it still an important element in the college plant—it has furnished academic rooms, halls for recitations, administration offices, and under the vigorous administration of Cyrus Hamlin it even housed the library and provided a gymnasium.

Middlebury has had a checkered history, with more ups and downs than most New England institutions. During the first forty years it was easily the leading college in Vermont, and in that period graduated nearly twice the number of its neighbor, the University of Vermont at Burlington. One year its senior class exceeded that of Harvard, and in 1817 Middlebury's president, Henry Davis, declined a call to Yale because of the larger opportunity he believed the Vermont institution afforded him. Just before the turn of the half-century fortune was not so kindly, and the college was just beginning to recover when the Civil War nearly emptied here its halls and its treasury.

New buildings were few and far between, but the "chapel," chiefly a recitation hall, constructed in 1836, ranks well with the earlier structure as one of the best examples of Colonial architecture in New England. Starr Hall, erected in 1861, is a bit more crude, but harmonizes well with the other structures and completes a college "row," which is still the fairest part of the campus.

Perhaps it was fortunate that Middlebury had no building fund in the 70s and '80s, the barbaric period in American college architecture. The next building did not come until 1900, a library of classic outline, built of clear white marble from the famous quarries of the vicinity. The same style and material were followed in the Warner Science Hall in 1902. Middlebury has had a building revival since 1908, and four large buildings have followed each other in rapid succession, all in Colonial architecture.

The Chapel a Problem

The proposal of ex-Governor John A. Mead to erect a chapel for Middlebury in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation presented a difficult problem to the college. Local influences called for "something different," Gothic, or at least Romanesque. The impossibility of a "beautiful service" in a structure of New England type was urged strongly. Photographs of many an imitation cathedral on American campuses were pressed for consideration.

On the other hand, in his letter of gift ex-Governor Mead had said, "I have in mind a dignified and substantial structure, in harmony with the other buildings of the college, and expressive of the stability and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the State of Vermont have always been distinguished." He asked that the chapel to bear his name might "rise from the highest point of the campus, as a symbol of the position, most prominent in every respect, which Christian character and religious faith should always maintain in its work for our youth."

The problem was submitted to Allen & Collens, the architects, and they advised strongly that ex-Governor Mead's suggestion of "harmony with the other buildings of the college" be strictly followed. They have designed a chapel of the New England meeting-house type on the exterior, all in white marble, but with a wooden spire. The interior, however, in order to recall the more ecclesiastical effect of the Gothic type will follow the colonial note in detail. The woodwork of the chancel, ceiling and pews will all be birch, stained a dark color. By this means the objection to the colonial has been successfully met. The chapel will occupy a commanding location on the grounds on the highest crest of the campus, from which point there is a wide panorama of the Green Mountains and the valley of Otter Creek. On the architrave over the colonnade will be appropriately inscribed "The Strength of the Hills is His Also."

Work has been begun on the building and it is hoped that by Commencement time enough of the structure will be completed to enable the alumni to judge of its final possibilities.

A "Meeting-House" for Middlebury

(Allen & Collens, Boston, Architects)

Return to Early New England Architecture in College's New Chapel, the Gift of Ex-Governor Mead of Vermont.

TUFTS JUNIOR DAY MAY 13

The Usual Social and Athletic Programme Being Arranged—Western Trip for Musical Clubs

The class of 1916 at Tufts will celebrate Junior Day, Thursday, May 13. College exercises will be suspended on that date and the whole day will be given over to the programme for which elaborate preparations are being made. The first event will be the flag raising followed by the parade of the "Horribles, which consists of members of the two lower classes, dressed in varied fantastic and grotesque costumes. Then will come a tennis match between the varsity team and Bowdoin and possibly some exhibition singles matches. Between the tennis matches and the Bowdoin-Tufts baseball game in the afternoon all the fraternities will entertain at luncheon in the different chapter houses. After the game a "sing" will be held either in the Gymnasium or on the "Hex." At six the Junior Day supper will be served, during which there will be music and dancing. "The Money Question," a comedy by Alexander Dumas, Fils, will be given in the evening in Jackson Gymnasium under the auspices of the Three P's Dramatic Society.

Long Trip for Musical Clubs

The schedule of nine concerts for the Western trip of the Musical Clubs has just been announced by Manager Melvin J. Messer, '15. The clubs will go as far west as Detroit, giving concerts in New York, Brooklyn, Schenectady, Buffalo, Detroit and Pittsburgh. At a recent meeting of the clubs, N. W. Morrison, '16, was elected assistant manager and Henry Priest, '15, was chosen secretary for the remainder of the year.

The last of the series of College teas will be held tomorrow from four until six. Professor and Mrs. Charles E. Fay will receive. These teas have proved very popular through the season and a large attendance is expected. Students from both Tufts and Jackson are invited.

The Sigma Tau Alpha fraternity are giving a house party this evening at the chapter house on College avenue. The entertainment will be music, games and whist. The guests are Professor and Mrs. George F. Ashley and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Bacon of Malden. The committee in charge is Harold S. Hamilton, '16, Lewis A. Tentler, '17, Raymond C. Taylor, '16, and Edward Burns, '18.

OTTOMAN TERRITORY

The Ottoman Empire is made up of Turkey in Europe—the strip of territory stretching across from the Black Sea to the Adriatic—and Turkey in Asia, which includes Arabia, Syria and Palestine, and provinces in the isles of Samos and Cyprus are also under the sultan's rule. [New York Tribune.]

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
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RUTLAND, VERMONT.

November 14, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I felt there was something I wanted to speak to you about when you were in Rutland yesterday, but I could not just recall what it was. This morning it came to me when I saw the large envelope of papers, letters, etc., etc. which I have been accumulating during the construction of the Chapel, and I was wondering if you would think it advisable to get some party who was specially adapted to this sort of work and have him take this accumulation which I have and perhaps develop a little booklet from the same, giving the history, etc. of the above. I sometimes think it would be desirable and then again, I hesitate for fear people will look upon it as a purely personal matter and one in which the public in general would not have special interest.

Trusting you arrived home safely and feeling that you will rejoice that you started before this horrid storm overtook you, I am, with kindest regards to Mrs. Thomas,

Yours most respectfully,

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,
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November 16, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury College,
Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I have just received your very kind letter of the 15th inst., and have read the same with special interest and am pleased that the suggestion I made you meets with your approval. I confess that I was hoping that with something of this kind being done, it might stimulate some of our friends to pattern after Mr. Hepburn's example and give you an elegant dormatory for the girls or possibly something else which you might more desire at this time.

I shall be delighted to see a copy of the manuscript to which you refer and if I knew where it was to be printed, I might have, perhaps, a few copies struck off for my personal use. I almost feared you would think my writing you was a suggestion that you might use the material I have accumulated for the purpose which I suggested and for this reason I hesitated about writing you. But when you suggested Prof. Wright's assisting you, possibly it would not be so great a burden to yourself, as I feel strongly there is no one who could undertake this with such assured success as would you and Prof. Wright. Should any new plates or suchlike be desired to make the same more pleasing, I trust you will advise me and I will be more than willing to furnish the same. I do not know whether Tuttle Co. could do this job possibly as well as some others, and yet they might. If we undertake it, I should hope we might get the

Dr. J. M. T. #2.

very best. I have a few papers which I have accumulated in a large envelope and if you desire, I shall be very willing to send you the same any time you may suggest.

With very kindest remembrance to Mrs. Thomas and family, also to Prof. Wright and family, believe me,

Yours sincerely,

O. A. Wood

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,
RUTLAND, VERMONT.

Rutland, Vt., Nov. 18, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,

President, Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

This A. M. i received your long letter of the 17th and have read it for the second time with special interest, and have just spent half an hour or so gathering a mass of material pertaining to the chapel, which has been accumulated during the last two years or more and which possibly you may find, some of it at least, of use in the compiling of "the little book" to which you refer. I have not been over the same at all carefully, so without question you will find quite a few duplicates and a large mass of material which you cannot use in any way. I would simply suggest that you and Professor Wright use your own good judgment in every instance. I have sent you many letters, clippings from different papers, etc., etc., all in a mass without any arrangement as to dates or in any otherwise has it been arranged to be convenient for you.

You state that you think during "the Christmas vacation" you might have time to "whip this all into shape." I surely hope you will not burden yourself with this matter, as there is no very great haste. I should much prefer to have you take plenty of time and thus have the same entirely to your satisfaction when it is complete. I have said nothing to Mrs. Mead yet about "the little book" to which you refer, which is to be in the form of a manuscript - still I know that she will be greatly pleased with the same.

As to illustrations, I hope you will just arrange for as many as

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you think will add in any way to the interest of this subject. To be frank with you, I have special hopes that it may be productive of great good to our college, as I do feel that others can be made specially interested in our Alma Mater, and that the full history and description of the chapel should induce others to lend a helping hand. We will have it published in the very best shape possible and I should be more than willing to distribute it very thoroughly among those, at least, whom I could expect would be interested. As you state, the chances for a dormitory for the girls I think would be very much increased with some such little advertisement as we could give to the college along these lines.

You refer to the other buildings which no doubt you should have and I am sure they will come in due time.

Referring to the meeting in New York on Jan. 26th; if you could advise me of your plans so that we could all work in harmony, I am sure much better results might be obtained. If a large board like that of your trustees gathers without any special previous information as to what the necessities are, it does not appeal to me that they can do nearly as good work. I shall endeavor to be present and trust that I may see you previous to that meeting and to learn what your wishes are and to be enabled to be of some assistance.

Kindly remember me to Mrs. Thomas and your family, also to Professor Wright and family, and President Brainerd and family, believe me,

Yours most sincerely,

P. S. I will endeavor to send this material either by express or parcel post and get it to you by Monday or Tuesday of next week.

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Midd. College, Middlebury Vt."

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History of Middlebury Chapel

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This beautiful white marble structure rises on the highest point of the campus, its spire symbolizing the aspirations of the College.

A note about the chapel name*(#the-chapel-name)*.

The light which shines here nightly is seen in the entire valley. Over the portal are carved the words from Psalm 95:4, “The Strength of the Hills is His Also.”

When John Thomas became president in 1908, the chapel room in Old Chapel had become inadequate and unattractive. Other needs had to come first, but in 1914 Thomas persuaded Dr. John A. Mead ‘64, to contribute up to $60,000 for a new chapel. Mead was a Rutland, Vermont physician and industrialist, a former Governor of Vermont, and College Trustee. When his gift proved to be insufficient for a marble structure, Mead and his wife later contributed another $15,000, which also covered the cost of a chime of eleven bells in the tower. Even then, the rear or west end of the chapel had to be constructed of wood. As Mead requested, the chapel was located on the high point of land, and became the center of the west side of the new campus quadrangle.

Architecture

The style of architecture was a matter of controversy, which ended in compromise. The floor plan follows the New England meeting-house style, with the door at the front end. The façade is a Greek Revival temple colonnade of marble; the doors and the windows in the marble sides are Georgian; the spire is Federal. The interior is a tasteful Georgian- inspired paneled sanctuary in stained wood.

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Services

The chapel services were then an essential part of the students' day. They were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday through Saturday, and served as a general College meeting. Attendance was taken by monitors, with penalties for more than three absences per semester. Men sat on one side of the aisle, women on the other, no mixing. Official and student notices for the day were read by the senior class president. President Moody or some senior faculty member presided. The service consisted of two hymns, scripture reading, prayer, and a five-minute talk. Sunday Vespers were held at 5:00 p.m., attendance also required unless excused to attend church in the village. A visiting clergyman usually preached. During the 1920's and 1930's, the chapel added greatly to the cohesiveness of the College as "I'll meet you on chapel steps" served as a way of confirming an engagement.

Changes Over Time

As the College grew, changes were inevitable. The balconies were added in 1938, increasing the seating capacity to 715. The war years and the presence of the Navy V-12 Unit changed the schedules. By 1950, with the student population approaching 1200, attendance was required of only half the College one day a week on an alternating basis. Occasional "Assemblies" on academic business required attendance on Friday or Saturday. All requirements have now been dropped.

An altar replaced the original armchairs at the back of the chancel in 1952. The little Sunderland Chapel was created at the right, and is used for small prayer meetings. The original organ was replaced in 1971 by the large Gress-Miles organ. The tower now holds a wonderful 48-bell carillon, gift in 1986 of Allen Dragone '50 and his wife Jane, cast and tuned in France from the original bells and other sets. It is played regularly in the late afternoon.

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Beginning in 1937, a Chaplain was appointed to lead the chapel services, organize the Sunday Vespers with their visiting clergymen, and encourage the religious life of the College. The Rev. Charles Scott served with distinction from 1951 to 1986. The current chaplain is Mark Orten*(https://www.middlebury.edu/office/charles-p-scott-center-spiritual-and-religious-life/mark-orten)*. Rabbi Danielle Stillman*(https://www.middlebury.edu/office/charles-p-scott-center-spiritual-and-religious-life/danielle-stillman)* serves as associate chaplain, and Saifa Hussain*(https://www.middlebury.edu/office/charles-p-scott-center-spiritual-and-religious-life/saifa-hussain)* is associate chaplain and Muslim advisor.

The Chapel Name

Middlebury removed the name “Mead” from its chapel in 2021 because of Governor John A. Mead’s role in advancing eugenics policy in the early 20th century. The building is now referred to as Middlebury Chapel. The decision was made by Middlebury leadership following a recommendation by a working group of faculty, staff, students, and alums. The working group carefully considered the issue and the complexities involved: the immorality of eugenics practices, the historical context and conventions of the time, and the awareness that the chapel—and the ceremonies and events that have taken place within it—has deep personal, spiritual, and cultural meaning for generations of Middlebury people. More context can be found here*(http://www.middlebury.edu/newsroom/archive/2021-news/node/659912)*.

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The Chapel Today

Middlebury Chapel is still the center of great activity. The academic year is framed by Convocation in September and Baccalaureate in May. Though its origins lay in the Protestant tradition, the College now welcomes students of all religious

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faiths and from all parts of the globe. The Chaplain's Office sponsors worship services, dinners, lectures and other events. Newman, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Hillel, the Islamic Society are among the many student religious organizations that are active on campus. The College Choir and the Chamber Choir present a broad repertory of sacred and secular music throughout the year. The Chapel also hosts lectures, concerts, and other major public events. It continues to serve, despite changing times, as the place where the College community comes together on occasions of significance.

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Video: Mead Chapel Turns 100

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June 15, 2016

NEWS

Editor's Note: On September 27, 2021, Middlebury *announced that it would remove the Mead name from the chapel, citing John Mead's role in eugenics policy in the early 20th century. Read the full announcement(http://www.middlebury.edu/newsroom/archive/2021-news/node/659912).*

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. — Mead Chapel, perhaps the most iconic building on the Middlebury College campus, turns 100 this year. Built with the help of a $60,000 donation from former governor Dr. John Mead to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Middlebury in 1864, Mead Chapel was

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dedicated on June 18, 1916, and marked “the completion of two years’ work and its entrance into the history of Middlebury as a meeting place for religious worship by faculty and students.”

Mead Chapel has been part of every student’s experience for the past century, providing a community gathering place for convocations, lectures, concerts, baccalaureates, and countless other events.

In a new video featuring vintage photos and film clips from the College’s Special Collections and Archives, Professor Emeritus of History of Art and Architecture Glenn Andres tells the story of the beautiful building occupying the highest spot on campus.

For more information about the history of Mead Chapel, visit Special Collections’ blog posts, “Mead Chapel Centenary: Then and Now,” Part One*(http://sites.middlebury.edu/specialcollections/2016/04/29/mead-chapel-centenary-then-now/)* and Part Two*(http://sites.middlebury.edu/specialcollections/2016/05/25/mead-chapel-centenary-then-now-pt-ii/)*.

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Middlebury College video production "Mead Chapel Turns 100," featuring Middlebury College's Glenn Andres, Professor Emeritus, History of Art and Architecture (portion of which follows.) https://www.middlebury.edu/announcements/news/2016/06/video-mead-chapel-turns-100 :

"We are here to celebrate Mead Chapel, which is marking its centennial year."

"This beautiful building was a key part of President Thomas' vision for Middlebury College. President Thomas noted that the Chapel room, when he became president, was merely a room and it only accommodated about ½ of the student body which at the time was 222 students."

"But then in May 1914, ex-Governor John Mead of Rutland pledged $60k to the college to construct a chapel."

"He expressed a desire that this Chapel be built on the highest point on the campus to catch the first rays of morning light and the last glow of the evening sun. He wanted it to be executed in Vermont marble. He wanted it also to 'be expressive of the simplicity and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the state of Vermont have always be distinguished.'"

"These references to strength and to place are probably the source of the quotation that we find on the portico on the Chapel, 'The strength of the hills is His also.' This is Psalm 95."

"The building was initiated in 1916 with a seating capacity of 674 at a time that the college had 222 students. The building was primarily used for daily Chapel services, it was a time for announcements, for hymns, for reading scriptures, and a five minute talk. This was delivered by visiting clergy and sometimes by faculty members."

"By 1950, with a student population of 1200, Chapel was required only every other day because they couldn't accommodate the whole campus. And then in the 1960's, compulsory Chapel ceased."

"But the Chapel has continued to function in accord with President Thomas' larger vision of it as the college's meeting house. Of course it remained a place for Sunday services, for weddings, but also for college ceremonies, convocation, baccalaureate and until the completion of the Center for the Arts, it was also the main venue for the college concert series."

"The monumental centerpiece and aesthetic keystone for the college for 100 years, Mead Chapel has remained an important symbolic and central venue for college activities and traditions."

https://www.middlebury.edu/announcements/news/2016/06/video-mead-chapel-turns-100 (provided in part, emphasis supplied). Video also available at: https://vimeo.com/170805471

See entire video which contains more historical photos and video footage of the building, architecture, history and use of the Mead Memorial Chapel.

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Mead Chapel Centenary: Then & Now

April 29, 2016 Samuel Cartwright

[In the fall of 2021, Middlebury College removed the name of John A. Mead (1841-1920) Class of 1864 from the Chapel, due to his role in the eugenics movement in the state of Vermont.]

In celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the completion of Mead Chapel and Hepburn Hall, Special Collections presents a series of posts featuring interactive before-and-after imagery of these Middlebury icons.

Built with the help of a $60,000 donation from former governor Dr. John Mead to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Middlebury in 1864, Mead Chapel was dedicated on June 18th, 1916 and marked "*the completion of two years' work and its entrance into the history of Middlebury as a meeting place for religious worship by faculty and students.*"

Below is an interactive slider with images of Mead from the archives (***tap or drag the bar to the right and left to slide between images***). The before image comes from the scrapbook of Arthur Thomas Vaughn, Class of 1917, and shows scaffolding around the spire. The after image is a 1916 postcard marking the completion of the chapel.

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"Dedication of Mead Memorial Chapel." *The Middlebury Campus*, June 21, 1916.

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Mead Chapel Centenary: Then & Now Pt. II

May 25, 2016 Samuel Cartwright

In celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the completion of Mead Chapel and Hepburn Hall, Special Collections presents a series of posts featuring interactive before-and-after imagery of these Middlebury icons.

Below is an interactive slider with images of Mead from the archives (***tap or drag the bar to the right and left to slide between images***). The before image was taken in 1942 while the after image shows the chapel and the surrounding (or should we say obscuring) landscape as it looks today.

A new 48-rank chamber organ was installed in Mead Chapel in 1970 after the condition of the original had deteriorated beyond repair. Music director Emory Fanning recalled that at the start of one

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performance on the dilapidated instrument, 12-inch blue flames had shot out of the motor before it was turned off, a prayer for the dead was recited, and it was turned back on for the remainder of the performance — which continued without a hitch.

The interactive slider below shows the dramatic presence that the new organ holds in Mead, having covered up the window above the altar. The before image is a 1919 postcard showing the interior of the chapel while the after image shows how it looks today. Other changes include balcony seating and updated lighting fixtures.

Sources

"The Organ in the Chapel." *Middlebury College News Letter*, July 1, 1969.
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MEAD CHAPEL TURNS 100

May 18, 2016 *by Mikaela Taylor*

2016 marks the centennial celebration of Mead Chapel, dedicated on June 18th, 1916.

In 1914, former governor Dr. John Mead, class of 1864, fulfilled President Thomas's desire for a space large enough to accommodate the entire student body and faculty, pledging $60,000 to construct Mead Chapel in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation from Middlebury.

To commemorate the hundred years of the strength of the hills, Special Collections' DLA fellow Sam Cartwright '18 created a series of then and now images. Using archival materials from postcards to scrapbook photos along with his own photography, he fashioned interactive sliders to showcase how this structure has embodied "the strength of the hills" over the last century, featured on the Special Collections & Archives blog here and here.

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The photograph that shows scaffolding around the “Federal tower” comes from the scrapbook of Arthur Thomas Vaughn, Class of 1917, and the completed Mead Chapel image was featured on a 1916 postcard.

The “now” image was captured by Sam Cartwright ’18 on a Special Collections staff jaunt to Old Chapel’s cupola. While the vista from the top offered a new perspective of our campus, the interior view gave us insight into the past – in the form of vintage student graffiti.

Some of these students might have been the first to witness the completed Mead Chapel such as “JL ’16,” Joel John Lamere of Ludlow, VT who married fellow Midd alumna Katherine Hobbs…

and “Chap ’16,” George Hamilton Chapman of Worcester, MA, born 1891.

Whether by erecting a new chapel or carving initials into an old one, Middlebury’s alumni leave their mark on campus for centuries.

Source: Stameshkin, David M. 1985. *The Town’s College: Middlebury College, 1800-1915.* Middlebury, VT: Middlebury College Press.

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2 THOUGHTS ON “MEAD CHAPEL TURNS 100”

Michele McHugh on May 18, 2016 at 3:29 pm said:

Do we know if Mead Chapel is still “a space large enough to accommodate the entire student body and faculty”? What is the seating capacity? Congratulations to Sam Cartwright. This looks like it was a fun project.

Reply ↓

Rebekah Irwin on May 18, 2016 at 4:36 pm said:

Thank you Michele! The current capacity for Mead Chapel is 1,098. So, no, the College outgrew Mead decades ago. President Thomas wouldn’t recognize the Middlebury of today, I suspect.

Reply ↓

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Middlebury Chapel

Middlebury Chapel serves as a place where the College community comes together on occasions of significance.

Middlebury Chapel was built in 1916, at a time when chapel services were part of the daily routine for all students. Although the last chapel requirements disappeared decades ago, Middlebury Chapel is still the center of great activity. Convocation in September and Baccalaureate in May still frame the academic year. Chaplain Jordan leads Sunday morning Chapel Services at Middlebury Chapel during special event weekends. Choral ensembles and campus *a cappella* groups regularly perform in Middlebury Chapel, and during the summertime it is the scene of frequent weddings. *(https://www.middlebury.edu/office/scott-center/resources/mead-memorial-chapel/having-your-wedding-ceremony-mead-chapel)* The chapel also hosts lectures, concerts, and other major public events.

Please note: Middlebury has removed the name “Mead” from its chapel because of Governor John A. Mead’s role in advancing eugenics policy in the early 20th century. The building is now referred to as Middlebury Chapel. The decision was made by Middlebury leadership following a recommendation by a working group of faculty, staff, students, and alums. The working group carefully considered the issue and the complexities involved: the immorality of eugenics practices, the historical context and conventions of the time, and the awareness that the chapel—and the ceremonies and events that have taken place within it—has deep personal, spiritual, and cultural meaning for generations of Middlebury people. Read full announcement*(http://www.middlebury.edu/newsroom/archive/2021-news/node/659912)*.

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Carillon

Summer Sounds: A Brief History of Middlebury's Carillon

About Our Carillon

A carillon is set up like a keyboard, with black and white keys and foot pedals that can help produce different kinds of sound. Each key is connected by wire to a bell clapper so different bells are rung depending on which key is struck. It is a 75-step climb up to

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Middlebury's bell tower, atop Middlebury Chapel. The Middlebury Carillon is considered a traditional carillon of 48 bells. The pitch of Middlebury's heaviest bell is E in the middle octave. It is a 2,300-pound bell; roughly the same weight as the Liberty Bell. In 1915, the instrument was begun with eleven bells by the Meneely bellfoundry in Watervliet, New York. Nine bells remain from that work. In 1986, the instrument was enlarged to its present size with bells made by Paccard-Fonderie des Cloches in Annecy, France. The enhanced carillon was presented as a gift from then Chairman of the Board of Trustees Allen Dragone '50 (and his wife Jane) in 1986. 27 bells remain from that work. In 2001, 12 bells were recast or replaced in 2001 by Meeks & Watson of Georgetown, Ohio.

In 1918, the family of former governor John Mead gave Mead Chapel a chime of 11 bells made by the Meneely Company of West Troy, New York (a chime is defined as six to 22 bells. A carillon comprises 23 or more bells.) A note about the chapel name*(http://www.middlebury.edu/newsroom/archive/2021-news/node/659912)*. The Meneely family of that time was the 8th or 9th generation descendants of Paul Revere (a bell cast by Paul Revere is in the tower of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Middlebury). In 1985, through the kindness of donor Allen Dragone, then President of the Board of Trustees of the College, the chime was expanded to a full carillon of 48 bells by the firm Paccard et Fils of Annecy le-Vieux of France. Middlebury's carillon is one of 183 carillons in the United States (71 of them in colleges or universities) and about 750 in the world.

George Matthew, Jr., has been the College Carillonneur since 1985, and teaches Middlebury College students the art of this unique musical form.

Daily Carillon Performances, 12:30 -1:30 pm

Performer is George Matthew Jr. unless otherwise noted

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Charles P. Scott Center for Spiritual and Religious Life

Middlebury Chapel Weddings

Planning a wedding? Here are the most frequently asked questions about having the chapel as your wedding venue.

Please call Ellen McKay, the Chaplain's Office Program Coordinator, at (802) 443-5626 to have a more in-depth conversation. A note about the chapel name*(http://www.middlebury.edu/newsroom/archive/2021-news/node/659912)*.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q Who can use the chapel for weddings?

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Mead Memorial Chapel

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September 27, 2021

NEWS

Middlebury Chair of the Board of Trustees George Lee and President Laurie Patton sent the following message to the Middlebury community on Monday, September 27, 2021.

Dear Middlebury Community,

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This past spring, the Vermont Legislature made a public apology for its former legislation authorizing the forced sterilization of at least 250 Vermonters as part of the implementation of a eugenics policy in the first decades of the 20th century. The move had bipartisan support from legislators and followed the examples of other states in coming to terms with this painful part of our nation's history.

That statement by the state legislature raised a question for us at Middlebury about the role played by Governor John A. Mead, Class of 1864, whose gift established Mead Memorial Chapel, in advocating and promoting eugenics policies in Vermont in the early 1900s. It compelled us to ask whether it is appropriate to have Mead's name so publicly and prominently displayed on the Middlebury campus, especially on the iconic chapel, a place of welcome for all.

After a careful and deliberative process, Middlebury's Board of Trustees has made the decision to remove the Mead name from the chapel, for the reasons we will describe below.

We want to stress up front that this was a process involving deep reflection and discussion. No issue like this should be undertaken lightly or often.

Eugenics and Governor Mead

Eugenics is a subject that should strike us at our core, requiring that we confront our values, our history, and some difficult choices around legacy and accountability. Based in early 20th-century notions of racial purity and "human betterment," eugenics policies sought to isolate and prevent the procreation of so-called "delinquents, dependents, and defectives" to bring about a more "desirable" society. Such policies were enacted through the involuntary confinement of community members in state schools, hospitals, and other facilities—and the unconscionable practice of forced sterilization.

According to ample scholarly research in this area, victims of Vermont eugenics included people who were poor; who suffered from mental illness, incurable diseases, and physical disabilities; so-called "illegitimate children," French Canadians, Abenakis, women more than men, those who were illiterate, and people of mixed racial ancestry. All were targets. Eugenics

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policies separated families, caused untold individual suffering, and left lasting physical and emotional scars.

It is difficult for us to write these words. However, because of this painful history, it was important for Middlebury to follow its established process for these kinds of considerations and commission a working group to look into the question. Specifically, the president asked the group to examine the role that Governor Mead had in these policies, and what implications that had for us and for the iconic building named after him on campus. She asked the group to conduct its work with a generosity toward the historical context of the time, as well as rigor in historical analysis.

Our Deliberations

The working group approached its assignment with care and deep reflection, recognizing the complexities involved: the immorality of eugenics practices; the political and philosophical practices and conventions of the time; the awareness that the chapel—and the ceremonies and events that for decades have taken place within it—has deep personal, spiritual, and cultural meaning for generations of Middlebury people, and still does so today.

The president also asked them to consider the actions of other states and universities that have acknowledged eugenics in their own histories. They also considered the archival research in these and related areas by many historians and policy experts, including Middlebury students, faculty, and staff.

Following its review, citing his central role in advancing eugenics policies that resulted in harm to hundreds of Vermonters, the working group determined that “the name of former Governor Mead on an iconic building in the center of campus is not consistent with what Middlebury stands for in the 21st century.”

The group advised that “the President recommend to the Board of Trustees to remove ‘Mead’ as part of the building’s name.”

Our Decision

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The president received the working group's recommendation this summer. Following our institution's protocols, she forwarded the recommendation to the Prudential Committee of the Board of Trustees, which, according to its charter, has authority to act on behalf of the full board. The Prudential Committee voted unanimously that Middlebury should remove the Mead name. We want to stress again that this is an action we do not take lightly and do not expect to undertake often.

We are communicating this news to you now that we are back on campus so we can allow these questions the community conversation they deserve, which was not possible over the summer months. While the history of eugenics in Vermont, and Mead's instigating role, are well documented, they have not been widely discussed or acknowledged.

History and Timeline: The Gift and Eugenics Policies

Sharing some of the historical context that we studied over the summer might be helpful here. John Mead graduated from Middlebury in 1864. He became a physician, industrialist, Vermont governor, and a College trustee. The building's name honored him and his wife, Mary Madelia Sherman, when they gave $74,000 in 1914 to create a new, prominent chapel (of marble and wood, with bell tower and spire) on the highest point on campus. The ef fort was a key piece of President John Martin Thomas's vision for a grander Middlebury. Thomas wanted a structure that would express "the simplicity and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the state of Vermont have always been distinguished."

In many ways, visual representations of the chapel have become synonymous with the College. The working group was conscious of this, as well.

In 1912, two years before the chapel gift was made, in his outgoing speech as governor, John Mead strongly urged the legislature to adopt policies and create legislation premised on eugenics theory. His call to action resulted in a movement, legislation, public policy, and the founding of a Vermont state institution that sterilized people—based on their race, sex, ethnicity, economic status, and their perceived physical conditions and cognitive disabilities. John Mead's documented actions in this regard are counter in every way to our values as an

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institution, and counter to the spiritual purpose of a chapel, a place to nurture human dignity and possibility, and to inspire, embrace, and comfort all people.

Educational Task Force and the Way Forward

Our purpose in all these deliberations must have our educational mission at the center. This is not about erasing history, but just the opposite—engaging with it so we can learn from it. The working group advised that we convene a representative committee of community members to consider the opportunities for reflection and education this moment provides. That Educational Task Force will be appointed in October and be made up of members with diverse points of view. It will work with a variety of departments and groups on campus and develop recommendations for how we can acknowledge and educate about Middlebury's decision to first honor a member of this community, and then remove that honor. It will also consider whether and how the chapel should be renamed.

We will continue to reflect together about these broader issues in several ways, which you will hear about throughout the year. As we do that, we will hold two distinct and equally essential principles in mind: 1) a generosity of spirit toward and genuine curiosity about historical context, and 2) an understanding that many voices have not been, and need to be, represented in our historical record. Our educational efforts might include signage, architectural installations, public art—with the goal of encouraging constructive dialog and debate around not only the issue of the chapel name, but also its wider implications as a complex issue of our time. Students, faculty, and staff already have begun to think about this work.

Moving forward from here, and as the Educational Task Force takes shape, we will refer to the chapel as "Middlebury Chapel" or "the chapel."

We want to thank the student, faculty, staff, alum, and administrative members of the working group: Provost Jeff Cason, Dean of Admissions Nicole Curvin, Chief Diversity Officer Miguel Fernandez, Vice President for Advancement Colleen Fitzpatrick, Vice President for Communications David Gibson, Alumni Association President Janine Hetherington '95, Director and Curator of Special Collections Rebekah Irwin, Student Government Association

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President Roni Lezama ’22, Associate Professor of History Joyce Mao, Executive Vice President David Provost, and General Counsel Hannah Ross, chair.

We know that this decision may come as unexpected news to some. It may take some time to absorb. We are intensely aware of the profound feelings that the chapel evokes, and the special place it holds in the life of Middlebury and the lives of Middlebury people. The significance of those memories remains at the core of our Middlebury experience, no matter what the name of the building is. The meaning it has brought—and will continue to bring to so many—will inspire us all for generations to come.

We thank the Vermont Legislature for their bipartisan example and look forward to communicating with you in the weeks and months ahead. We invite you to join us in our efforts.

The strength of the hills will remain with us.

Sincerely, and on behalf of the Middlebury Board of Trustees,

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NEWS

John Mead's name removed from chapel for role in eugenics

By **Ideal Dowling**
September 30, 2021 | 6:01am EDT

Abigail Chang
The college removed the Mead name from the chapel entranceway early Monday.

In the early morning of Monday, Sept. 27, the stone slab engraved with "Mead Memorial Chapel" was removed from its place atop the entrance of the chapel. A few hours later, college President Laurie Patton and Chair of the Board of Trustees George Lee sent an email to the community explaining that chapel would no longer bear the name John Mead, Vermont governor from 1910 to 1912 and Middlebury class of 1864, due to his role in promoting eugenics policies in the state that led to the involuntary sterilization of an estimated 250 people.

In 1914, Mead and his wife Mary Madelia Sherman donated $74,000, the equivalent of about $2 million in today's money, for the creation of a new chapel. As the highest point on campus, the site of freshman convocation and a frequent symbol on college merchandise, the chapel has since become an iconic feature of Middlebury's landscape and branding. It will now be referred to as "The Middlebury Chapel" or just "the chapel."

llowing unanimous decisions in the Vermont House and Senate in spring of 2021 to "sincerely apologize and express sorrow and regret" for the state's eugenics campaign, a working group composed of members from the Senior Leadership Group chosen by Patton, as well as student, faculty and alumni representatives, began working in May 2021 to develop a recommendation for the Board of Trustees on the question of removing Mead's name from the chapel.

The working group members included Provost Jeff Cason, Dean of Admissions Nicole Curvin, Chief Diversity Officer Miguel Fernandez, Vice President for Advancement Colleen Fitzpatrick, Vice President for Communications David Gibson, Alumni Association President Janine Hetherington '95, Director and Curator of Special Collections Rebekah Irwin, Student Government Association President Roni Lezama '22, Associate Professor of History Joyce Mao, Executive Vice President David Provost and General Counsel Hannah Ross, who acted as chair of the group.

The committee was gathered with the aim of including a variety of viewpoints. "Different members brought their own expertise and experience to these conversations," Ross said.

Over the course of a month, the committee reviewed a comprehensive and varied group of materials largely put together by Irwin. The first group of documents were Vermont Public Records, mainly from 1911 to 1914 but including some published onward through the 1930s. One of the reports, submitted to the "Trustees of the Vermont State Hospital for the Insane," explicitly named Mead as an advocate of eugenics. In the report, a hospital official wrote, "Governor Mead has an idea in view, which in my opinion, should be endorsed by legal enactment, for the sterilization of these degenerates." The degenerates in question were identified as "dangerous imbeciles," particularly females during the "procreative period."

Other resources included the scholarship of independent historians Mercedes de Guardiola, Kevin Dann and Nancy Gallagher, an online archive called "Vermont Eugenics: A Documentary History," Vermont newspapers from the early 20th century, college archival records, college Trustee minutes, correspondence between John Mead and Middlebury President John Thomas, College Advancement records and documents in the Records of the Office of the Governor at the State Historical Society in Middlesex, VT, according to Irwin.

Irwin further noted that the group considered experiences of other schools in similar situations, such as the efforts of the "Yale University Committee to Establish Principles on Renaming." This document also guided the University of Vermont's renaming of the Bailey Howe Library. Other schools that have grappled with the symbolism of building names, mascots and campus symbols include Bryn Mawr College, the University of Richmond, Princeton University and Georgetown University.

Of all the information available, particularly influential was the State Legislature's background research, witnesses and documentation around Bill J.R.H.2. This Joint Resolution points directly to a 1912 bill put forward by Governor Mead, which was passed by the Vermont General Assembly but then vetoed by Governor Allen M. Fletcher due to constitutional concerns, that led "directly to Vermont state agencies and institutions adopting policies and procedures that carried out 'the intent of the vetoed legislation and the beliefs of the eugenics movement,'" wrote Irwin in an email to The Campus. "The state legislature itself drew that painful line back to Mead's proposed legislation," she continued.

After a careful review of these materials, the group made its recommendation to remove Mead's name in June 2021. The Board of Trustees made its decision unanimously by late August.

The email announcement stressed the working group's concerted efforts to recognize the complexities

involved in renaming: "We want to stress up front that this was a process involving deep reflection and discussion. No issue like this should be undertaken lightly or often," it read.

For Lezama, this comprehensive process led to a clear conclusion. "People will praise academia for being a place to have young students deliberate hard topics, but as we actually consider the individual lives of the students that compose Middlebury, it's also about providing equitable spaces for these students, especially BIPOC and low-income students, to thrive. There is no 'maybe we should hear them out' when it comes to a subject like eugenics that is terribly harmful and has very serious impacts on the well-being of students," he said.

As the only student in the group, Lezama's main goal was to ensure that the name change itself, though symbolic and powerful, is not the end of the college's efforts to support students from historically marginalized communities. "This is about moving forward and actively educating ourselves on harm that is done to members of our community, past or present. With these actions, Middlebury has an opportunity to differentiate itself from the rest of academia by actively taking a stance against ideals that harm its students. A space representing eugenics has no place on our campus."

However, not everyone in the Middlebury community shares Lezama's conviction that the removal of Mead's name was the proper choice. James Douglas '72, a former governor of Vermont and executive in residence at the college, expressed a number of reasons he was unhappy with the decision. The first regarded the process itself: "I was shocked to see the lack of transparency. This was done by a secret committee. The [slab's removal] was done under the cover of darkness. I don't understand that mentality, when in other endeavors the college has been open and inclusive," he said.

According to Ross, the early morning removal of the slab was due to the Facilities Department's schedule, which begins its workday at 7 a.m.

Next, Douglas explained why he does not feel the removal of Mead's name is a fair representation of Mead's career. "I certainly don't condone the study of or implementation of a eugenics program, but those were different times. There was a great deal of support for eugenics among people with distinguished careers, including Teddy Roosevelt, Margaret Sanger, W.E.B. Du Bois and Helen Keller. So, I think it's unfair to apply a 21st century lens to another era in our history," he said.

Douglas also noted that the removal announcement ignores many other positive aspects of Mead's career, including his support for progressive child labor laws, his creation of a school of agriculture that is now Vermont Technical College, his doubling of highway funding and his efforts to reform campaign finance. "I really believe that someone's legacy should be determined by the entirety of his or her life, not by comments that are later unfortunate. No one is perfect, especially with the hindsight of history," Douglas said.

Taking issue with the college's claim that the name removal does not amount to an erasure of history, Douglas replied, "Of course they are. One important element of history is that he gave the money, and his name has been on it for more than a century. I think it would be appropriate to return the money [for the chapel] and other money that he gave to the college."

According to the administration, Mead's financial gift to the college was not conditional upon his name being put on the building, so the college is not obligated to return the gift to the Mead family.

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Lastly, Douglas was perplexed as to why the action was taken when the vast majority of students were likely unaware of Mead's history and connection to eugenics. Nor does he believe the Vermont legislature's formal apology necessitated the name removal. "I don't think [the apology] leads to this cancellation of the legacy of the philanthropy of Governor Mead. The college has made a serious mistake," he said.

Though there have been no previous calls for the removal of Mead's name by Middlebury community members, Irwin noted that more and more colleges and universities across the country are beginning to engage in honest debates and conversations about what and who they choose to commemorate. "It's about how those choices express our values," she said.

Thinking of the broader implications of the decision, Douglas commented, "There is a growing attitude in academia of wokeness and political correctness. We all need to take a deep breath. A college campus is the kind of place we ought to be able to have these discussions, even uncomfortable decisions. This decision runs counter to the purpose of higher education."

Reiterating the official announcement, Ross stated, "This is not about erasing history, but just the opposite — engaging with it so we can learn from it. Our educational mission is at the center of all these deliberations."

The Educational Task Force is currently planning to work with a variety of departments and groups on campus to develop recommendations on how to acknowledge and educate about the decision to first honor a member of this community and then remove that honor, according to Ross. "Our educational efforts might include signage, architectural installations and public art – with the goal of encouraging constructive dialogue and debate around not only the issue of the chapel name but also its wider implications as a complex issue of our time," she said.

As of now, there are no plans to actively enforce the new name or obligate employees to refrain from referring to the chapel as Mead Chapel, according to Ross. The Educational Task Force may consider a publicity campaign to promote a new name if one is chosen for the chapel, but such a campaign is not part of the administration's current plans.

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OPINION

Why I'm Skipping My 50th Reunion at Middlebury College

I'll miss seeing my classmates and reminiscing about our college days. My regret would be greater, however, if I were to pretend that I was happy with cancel culture at my alma mater.

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The spire of Mead Chapel towers over the Middlebury Campus. Wikimedia Commons

JAMES DOUGLAS
Thursday, May 19, 2022
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A half-century ago this month I graduated from Middlebury College. I will not be attending my 50th Reunion.

At the crack of dawn seven months ago, while the campus was just coming to life, Middlebury College removed the sign denoting the name of the institution's house of worship.

It had been Mead Memorial Chapel for more than a century, since a former Vermont governor, John Mead, donated the funds to construct it on the grounds of his — and my — alma mater. He specified its name, to which the trustees readily agreed.

There was no warning that the name would be removed, no public discussion, no hint that such a defenestration was to occur. Instead, the College issued a statement shortly after the deed was done. I thought it was misleading and insulting, and seven months later I'm still hoping that a way will be found to restore Governor Mead's name to the chapel.

The basis for this furtive removal of Mead's name was the Governor's support, in his Farewell Address of 1912, for proposals to restrict the issuance of marriage licenses to those of limited intellectual capacity and to appoint a commission to study the use of vasectomy as a more humane process of sterilization.

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The former was passed by the legislature after he left office, but vetoed by his successor. Nonetheless, Governor Mead was proclaimed a eugenicist and the College implied, without evidence, that he was motivated by racism.

The cancellation of Governor Mead contradicts the very purpose of the College. A higher education institution exists for the pursuit of truth and knowledge. That requires a generous exposure to varied ideas and ideologies. Nigerian writer Chinua Achebe observed: "If you only hear one side of the story, you have no understanding at all."

Middlebury's denigration of Governor Mead sullies the reputation of a decent man, as well as a generous benefactor. The September 27 statement portrays him as essentially a precursor of Hitler, rather than presenting him in the context of his time. Support for eugenics was mainstream in the early 20th century, embraced by leaders in society, education and government, including, most likely, the Trustees who gratefully accepted his gift.

Presidents, prime ministers, judges, scientists, authors, even the founder of Planned Parenthood supported it. Importantly, the bulk of eugenics activity in Vermont occurred in the 1920s and 1930s, after the Governor's death.

The College vastly overstates Governor Mead's role in this matter; he didn't actually do anything, but merely expressed an opinion. That's what should trouble every fair-minded observer of this episode: Middlebury is regulating thought, precisely the opposite of what a liberal arts college should do.

John Mead not only served his state with distinction; he and a group of classmates interrupted their studies to join the Union Army. He appeared in arms at Gettysburg and subsequently returned to complete his degree. He practiced medicine for a while, but his prosperity derived from several manufacturing firms that created prosperity for many families. He was a Middlebury trustee, received an honorary degree, and gave generously to our alma mater, beyond financing the Chapel.

Mead was viewed as a progressive. He supported women's suffrage, toughened child labor laws, strengthened campaign finance statutes, and established Vermont Technical College. He doubled funding for highways and

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ored clean energy, urging the substitution of hydroelectric power for coal. He was seriously considered for the vice-presidential nomination on the national ticket in 1912.

Vermont's native son, Calvin Coolidge, observed that "Education is to teach men not what to think but how to think." That requires hearing different ideas and acknowledging them in context. It means learning from history, not erasing it.

The College bases its decision on inconsistency with its values. On the contrary, purging the legacy of someone who revered our alma mater and gave generously to support it, due to a single remark that we a century later deem unacceptable, hardly conforms to the purpose of the academy.

Nearly everyone's legacy is mixed. I'll bet all of us have at some point made a remark or written a comment that, upon reflection, seems inappropriate, even offensive, and that we later regret. Is that the sole basis on which a long and distinguished career should be judged? Under the scrutiny of the Thought Police, no one's legacy is safe.

Yale Professor Anthony Kronman, in his book "The Assault on American Excellence," urges against erasure of history. Rather, he writes, we should "contextualize" it. That's what Middlebury ought to do, not purge the good name of a beloved and generous alumnus.

I'll miss seeing my classmates and reminiscing about our college days. My regret would be greater, however, if I were to pretend that I was happy to be there, in the shadow of Mead Chapel, the scene of the College's expunction of the Governor's legacy.

I hope that the institution's officials reconsider this unfortunate deed. Cancel culture is alive and well at Middlebury, so, for now, I'll celebrate alone.

JAMES DOUGLAS

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December 6, 2022

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Dear Mr. Lee:

I write to share with you the American Council of Trustees and Alumni's (ACTA) thoughts on the decision to remove the name of the Mead Memorial Chapel and, more widely, the imperative of building a stronger culture of free expression at Middlebury College.

Former Vermont governor John Mead supported eugenicist practices, and I join with Middlebury in condemning these appalling views. However, powerful authorities quietly rescinding the name of the chapel avoids difficult conversations about the past—and thus denies students the opportunity for historical understanding and consideration of complex moral questions. Ironically, failure to deliberate contributed to the widespread use of eugenics in the early 20th century. Further, Middlebury's clandestine decision-making mirrors elitist cultural practices that contributed to eugenics' formerly widespread acceptance.

We are aware of the constructive debates in 2017–2021 on issues of speech and inclusion at Middlebury College. Members of the community joined deliberations of the Committee on Speech and Inclusion, the Engaged Listening Project, and multiple Critical Conversations. This work bore fruit in the following affirmation in the Middlebury Handbook's Policy on Open Expression:

> A robust and inclusive public sphere is one where all voices can be heard and have the opportunity to contribute to the conversation. Middlebury's mission . . . requires a learning environment where all community members practice engaging across difference, perspective taking, and critical thinking to expand their understanding of the range of attitudes, values, ideas, actions, issues, policies, and practices that exist on campus and in the world beyond.

Middlebury's mission rightly defends reflective truth-seeking as vital to the institution's inclusive identity. As President Patton noted in her April 2017 address to faculty, free expression and inquiry undergird the school's other commitments. She noted, "Education must be free enough to expose students to a wide-range of conflicting and even disturbing ideas, for only then will we be able to give our students the wisdom, the resilience, and the courage to make this a better world." The challenges our nation faces—and our world confronts—

require institutions of higher education to be bold and thoughtful in their approach.

Middlebury's reputation has suffered from the 2017 shout-down of Charles Murray and the violent assault on Middlebury's distinguished professor Allison Stanger, followed two years later by the disinvitation of Polish philosopher and political leader Ryszard Legutko. Some institutions, like the University of North Carolina–Chapel Hill, are earning high praise for their commitment to freedom of expression; others are betraying their heritage.

While Middlebury has made efforts to affirm open inquiry, campus enforcement of these policies and sentiments remains inadequate. The Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression (FIRE) gives Middlebury a Red rating, and the college ranks 189th out of 203 schools surveyed by FIRE. This statistic exemplifies the widespread challenges Middlebury College faces in carrying out its support for free expression.

It is for this reason that I would like to introduce to you the ACTA Gold Standard for Freedom of Expression. ACTA's Gold Standard is a blueprint designed to help institutions of higher education commit to a culture of free expression, foster civil discourse, cultivate intellectual diversity, break down barriers to free expression, and advance leadership accountability. The Gold Standard provides specific steps that would put into action Middlebury College's stated affirmation to expand free expression on its campus and help the institution take bolder steps to uphold free inquiry and inclusion.

If you share the concern to protect free speech and intellectual inquiry, know that the historic spirit of Middlebury, and its free speech policies, are on your side. The very purpose of Middlebury College is to pursue *Scientia et Virtus*, knowledge and virtue. We encourage you as a trustee to discuss with colleagues their ideas and opinions regarding how to expand these protections and promote more inclusive discourse on campus. On issues of intellectual diversity and free expression, you can lead by example, even within the privacy of boardroom meetings and personal conversations.

If you would like additional information about the ACTA Gold Standard for Freedom of Expression or a private consultation, please contact **Steven McGuire, ACTA's Paul & Karen Levy Fellow in Campus Freedom, at SMcGuire@GoACTA.org**.

On behalf of ACTA, thank you for your commitment to free expression and intellectual inquiry at Middlebury College, and I encourage further action on issues of such vital importance to your community.

Warm regards,

Michael B. Poliakoff

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President

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LIMITATIONS OF LAW AND HISTORY

Time runs out on most things. Bread has its official expiration date, followed by inedible mold. Fruit and radioactive waste decay. Life has death. Library books become overdue after two weeks, and threaten fines. Iron erodes. Faces and other body parts sag. Recess is over with the bell.

In law, there are statutes of limitations; in equity, there is laches. There comes a time when it's too late--to prosecute most crimes or with civil or equitable claims to raise your objection to something that's happened to you. Once the period tolls, whatever was wrong or unjust is beyond challenge. Justice must be timely sought; late-claimed rights wither and die. You've slept on your rights, and you may never have heard the alarm.

Limitations exist for practical reasons. If a party could bring a claim at any time, the courts would be filled with cases for which evidence would have been lost, memories polluted, stories enhanced by retellings, and resources wasted. If you could be prosecuted for a crime no matter how many years had passed since the date of the offense, there is a risk there would be more innocent people convicted, based on false testimony. Limitations play a role in redemption. They shrive our sins and crimes, our bad behavior, allowing a reset, a cleansing of history that need not come back to haunt us.

Lately, the statues of Confederate generals and of those who promoted slavery have come down hard, toppled by protesters. Columbus has been decapitated and thrown into the river. Military bases, sports teams, and even the UVM library are being renamed, as a way of condemning racism and other wrongs, as a form of expiation or atonement. These judgments altering our view of people and events know no time limit, and there is no due process, no appeal, no hearing beyond the chanting of slogans. The sins and crimes of men and women found to be lacking in lasting respect are unforgivable and swiftly punished, justified by revisionist historical thinking and the mores of the present. Time never runs out on them.

Still, there needs to be some process, even with an inquisition and sanctions that know no temporal bounds.

Statutes of Limitations

The law sets limits on how long most crimes can be prosecuted, although the Vermont legislature has decided that some crimes have no limits and others have longer terms. Those without limits include "aggravated sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault of a child, sexual assault, sexual exploitation of a minor as defined in subsection 3258(c) of [**Title** 13], human trafficking, aggravated human trafficking, murder, manslaughter, arson causing death, and kidnapping."[1] These crimes can be prosecuted at any time, no matter how long a time since the offenses were committed. Forty years is the limit for prosecution of lewd and lascivious conduct with or against a child, maiming, sexual exploitation of a child, and sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult.[2] Eleven years is the limit for arson and first degree aggravated assault.[3] Prosecutions for lewd and lascivious conduct, sexual abuse of a vulnerable adult under subsection 1379(a), grand larceny, robbery, burglary, embezzlement, forgery, bribery offenses,

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false claims, fraud under 33 V.S.A. § 131(d), and felony tax offenses made after six years from the commission of the crime are unactionable.[4] Most all other felonies and misdemeanors have a statute of limitations of three years.[5] Most civil actions have a six-year statute of limitations.[6]

According to William Blackstone, the purpose of statutes of limitation is "to preserve the peace of the kingdom, and to prevent those innumerable perjuries which might ensue if a man were allowed to bring an action for any purpose at any distance of time."[7]

Back at the beginning, in 1779, Vermont adopted a one-year statute of limitations for most crimes, except capital crimes.[8] Capital crimes had no limitations. It treated rape as a capital crime, with a type of statute of limitations. The crime could be prosecuted at any time, "provided that, in time of distress," the victim "did make an outcry on the occasion."[9]

The first civil statute of limitations came eight years later, in 1787, when Vermont first established a six-year limit to the filing of most actions. That year the 15-year period to prove adverse possession and prescriptive use was adopted. That act suspended the limitation periods for minors under the age of 21, femes covert, those who were non compos mentis or in prison or beyond the seas. The clock would restart itself for minors, after coming of age, and others if they recovered their mental capacity, were released from imprisonment, or returned from overseas.[10]

The general law of statutes of limitation changed little over the years, but the exceptions increased. Legislation or rules narrowed or expanded the usual period. The crime of profane cursing or swearing in 1821 had to be prosecuted within ten days of the incident or there could be no fine.[11] The Human Rights Commission must bring charges against the State within six months of the end of the conciliation period.[12] The Uniform Commercial Code provides a four-year statute of limitations for suing for a breach of a contract for the sale of cattle.[13] When a crime is a continuing offense, such as escape, the period of limitation of prosecution begins only upon retaking of the ***17** escapee into custody.[14] Easements of necessity which are not clearly observable on the ground are abandoned after 40 years if not renewed on the **record**, according to the **Marketable Title Act**.[15]

The most dramatic change in the law of statutes of limitation occurred in 1989, in a pair of cases that abandoned the traditional firm deadlines set in legislation. The high court decided the commencement date for calculating the limitation of civil actions was the date of discovery, not necessarily the date of the act that had previously started the stop clock. For some years the court had resisted adopting a discovery rule, but in *Lillicrap v. Martin* and *University of Vermont v. W.R. Grace and Company*, the Supreme Court finally reversed itself. The period of limitation begins when "the plaintiff has or should have discovered both the injury and the fact that it may have been caused by the defendant's negligence or other breach of duty."[16] The expansion of this rule to cover any civil action was a bold move on the part of the high court, although proving or arguing against discoverability is not an easy task in most cases.

There is a story behind every statute. There is a one-year statute of limitations for recovery for skiing injuries, adopted after the Supreme Court's ruling in *Sunday v. Stratton Corp.* (1978), in which a novice skier was injured after an accident caused by loose snow on a novice trail. The case shocked the ski industry and threatened that large part of the Vermont economy, and the legislature's decision to reduce the statutory period for filing complaints was a direct response to the decision.[17]

Attempts to expand the general statute of limitations, however, are difficult. The high court has ruled that exemption for lands belonging to the state from the six-year limit does not apply to suits claiming injury to the State's groundwater, which are barred by the general six-year statute of limitations. This is because the statute never intended that groundwater be included as an interest in land. The statute, enacted in 1785, was adopted to provide a remedy for settlers who had improved land without legal **title**, who would be compensated for their investments prior to any forfeiture by the true **title** holder.[18]

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Parties fight over when the period begins. The court has recently held that a cause of unjust enrichment between unmarried inhabitants does not accrue until the domestic partnership ends, because only once the relationship ends is there any loss or injury.[19] Incarceration does not toll the statute unless the plaintiff is imprisoned at the time the cause of action accrues.[20] In cases of fraudulent concealment, the fraud must occur before the cause of action accrues.[21]

A rule of civil procedure explains that the issue of a statute of limitations is waived if not raised as an affirmative defense.[22] But if raised at trial, when court gives the parties the opportunity to file written argument on the issue, the claim has been allowed to proceed.[23] Even if not raised in the pleadings, the trial court is authorized to decide *sua sponte* that a statute of limitations barred recovery of damages on a motor vehicle retail installment sales contract, and dismiss the case.[24]

This year, late in the session, the legislature passed an act providing that "[a]ll statutes of limitations or statutes of repose for commencing a civil action in Vermont that would otherwise expire during the duration of any state of emergency declared by the Governor arising from the spread of Covid-19 are tolled until 60 days after the Governor terminates the state of emergency ...."[25]

In the civil law, there are limitations that come with the conduct of the case. Failing to answer can amount to default.[26] Failing to provide evidence in discovery prevents its use at trial. There's a one year limit on challenging a judgment for mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect; newly-discovered evidence that was undiscoverable in time to move for a new trial; or fraud, intrinsic or extrinsic, misrepresentation, or other misconduct by opposing parties.[27] In the criminal law, there is the constitutional obligation for a speedy public trial.[28]

All the various moving parts of the law contain some restrictions, penalties, or risks associated with pleading, discovery, the trial, and the appeal, and before the Supreme Court with deadlines for filings. There are so many intrinsic and extrinsic stops and catches, it's a wonder as many cases make it to judgment.

Appeals

An appeal deadline is as ruthless and unforgiving as a statute of limitation. File now or accept what has happened is the rule. The old Justice of the Peace courts had a two-hour appeal deadline.[29] Today, thirty days is the default, unless a statute sets a shorter or longer deadline.

Appeals from local and state government routinely require something in writing filed with the proper office in 30 days after decisions are made.[30] Decisions of the zoning administrator must be appealed within 15 days.[31]

There is an 18-month statute of limitations for claims against the State, before it is too late to file in Small Claims Court. No claim can be filed before the claimant has exhausted any administrative grievance procedure. There's a 90-day deadline for decisions to be made by departments or agencies on such claims, and if none is issued ***18** by that time the grievance is deemed granted.[32]

The idea that government's failure to act in a timely manner should result in the grant of a claim or appeal is a feature of several statutes. When zoning administrators take more than 30 days to rule on permit applications, the permits are granted by operation of law.[33] If the zoning board or development review board takes more than 45 days to render a decision on an appeal after the close of evidence, a conditional use permit, or a subdivision, it too is deemed approved.[34] State permits are not treated that way in the law.

Laches

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Laches is to equity what statutes of limitation are to law, except there are fundamental differences. Laches has no time limit. It requires proof of substantial merit, and is more likely to be denied as a defense to a claim than granted in Vermont. The purpose of laches is to forbid one to speak against his own act, representations or commitments to the injury of one to whom they were directed and who reasonably relied thereon.[35] Justice John Dooley has written, "Laches is not an elixir that automatically relieves landowners of the effects of any erroneous assumptions they may make as they use and develop their property--particularly in the face of public policy determinations that conflict with the assumptions in question."[36]

In his *Commentary of Littleton*, Sir Edward Coke explained that laches is "an old French word for slacknesses or negligence, or not doing."[37] As with the statute of limitation, laches is an affirmative equitable defense.[38] Plaintiffs' attorneys routinely add it to the list, along with statute of limitations. It is frequently not used beyond the answer.

Laches once had more clout than it does today, when law and equity were separate systems. Laches is tough. Most Vermont decisions seem to hesitate even discussing it. On appeal, the deference to the trial court is a steeper hurdle to overcome.[39] The evidence supporting the defense must show prejudice, actual or implied, resulting from the delay, making it inequitable to enforce the right.[40] Laches claimed as a shorter period than a statute of limitations is bound to fail. It's where there is no applicable statute where laches can work.

In 1986, a utility company wrote the Village of Derby Line that it reserved the right to challenge the village's legal ability to condemn property of the electric cooperative. In 1994 it raised the issue before the Public Service Board. On Appeal the Supreme Court found this supported a finding of laches. This 'reservation' could not preserve the claim in the indefinite future. "Otherwise, parties in positions similar to VEC could always wait and see how the case developed, and then make procedural claims as 'trump cards.'"[41]

The Supreme Court didn't find laches in the appeal of the fight over Burlington's waterfront, where a railroad's claim to own filled land was rebuffed. The railroad had argued that "prerevolutionary public trust doctrine" had passed its due date, but the court was unpersuaded.[42]

Equity brings other stops. There are claim and issue preclusion, barring not only issues actually litigated but those which should have been raised.[43] Equitable estoppel plays on the same team, preventing a party from "asserting rights which may have existed against another party who in good faith has changed" position in reliance on earlier representations.[44] Success in that claim is rare.

The law and equity favor repose. Time passes, parties don't act, without excuse, and the right to make a claim or defense is lost.

Death as a Limitation

Death terminates criminal charges. There's no point in pursuing the accused beyond the veil. Under the common law, ***19** in civil cases, when a party to a suit sounding in defamation, malicious prosecution, false imprisonment, or invasion of privacy died, the claims became null and void.[45] In Vermont, statutes have largely changed this rule, but the principle remains: unless a statute alters the common law, death usually means the end of civil litigation. In 1844, Chief Judge Charles K. Williams ruled that a suit against a bank director's bond does not survive his death. He reiterated that only actions expressly exempted by statute from the common law survive.[46]

Death of a party can terminate civil actions pending at the time of death in Family Court. The Vermont Supreme Court has ruled that a death of a party during the nisi period abates the divorce, although it doesn't nullify the parties' agreement dividing the

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marital property, as that contract would be enforceable independently of the divorce order.[47] Maintenance awards in divorce end with the death of the obligor.[48] The death of a principal automatically revokes a power of attorney given by the principal.[49]

By statute, executors or administrators may commence, prosecute, or defend "actions which survive to the executor or administrator and are necessary for the recovery and protection of the property or rights of the deceased and may prosecute or defend the actions commenced in the lifetime of the deceased," in the name of the deceased.[50] Actions for the recovery of damages for a bodily hurt or injury, occasioned to the plaintiff by the act or default of the defendant, if either party dies during the pendency of the action, also survive.[51] These actions may be commenced and prosecuted by or against the executor or administrator, whether commenced in the decedent's lifetime or after death.[52]

Violations of the Consumer Fraud Act and Act 250 survive the death of the developer. In a case involving the violation of a permit, the court substituted the developer's wife (executrix and distributee of developer's estate) for her husband after his death. Because the survival act was remedial in nature, the court looked past the limitations of the survival statute to justify continuing the case, even though the damages may be called penalties.[53]

There are many ways to skid off the runway of our lives because of how long we waited or the mistakes we've made along the way. The stops are cold and hard; they show no sympathy for the **valid** claims that are lost, the crimes that go unprosecuted. These are limits imposed by the law. Then there are the limits we impose upon ourselves. The egg timer, the microwave, the alarm clock, the Echo Dot ("Alexa, 10 minute stop watch!")--we can set limits, and when they are ripened, there's a sound--a bing, a chime, a buzzer, in relative rhythms and sound levels, charming or irritating, signaling when the time is up. The law's deadlines come without such alarms, other than the shrieks and bellows that accompany the discovery that the end has arrived or worse, past. The recent rule changes, allowing electronic filing up to midnight of the day things are due has saved many an appeal and many a panic attack.[54] But time creeps up on us, when we're not paying attention.

History

History is always vulnerable. There are facts, but how we regard them is not limited by time. Every generation rewrites its past, and often condemns the traditional conclusions about important persons and events made by its predecessors. Time reveals prejudices that color how we treat history.

First came the pandemic, then the heightened awareness of the killing of George Floyd and others, and marches and demonstrations, and the pulling down (or the official removal) of statues. Marble, granite, and bronze statuary erected to Confederal Generals of the Civil War, at a time when their reputations were honored in the southern states were particular targets. The statue of Theodore Roosevelt with a Black man and an Indian man walking on either side of his horse is gone from front of the New York Museum of Natural History. Columbus has suffered rough treatment by demonstrators. Andrew Jackson's statue on a rearing horse could not be budged, even though only the back legs hold it up, because of a set of iron bars cast into the bronze legs and trunk. But it might come down in time, if we are to punish all slaveholders, all racists or other terrible characters in the long drama of history.

History is always open for reinterpretation, as new evidence arises or new challenges to conventional wisdom come into fashion. That does not make the study of history unreliable. No science is so firm in its conclusions that resists rethinking. The revisionists refine (or upend) what we've always accepted as true.

One recent example is *The Rebel and the Tory*, the new history by John J. Duffy, H. Nicholas Muller III, and Gary Shattuck. Their research into early New York court **records** on the legal fights in the 1760s and 1770s over land **titles** proves that the traditional view of Vermont's origins that relied on what Ethan Allen said he did when he returned from Albany was plainly wrong. The courts weren't as partisan as Vermont historians had held, or as committed to driving settlers off their land. The

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failure of the Vermonters' claims belonged to Ethan Allen himself, whose negligence in not providing the necessary certified copies of essential ***20** documents (including copies of the New Hampshire **titles**) in time for the trials, left the court no alternative but to favor the New Yorker patent holders' claims.

When the first histories of Vermont were written, the myth became 'fact.' Historians from Samuel Williams to Walter Hill Crockett consequently wrote and "sustain[ed] the satisfying characterization of a Vermont David confronting and defeating a New York Goliath; of freedom-loving democrats resisting autocratic New York tyrants skillfully manipulating a biased legal system."[55] Historians were complicit in repeating the myth. Samuel Williams relied on Ira Allen for details of his first history of Vermont (1794).[56] In letters to Allen, Williams revealed he was not above applying a little cosmetic on the face of the founders. "I have inserted every thing that you mentioned to me, and I believe it now stands in a light that cannot be construed unfavorable to any person who is concerned in it, and by the british in Canada or elsewhere."[57] His candor condemns Williams and leaves questions that undermine reliance on his story.

In a 1978, J. Kevin Graffagnino wrote an article tracing the major Vermont historians from Williams to the present. He showed how often the authors relied on previous works, without researching whether there was proof of what was told, beyond the words of their predecessors. He wrote, "Critical statements and judgments about events, movements and individuals in Vermont's early heritage passed from one generation to the next virtually unaltered, having accepted them as the foundation of their discussions of the Vermont of following years."[58]

New sights into old myths are often refreshing as an academic exercise. When it comes to pulling down statues, however, the process is rougher. This process doesn't wait for scholarly analyses. The offensive object must be taken down, and sometimes vandalized, to prove the depth of the feelings of the actors.

When there is deliberation, it often becomes confused and complicated. Consider two recent decisions, made after hearings. The Vermont Board of Libraries changed the name of the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award. Guy Bailey's name was removed from the front of UVM. Eugenics was the culprit in both cases. Both Fisher and Bailey supported the movement to sterilize what were called "*dependent, delinquent, and deficient families*."[59]

Dorothy Canfield Fisher was regarded as one of Vermont's great writers. Her *Vermont Tradition* is a classic.[60] According to a *Vermont Digger* article by Luke Zarzecki, Fisher's name was struck from the library award after evidence was presented to the board of her writings disparaging American Indians and French Canadians. The board also heard testimony from those who argued Fisher's connections to eugenics were slim, and the final version of the resolution contained no reference to it, instead concluding that her name was "no longer relevant to today's young people."[61]

Guy Bailey was UVM's President from 1919 to 1940. He was Vermont Secretary of State from 1908-1917. As President he supported the work of Professor Henry Perkins, whose work included a challenge to Vermont couples to have children "in sufficient numbers to keep up to par the 'good old Vermont stock.'" Perkins' inspired Commission on Country Life, through its principal publication *Rural Vermont: A Program for the Future* (1931), supported practices to prevent the marriage and reproduction of "feeble-minded persons."[62] Nearly 80 years after his death, Guy Bailey became the subject of embarrassment to the university, and now only the name of a generous donor remains on the façade of the library.

If Bailey and Fisher are rejected, what should we do with Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., who is remembered for so many important opinions, but who also wrote, "Three ***21** generations of imbeciles are enough." In his majority decision authorizing sterilization, he explained,

> We have seen more than once that the public welfare may call upon the best citizens for their lives. It would be strange if it could not call upon those who already sap the strength of the State for these lesser sacrifices, often not felt to be such by those concerned, to prevent our being swamped with incompetence. It is better for all the world,

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> if instead of waiting to execute degenerate offspring for crime, or to let them starve for their imbecility, society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit from continuing their kind. The principle that sustains compulsory vaccination is broad enough to cover cutting the Fallopian tubes.[63]

Where should this stop? Vermont Supreme Court Judge Stephen Jacob owned a slave named Dinah. While he is heralded for his defense of a claim by the Selectmen of Windsor to pay for her maintenance, after she became a pauper, shielding himself by the Vermont Constitution's express prohibition against slavery, he was still a slaveowner.[64] He bought Dinah at a slave auction. What punishment should he receive?

Many Vermont officials and other citizens supported the return of slaves to Nigeria. They included Jonas Galusha, who had served as Governor 1809-1813 and 1815-1820; Cornelius Van Ness, who was Governor 1823-1826; Ezra Butler, Governor 1826-1828; Samuel Prentiss, who served on the Vermont Supreme Court, in the U.S. Senate, and as U.S. District Judge; Timothy Merrill, Supreme Court; and William Slade, Jr., Governor and Congressman. Vermont abolitionists treated those favoring colonization as racist, and so does history. How should our disgust with their position be memorialized?[65]

The possible candidates for purging are part of an ever-expanding list. The work ahead, if every objectionable thought, word, or **deed** is punished, will take generations. In that time, it is possible that the arc of history will bend in a different direction, and the actions taken this year seen as further indication of our own time's prejudices.

To what end is the sanitizing of the past? Is it for our own consciences that we seek to punish the reputations of no-longer-righteous citizens?[66]

A Constitutional Amendment

One of the proposed constitutional amendments adopted in this legislative session is to alter Article 1 to read, "That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety." Excised from the wording adopted in 1777 are the words at the tail end of the above, which read, "*therefore no person born in this county, or brought from over sea, ought to be holden by law, to serve any person as a servant, slave or apprentice, after arriving to the age of twenty-one years, unless bound by the person's own consent, after arriving to such age, or bound by law for the payment of debts, damages, fines, cost, or the like*." Testimony before the legislature promoting the amendment focused on the belief that the article actually authorized slavery.[67]

What's interesting about the proposal is the sensitivity of the movers of the amendment to the wording of the article, which had remained essentially in place without controversy for 243 years.

Statues of Limitation

There is no value in putting a limitation on history. The very point of historical analysis is to enlighten, and it would be ridiculous to be bound to some former historical conclusion or honored writer because too much time has passed since something written became gospel. It isn't asking too much to insist that the judgments of the present about the past that are based on what we now believe is acceptable should be done with greater caution. We need a set of standards, and some attempt at due process, ensuring a fair hearing before disinterested decision-makers, rather than a chant or a spray-painted slogan.

Unlike law, history is entirely retrospective. You can't be guilty of violating a statute that wasn't in place when you committed the act it condemns. Realizing this, there ought to be some consideration given to the context of those acts. We should pause

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before we sentence people for holding opinions we now find disagreeable, as if they should have known better. Pre-sentism is just wrong.

We ought to be sure of our history, recognizing that what we believe today may be rejected in the years to come. We must never forget that not all historians are correct in every detail, or even honest in reporting what they have found. The *truths* of history are largely provisional.

We need to sort out just how severe to be with the dead respondents we seek to hold liable for their sins and opinions. Washington was a slave-owner. He was more than that, of course, but should the slave-owning part of his biography outweigh his other accomplishments, enough to order the ***22** removal of the Washington Monument? What about people who believed something now regarded with horror and then changed their minds? Suppose Guy Bailey later recanted his support of eugenics and persuaded the legislature to repeal the sterilization law. Could his name be retained on the library wall?

We might adopt a bill of rights for dead people. It would guarantee due process to them, the right to a fair hearing before a disinterested decision-maker. It would require all charges be supported by verifiable facts. The dead would be entitled to representation. They would not be guaranteed a speedy trial, but at least they would have an opportunity to be heard before any judgment was rendered. In keeping with history's lack of any limitations, the dead would have a right to a new hearing at any time, without having to prove excusable neglect or defend against accusations of claim or issue preclusion. No judgment would be final. The dead can never sleep on their rights.

Footnotes

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John Abner Mead's possessions still owned by the Mead Family

John Abner Mead's Civil War Company K rifle with original full bayonet:

Dr. Mead's Kings County Hospital Alumni Association medal:

John Abner Mead's Grand Army of the Republic memorabilia:

John Abner Mead's Political memorabilia:

The Mead Family Bible which was held by President Thomas at the Mead Memorial Chapel 1914 Groundbreaking Ceremony:

Photograph of John Abner Mead on his Rutland Farm:

A photograph which was sent by Middlebury College to the Mead family heirs showing the Mead Memorial Chapel sign after its removal:

Photos of The Community House 1919-1920 Financial Report

THE COMMUNITY HOUSE
RUTLAND, VERMONT

REPORT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1919-1920

HISTORY OF COMMUNITY HOUSE

The Community House was presented by Ex-Governor John Abner Mead to the Congregational Society in 1915 with the provision that it should be used as "a general center for wholesome recreation and social opportunity." The plant consists of a large and commodious building used as a private residence prior to its use as a Community House, and a modern gymnasium which was added in 1916. During the first year, 1917-18, the activities were conducted under the direction of the pastor of the church. The following year, 1918-19, a paid Director, Mr. Harold I. O'Brien, was in charge. In 1919 a Board of Governors representative of the community at large was chosen to conduct the work on a broad community basis. This Board raised funds by personal solicitation, secured a full-time Director, Milton B. Hunt, under whose supervision the first year shows gratifying results. We believe that under the present plan of operation the donor's wishes regarding The Community House are being realized.

The Community House is a Rutland institution to be used by all its citizens, in their search for wholesome recreation and social opportunity. Every resident of the city is free to share in its use and should share in its maintenance.

Archive photograph of Middlebury College students, Vermont Volunteers Company K:.

(John Abner Mead is back row on left in front of flag):

12th Regiment Vermont Volunteers Flag:

https://vermontcivilwar.org/units/12/

John Abner Mead's Middlebury College Class Photo:

John Abner Mead, Cir. 1890s:

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/13148176/john-abner-mead

Photograph of Vermont's Company K Civil War Veterans gathered at the Bennington Encampment in 1891, for their 30th reunion at the dedication of the Bennington Battle Monument Memorial:

https://www.abebooks.com/Grand-Army-Republic-30th-GAR-Encampment/14606207028/bd

Mead Family Plot Evergreen Cemetery, Rutland, VT	John Abner Mead (1841-1920) "A CHRISTIAN AND PHILANTHROPIST"
https://vermontcivilwar.org/get.php?input=23754	https://vermontcivilwar.org/get.php?input=23754
Colonel James Mead (1730-1804)	Mercy Holmes Mead (1731-1823)
https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59247265/james-mead	https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/59247395/mercy-mead

VT Div Historic Preservation Marker
Mead's Falls

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"Rutland (Mead's) Falls" (1848)
By Fredric Edwin Church

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Business Cards.

DR. JOHN A. MEAD,

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,

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DR. GEO. H. FOX.

Residence No. 2 Cottage street. Office in Lewis' Drug Store, Rutland, Vt.

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O. COOK,

Physician and Surgeon.—Office on Main street, North of West street, Rutland, Vt.

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Rutland Weekly Herald (Rutland, Vermont) · Thu, Jun 18, 1908 · Page 4

JUNE 18, 1908.

THE VERMONT PRESS.

Lively Extracts From the State News Papers, Mainly Political and Editorial.

Two Missing Sheets.

The Tuberculin Test.

Marlow vs. Sleep-Phillips.

"Thought of His Sacrifice."

DR. MEAD DEFEATED.

Burlington Newspapers Gets Stalking Jim Barrett's Fling Unsuccessful.

PAGE'S FIGURES.

News and Citizen Gives Tabulated Result of Senatorial Canvass.

ONE NEW TRAIN COMING.

Numerous Other Changes in Rutland Railroad Summer Service Effective Next Saturday.

A Wonderful Vermont Jersey.

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Middlebury Register (Middlebury, Vermont) · Fri, Dec 31, 1915 · Page 2

VERMONT OPINION

GOV. MEAD'S GIFT TO RUTLAND.

Barre Times.

As for the gift itself, it offers a splendid chance for the young people of Rutland; and the people of that city should feel a debt of gratitude to Gov. Mead.

Brattleboro Reformer.

Ex-Gov. John Abner Mead appears again in the role of a public benefactor. His gift of the McIntyre property as a community center on non-sectarian lines for the young people of Rutland will provide just the kind of an establishment needed to give the rising generation a place for wholesome entertaidment and recreation. The gift represents a value of $50,000, and the commodious buildings will be used for club rooms, committee rooms, reading rooms, gymnasium, etc., while the grounds are of sufficient size to furnish a playground where tennis and other exercises may be enjoyed out doors.

Rutland Herald.

That Gov. Mead has done a generous deed in securing this valuable property and devoting it to the community is not less true than the fact that he has by this gift made it possible to carry on a work of constructive good citizenship and Christianity which should continue long after he has joined the great majority in the "undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns."

That he will live to see the plans he has set in motion accomplish all the good he hopes therefrom is the earnest wish of the city and the fellowship which he has so nobly remembered, and assuredly such a work and such an institution will constitute a monument more enduring than granite, more noble than bronze.

Rutland News.

Rutland received a worth-while Christmas gift in the splendid present announced yesterday of the Congregational church, from John Abner Mead, former governor of the State, of the L. H. McIntire property on the southeast corner of Center and Court streets, to be used by the youth of Rutland as a social center. While the gift is placed primarily in the hands of the trustees of the Congregational church, it is the earnest wish and expectation of the donor that it will be absolutely non-sectarian and open to the young people of Rutland, regardless of church or sectarian affiliations.

It is the best gift that Rutland has ever received from any of its citizens. While many communities in Vermont have been generously remembered by its successful and loyal citizens, Rutland has had little heretofore along this line. The example of Dr. Mead may be infectious. It is certainly a splendid example for others to emulate.

The property when it is developed along the lines that are in the mind of the donor will fill one of the greatest needs in this community—that of a wholesome, well-equipped gymnasium and recreation center for the youth of the city. The half-acre, with commodious and well-constructed buildings, is one of the choicest locations in Rutland, practically adjoining the business district and therefore easily accessible.

The gift is further proof of Governor Mead's devotion to the church of which he has been a member for nearly a half-century, but far beyond that it is evidence of his interest in the city which has been the scene of his remarkable business success, and of his love for the youth and his desire to see them grounded in good health, surrounded by right influences and founded on good principles. If citizens in their making are carefully nurtured there need be no fear of the future of the community.

This institution will stand as an enduring monument to Rutland's chief citizen.

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THE FAIR HAVEN ERA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1910

JOHN ABNER MEAD—
A Dramatic Life History

Dr. Mead Announces His Candidacy and His Platform—Condensed Biography of a Remarkable Character—The Story of How a Penniless Boy Rose to Become a Great Business and Political Force — An Interesting and Dramatic History.

JOHN ABNER MEAD

BIRTHPLACE OF JOHN A. MEAD.

THE MEAD BUILDING, RUTLAND.

OTTER CREEK STOCK FARM.
(A Fine, Comfortable Farmhouse of the Better Type.)

THE HOWE SCALE WORKS.
[These Buildings and Yards Cover Over Sixteen Acres of Ground.]

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John Abner Mead

First Name: John

Middle Name: Abner

Last Name: Mead

Graduation Year: 1868

Degree granting institution: College of Physicians and Surgeons

Death Year: 1920

Memo
Died at his home in Rutland, Vermont, at age 78. Middlebury Coll. Vt., 1864, A.B.; 1867, A.M.

Citation
Columbia Alumni News 11 (February 20, 1920) P 326; Catalogue of the Alumni, Officers and Fellows, 1807-1891, P 96; NYT (January 13, 1920)

Academic year of citation: 1919-1920

Research
New York Times January 13, 1920 Rutland Vermont January 12 - John A. Mead, Governor of Vermont from 1910 to 1912 and rst Mayor of this city, died at his home, aged 78 years. He was a graduate of the College of Physicians and

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Surgeons in New York in 1868. He was president of the Howe Scale Company and interested in many other concerns.

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Farewell address

of

John A. Mead

As it appears in the

Journal

of the

Joint Assembly

1912

Thursday, October 3, 1912
Farewell Address

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

It has been the custom of my predecessors for many years at the close of each administration to present an account of the conduct of the executive department for the two preceding years to the Joint Assembly, also to suggest such changes in the laws of our commonwealth and such new legislation as would be deemed advisable. This duty is attended with many regrets that I could not have had that experience and wisdom which would have enabled me during my term of service to accomplish more for the happiness and uplift of our people, and also with pleasure when I realize that a higher standard has been attained in our educational and agricultural life, and a marked improvement in our highways.

In this my retiring message I wish to state that I have carefully considered the various subjects which I have treated, with those officials most conversant with the same, and have drawn largely from them for expert knowledge, oftentimes the result of long experience, and have quoted freely from suggestions made by said officials.

In my message of two years ago, I urged the General Assembly to carefully consider a few subjects of vital importance and not attempt to correct all the errors of the past legislatures or to enact all the wise legislation which the present and the future may require, and thus with a defined policy presented, I feel that most satisfactory results as to educational and agricultural life and the betterment of our roads has been attained and it is with pleasure that I shall refer briefly to what has been accomplished in these vital departments of our state life, hoping that you will continue the progressive work so well begun.

EDUCATION.

Not only has Vermont been blessed during the past two years with great material improvements such as permanent highways and public buildings; not only has the state made worthy advance socially and civically as is indicated by the deep interest of the people in the state's welfare and their sincere desire to work unitedly for the state's advancement; but probably in no respect has the state made greater progress than along educational lines.

This has been due chiefly to the strong and progressive measures passed by the General Assembly of 1910. Among these certain ones might be considered of a minor character, as they were simply modifications of existing laws and provided for an expansion of the free advanced instruction law; the raising of the school age to sixteen years, the strengthening of the child labor law, and the making of the school attendance laws more operative.

Also, in the minor enactments may be included the permissory acts allowing towns to pension teachers, providing for medical inspection of school children, and authorizing the state board of education to purchase the normal school property at Castleton and to lease the normal school building at Johnson.

In addition to the foregoing are four measures that most signally marked a new era educationally and stand as unassailable evidence to the progressive statesmanship of your last assembly.

1. The first was an appropriation to the Austine Institution of Brattleboro for the purpose of erecting a building for the education of the deaf, dumb and blind. Heretofore they have been educated outside the state, but hereafter they may be educated by the state at cost in the Austine Institution.

2. The second important measure was the change in the date of the school year from April 1 to July 1. This change was so reasonable that it provoked no discussion, and it is now a surprise that the state should have continued so long with its misfits, disjointed and overlapping census reports, official, fiscal and scholastic years. This is apparent when I state that the census year of Vermont was February 1, the school directors' report year

was February 15, the official year began March meeting day, the fiscal year began April 1, the superintendents' year began July 1 and the scholastic year began September 1. All school business is now centered upon a single date and can be transacted without the delays and confusion previously prevailing.

3. The third important school measure passed by the General Assembly of 1910, and one that introduced a new and necessary feature into our educational system, was the creation of a state school of agriculture at Randolph Center. When we reflect upon the importance of agriculture and the extent to which the people of the state are engaged in it, then the importance of this new institution is appreciated. The educational system of the state, especially in its secondary courses, had not in any noticeable degree aided the state in the development of its resources, in revealing the opportunities within its limits, or in conserving its population and possibilities. Therefore the state school of agriculture was established. That it will perform its purpose, there can be no doubt; and, that it meets a demand, the present large attendance testifies.

4. The fourth important measure marked a departure in the system of teacher training in New England and was introduced into the Vermont system for the purpose of meeting a condition that could not be met in any other way. The normal schools of the state never have, and never can supply the rural schools of the state. It is doubtful if they can supply the graded schools. Concerning the number who would probably graduate annually from the Vermont normal schools, there are no valid grounds for supposing that the proportion in Vermont will exceed the proportion of other New England states. On such a basis the Vermont normal schools will produce less than eighty teachers annually. This number falls far short of the three or four hundred needed annually, and the schools needing trained teachers the most, would probably receive the smallest percentage.

For years various attempts to elevate the standards of the normal schools or to secure through legislation better rural conditions, have been stoutly resisted by representatives of certain institutions, that ought to be leaders in education progress rather than hindrances. It is not consistent with justice or with good public policy to sacrifice state interest to local interest, or to jeopardize the common schools for the sake of one or two favored institutions. It is a most hopeful sign of the times that the people of the state begin to appreciate the urgency of the rural school problem. The state republican platform incorporated the following words:

"While the large central public schools of the state are doing splendid work, the small rural schools are not keeping pace. For the present these latter should be the especial care of the state. In so far as their standards can be improved by more liberal state aid, it should be extended."

The state democratic platform declared as follows:

"We favor a more liberal extension of the benefits of our school system to the rural communities and the introduction of more efficient supervision of such schools."

The chief educational problem today is the development of the country school and the rehabilitation of the countryside.

The country schools have been unfairly discriminated against in kind of buildings, in quality of equipment, in number of weeks, and in character of instruction. Justice demands that equality of educational advantages shall be afforded and that the country child be given the same school opportunities, so far as possible, as the city child.

The rural schools have always been the experiment station of teachers. If they tested out well, they were brought into the grades. This process will probably continue for years, but, if it is to continue, then in all justice and fairness to the country children, the state should send them the best teachers possible. Because the normal schools can never supply the rural schools with teachers, and because fairness demands that the previous discriminations cease, the teacher training courses have been established.

Twelve such courses were provided for during the past school year, skilled specialists were employed, and one hundred and fifty well trained teachers entered upon rural school teaching this season. This large accession of trained recruits to the teaching ranks of rural schools, adds a force of no trivial power and is an educational event of no mean magnitude.

OUR NORMAL SCHOOLS.

In accordance with the declared purpose of the normal school law of 1910, the standard for admission to the normal schools was fixed at graduation from four-year courses in high schools and academies. This is the standard adopted by all the New England states and by all the leading states in educational matters. There is no reason why Vermont should trail behind other states in standards, and maintain a weaker normal school system. It is not consonant with its present spirit or dignity, and any attempt to degrade her standards should be resented. Nothing lower than the common standards of neighboring states and nothing but the best available in education will suffice true Vermonters.

No state normal school in New England and probably no state normal school in the United States is located in so small a community as that in which either of the normal schools of Vermont is located. It is the smallness of population in the normal school communities of Vermont that has provoked the question concerning the maintenance of the present normal schools at Castleton and Johnson. Model schools are necessary for demonstrating methods and management, and practice schools are necessary to secure skill in teaching. On account of the practical impossibility of affording sufficient demonstration and practice work, because of insufficient children, the state board of education advocates the change of these two institutions into others of more profitable character.

Also, as the normal school graduation will probably never exceed eighty, unless there is a large increase in the state's population, the number will not greatly exceed the minimum a profitable normal school should produce annually. It was for this reason also that the state board of education endeavored to enter upon a peaceable compromise and to allow each town to have a state institution more worthy of the state. All the probable students could be more conveniently accommodated and better instructed in the department of pedagogy of Middlebury College and the University of Vermont than in the present normal schools. This could be done at an expense of $10,000 annually, in contrast to the present expense of $20,000 annually. If the state were rich, it might be prodigal; but, on account of its limited revenues, it should expend its moneys so as to receive the largest returns regardless of any local sentiment or personal pride. The state's interests are superior to any local interests. The welfare of 66,000 children should not be jeopardized by any community advantages, and the educational progress of the state should not be impeded by any low standards or local considerations. The entire state should be a unit for the best, and the potential measures adopted and recommended therefore should be put into operation for the benefit of the present, for the security of the future, and for the welfare of all.

I cannot urge you gentlemen too strongly to give this subject,--the education of your children—your thoughtful and earnest attention.

FIRE INSURANCE UPON STATE PROPERTY.

The legislature of 1910, by its act No. 8, authorized me, "to appoint a commissioner or commissioners to investigate the fire insurance placed by our state, with a view to obtaining lower rates and more uniform system of valuation and placing of insurance." The act also authorized me, "to make such changes in the placing of the fire insurance, as after investigation, was deemed best."

For this purpose I endeavored to find a citizen of our state, thoroughly familiar with this subject and who was not a solicitor of insurance but was thoroughly conversant with the adjusting of losses. I appointed Mr. L.S. Hayes of Bellow Falls as sole commissioner, he having had large experience in various lines of fire insurance, and being in my estimation, in a position to act independently and effectively for the best interests of the state.

The result of the careful investigation made was that the property of the state was found insured—some to its full value; some partially; and a portion not at all;--the aggregate being $945,875.00. The rates and forms of policies varied in material respects, and in some cases a fire would have developed conditions embarrassing and unbusinesslike. The heads of the various state departments had acted each according to his individual judgment, which had varied widely, and naturally there was no uniformity as to the insurance placed.

Reading between the lines of the act under which the investigation was made, I deemed it to be the judgment and expectation of the legislature that the property of the state should be fully protected by fire insurance, and that it should be done economically and systematically. With the assistance of Mr. Hayes, every piece of property owned by the state, whether real or personal, was appraised and scheduled. Architect Hira R. Beckwith of Claremont, N.H., was employed to appraise all the buildings and the head of each department scheduled the personal property in his charge. These schedules showed that the total cash valuation of property owned by the state on October 7, 1911, was $2,051,509.00, of which $1,394,810.00 was buildings and $656,699.00 was personal property. Upon this, insurance was procured to the amount of $1,850,000.00, or about 90 percent of its value. The policies are uniform in their application, each covering a proportionate amount upon every piece of property and in blanket form, this property is widely scattered, being located in sixty-two different places, and thus insurance companies can carry large lines. The risk was offered to every fire insurance company authorized to do business in Vermont, and is carried by forty-four companies, each writing from $6,250.00 to $125,000.00.

The average rate conceded by the companies upon this unusually good line of business was $1.53 per $100 for five years, the premium aggregating materially less to the state than the same amount of protection would have cost at the rates upon the individual risks as formerly insured. This premium has been paid by the state treasurer and charged up to the different departments as nearly according to the relative hazard of each class of property as possible.

Although the policies being written in 1911 for five years made a large proportionate expense for insurance in that biennial term, arrangements have been made for the rewriting of a fifth of the amount in each of the succeeding four years, so that thereafter the expense will be distributed evenly in each year.

The insurance had previously been controlled by only a few agents. It seemed to be the most just and equitable division of benefits accruing, to divide it as equally as possible among the leading agencies; and, as now written, eighty-three Vermont agents have a proportionate amount to place.

Since the insurance was placed one fire has occurred, whereby the equipment of Co. E., V.N.G., at Bellows Falls, was destroyed March 26, 1912. The insurance upon this property previous to the revision made last year was only $300, but under the new contract the full amount of the cash loss, $3,099.82, was paid, thereby demonstrating the wisdom of the re-arrangement of the insurance and the benefits to be derived from the present indemnity contract.

I earnestly recommend that legislation be enacted that will thoroughly protect the property of our State in an economical and businesslike manner. I am advised that certain states protect and carry their own risks but this policy would have been most unfortunate had it been adopted in Vermont. A review of the state's losses for the past fifty years fully justifies this conclusion.

FIRE PROTECTION.

The consideration of the fire protection of state's property leads naturally to the subject of our general fire protection as governing in our commonwealth.

Losses by fire are entirely different from other disasters. Failures, panics, etc., simply cause the change of ownership. The property still exists in the hands of others, but losses by fire completely wipe out the property whether owned by the people or the commonwealth, and the loss eventually and invariably falls upon the people.

With this fact firmly in mind, I have been reviewing the statistics of fire losses and premiums paid for fire protection during the last ten to twelve years. In 1901 the losses by fire paid in Vermont were $475,869.95. These have increased till you will note that loss by fire paid in 1910 was $916,122.77, almost doubled in ten years and this does not include the uninsured property or that only partially insured.

You will note that losses by fire in 1910 were fully a million dollars and when we realize that we have a population of only about 360,000 we learn that our per capita loss is $2.96, while the per capita loss in the United States was $2.33. Thus our average of per capita loss is 25 per cent higher than for the average of our

nation—a fact worthy of your attention, and especially so if you realize that the per capita loss by fire of the five leading nations of Europe for the year 1910 was 33 cents.

OUR DEGENERATES.

This is a subject which has never received special attention by the legislature of our state. I have endeavored during the last two years to inform myself thoroughly upon the same, having corresponded with the secretaries of twenty or more of our most progressive states to learn what was being done with reference to this unfortunate class. I have obtained copies of their laws and have made a careful study of the same, and the more I have considered the subject, the more largely has its importance appealed to me. It is a subject of a delicate as well as an unpleasant nature.

The heads of our criminal institutions tell us that among the inmates there is always a considerable class that are termed "degenerates" or "defectives," by which is meant a class of individuals in whose mental or nervous construction there is something lacking. Alienists, criminalogists and physicians tell us that individuals of this unfortunate class tend to marry those cursed with similar defects, and that this class is increasing out of all proportion to the normal growth of the population, and that most of the insane, the epileptics, the imbeciles, the idiots, the sexual perverts, together with many of the confirmed inebriates, prostitutes, tramps and criminals that fill our penitentiaries, jails, asylums and poor farms are the results of these intermarriages or the natural offspring of defective parents. In the cases of these unfortunates there is little or no hope of permanent recovery, and the great question that is now being considered by the lawmakers in many of our states is how best to restrain this defective class and how best to restrict the propagation of defective children.

Let us consider this matter upon these facts:

1. The fact of the great number of public charges recruited from the defective classes.
2. The fact that defects, physical and mental, are transmitted to the offspring.
3. The fact that if a defective marry a defective, as is very often the case, the offspring will inherit the taints of both parents. That this class is prolific, knowing no law of self-restraint, and consequently defectives are increasing in numbers and are of a more pronounced type. What can be done to protect society from these unfortunates and what to protect them from themselves?

1. Restrictive legislation in regard to marriages.
2. Segregation of defectives.
3. A surgical operation known as vasectomy.

Restrictive legislation in regard to marriage.—Minnesota has a law providing as follows: That no woman under the age of forty-five years, or a man of any age, except he marry a woman over forty-five years of age, either of whom is epileptic, imbecile, feeble-minded or afflicted with insanity, shall intermarry or marry any other person in that state. Five or six other states have adopted restrictive statutes along similar lines. Of such legislation I heartily approve, but, while it is preventative in a certain class of cases, it does not and obviously cannot go far enough. While by preventing marriages among defectives, it restricts the propagation of defective children born in lawful wedlock, it does not restrict the propagation of children in those cases where the taint of degeneracy is coupled with that of illegitimacy.

Segregation of defectives.—Dr. R.W. Bruce Smith, of Toronto, writes on this subject, "What avails the continuous increase of hospitals, asylums, and similar institutions, if the number to occupy them grows faster than the accommodations?" and further on he says: "The only true course to be taken is to separate all the degenerates from society and keep them by themselves in carefully classified groups." This method of dealing with the problem would necessarily entail a very great expense for the establishment and maintenance of these colonies—conditions would have to be safeguarded with the same care as an actual penitentiary, and would, in many cases, result in life-imprisonment of unfortunates who are in no way responsible for their plight, but who might, in a small way, be of some use in the world, and who should be given the opportunity to enjoy life and liberty so far as they are capable of enjoying anything.

The operation known as vasectomy. This operation is simple, taking less than five minutes to perform. In the case of defectives and persons convicted of certain crimes it is strongly endorsed by Dr. Rentoul of Liverpool, England, and by Dr. Ex. Goddard of the training school for feeble-minded at Vineland, N.J. The states of Connecticut, New Jersey, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota and California, have laws upon this subject. Dr. H.C. Sharp, the physician of the Indiana reformatory, highly approves of this plan of restricting the propagation of defectives and abnormal criminals. He states that since 1899 he has performed this operation nearly two hundred and fifty times. He has had good opportunity to observe the past operative effects of this operation, and in this number of cases he has not observed a single unfavorable symptom. So far as any disturbance to the physical, mental or nervous system of the patient is concerned, his testimony, based upon observation, is that this operation is decidedly beneficial, rather than detrimental.

Let me, at this time, respectfully recommend to the legislature of 1912 that they at once take steps to safeguard and restrict the issuing of marriage licenses to persons convicted of rape, incest, open or gross lewdness, and cases where either of the parties are known to be suffering tuberculosis, syphilis, or epilepsy, and in cases where either party has been in confinement for habitual drunkenness, feeble-mindedness, or insanity.

And, I further recommend that a commission be appointed to investigate and report upon the advisability of the adoption of the operation of vasectomy as a prevention for the spread of hereditary taints and diseases.

STATE BENEFICIARIES.

At present, the state is supporting sixty-one children at various institutions. They are as follows:

Mass. School for Feeble-Minded	27	$300.00	$8,100.00
American School for Deaf	7	275.00	1,925.00
Perkins Inst. For Blind	7	300.00	2,100.00
Clarke School for Deaf	7	300.00	2,100.00
Mystic Oral School for Deaf	5	275.00	1,375.00
Penn. Training School	4	300.00	1,200.00
Conn. Inst. For Blind	1	300.00	300.00
Maine Inst. For Blind	2	300.00	600.00
Vineland School	1	300.00	300.00
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	61		$18,000.00

Of these children only eight have been designated during my administration. Four feeble-minded have been sent to the Massachusetts School for Feeble-Minded Children and one to a similar school at Vineland, N.J. I have designated one child to the Clarke School and one blind adult to the Maine Institution for the Blind. From the above figures you will notice the fact that the number of feeble-minded children designated to date is about fifty per cent larger than all the other classes of defectives. While something can be done for these unfortunates, the feeble-minded, it usually takes years to effect even a partial relief, and in most cases a designation means that the children will spend the rest of their days in the institutions to which they have been assigned. I have felt, during the two years of my administration, that it was the intent of chapter 60 to give help primarily to those cases where there was a reasonable hope of benefit. Thus, in the case of these unfortunates, I have tried to designate only those whose application papers held out a hope of a permanent and distinct improvement. If I have been a little conservative in the designation of deaf and dumb beneficiaries, it has been from the fact that the Austine Institution in Brattleboro was in process of erection and that most of the state beneficiaries of this class would be transferred from their present schools to this home. It seemed to me wiser to let the child make its beginning in our own institution, rather than to designate the applicants to some other school, and then, after a few months, to transfer them, to new surroundings. I have had very few applications from those suffering from blindness, and as stated above, I have designated two from this class and the reports of their progress are most gratifying.

Experience has taught us that deaf, dumb and blind children, after a few years of proper education, become self-supporting and valuable citizens, while the feeble-minded are a charge upon the state too often for life.

With a limited appropriation at our disposal much more can be accomplished by caring for the deaf and blind, and thus a much larger number of beneficiaries can be educated by the state's appropriation.

PAROLES.

In the exercise of my prerogative as governor, I have paroled to date two hundred and forty-three prisoners. Of these one hundred and seventeen have been paroled from the state prison at Windsor, one hundred and fourteen from the house of correction at Rutland, and twenty-two from the different county jails. Since the establishment of a State Commission on Probation, the executive department has endeavored in every way to cooperate, and at present I am sending the secretary of this commission monthly reports giving the names of the prisoners paroled, the date of expiration of their maximum sentence, their last known residence and the name of the probation officer to whom they report. These paroled prisoners, as a rule, have reported very well. Of course in some cases the prisoners leave the state as soon as they receive their parole and are never heard of again. Another class of prisoners who fail to report are those in whose case the difference in the period of time between the minimum and maximum sentences is short. I note that in those cases in which the period of time between the minimum and maximum sentence is a year or longer, the paroled prisoners are very careful about reporting on time. I think this custom of paroling at the expiration of the minimum sentence where the prisoner's conduct has been good is a very excellent one, and I should respectfully recommend to the legislature of 1912 that they enact a law requiring the difference in time between the minimum and maximum sentences to be largely increased. I believe that such a law would still further increase the regularity of the reports from the probationers and have a favorably restraining influence for that much longer period.

JAIL REMOVALS.

By virtue of the authority given me by the state laws, I have ordered three hundred removals from the different county jails to the house of correction. They are divided as follows:

Addison	6
Bennington	3
Caledonia	12
Chittenden	170
Essex	1
Franklin	28
Lamoille	1
Orleans	12
Washington	7
Windham	27
Windsor	33

Unless there were certain urgent circumstances which made the change advisable, I have made no removal except in cases where the prisoner's sentence was over thirty days. Twice I have had to suspend the granting of these removals; once on account of an epidemic of diphtheria at the house of correction and again because of its crowded condition.

UNIFORM STATE LAWS.

I wish to call to your consideration a matter which I think should receive your very careful attention. I refer to the efforts of the various states of the union to promote uniformity of state laws. Under our form of government the states are independent in matters of local legislation. The inevitable result has been great conflict in the laws of the various states upon matters in which there ought to be uniformity. This resulted in so much embarrassment that in the year 1889 the American Bar Association appointed a special committee, which recommended to the association that a committee of one from each state should meet in convention from time to time and compare and consider the laws of the different states, especially those relating to marriage and divorce, descent and distribution of property, acknowledgement of deeds and execution and probate of wills.

The following year the legislature of New York passed an act authorizing the appointment by the Governor of three commissioners, to be known as "Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation among

the States" and making it their duty to examine the subjects of marriage and divorce, insolvency, the form of notarial certificates, and other subjects, and to ascertain the best means to effect an assimilation and uniformity in the laws of the state and to consider whether it would be wise and practicable to invite the other states of the union to send representatives to a convention to draft uniform laws to be submitted for approval and adoption by the several states.

As a result there has been established the present National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. The conference is made up of commissioners appointed by the governors of the different states. Usually there are three commissioners appointed from each state participating in the conference. A large number of states have special acts authorizing the appointment of such commissioners, who are usually appointed for a term of five years. Most of the states provide for the payment of the expenses of the commissioners. The expenses of the conference are met by the different states participating therein through an appropriation for that purpose by the legislature. The number of states, territories and federal districts which have appointed commissioners is as follows:

States	45
Territories	3
Federal districts	1
Possessions	2

Total	51

The annual meeting of the conference is held at the same place and just prior to the annual meeting of the American Bar Association, and in conjunction therewith.

Previous to last year this state had taken little interest in the subject of uniform state legislation. Being impressed with the desirability of having this state represented at the conference and deeming it to the great advantage of the state so to do, I appointed a commission to attend that conference by virtue of the general act under which the governor of this state has the authority to appoint such a commission.

The act by virtue of which I made this appointment necessarily limits the activity of the commissioners to the particular conference. It seems very desirable, if the state of Vermont is to take any part with the other states in this work, that commissioners should be appointed for a number of years so that they may be continuity in their work.

Our commission attended the conference in Boston and have made a full report upon the general subject of Uniformity of State Legislation, explaining the origin and history of the conference, the details of the work and what has been accomplished by the conferences, and have recommended to me the adoption of the following Uniform State Laws recommended by the conference of commissioners and approved by the American Bar Association.

The "Negotiable Instruments Law"; the "Uniform Divorce Act"; "An Act Relating to Marriage and Marriage Licenses."

The "Negotiable Instruments Law" has been adopted by forty of the states, among them New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, three states with which we have very close relations. The "Uniform Divorce Act" has been adopted by three states.

The commissioners also report that they believe it would be wise to adopt the "Uniform Sales Act" now in force in ten states, and the "Uniform Bills of Lading Acts" now in force in eight states. Copies of the various acts referred to in their report are appended to said report. I quote the following from the report:

"Your commissioners believe that the attendance of Commissioners from this state at the various meetings of the National Conference, especially if these commissioners are appointed for sufficiently long terms of service to become familiar with the work of the conference, will result in benefit to the state. It will tend to produce more care in the drafting of laws, it will create a means by which the legislature of this state may be compared with that of other states. Uniformity of some of the more important branches of the law will be the

natural result. As the commerce of the nation becomes more and more inter-state and our business men are having increased business relations with people in other states, uniformity of the laws relating to commercial matters is of great advantage. Any work which tends to simplify and make uniform the laws of business, and thereby benefit the business interests, ought to be encouraged and promoted. We believe the adoption of our recommendations will promote that result."

The commissioners also recommend the passage of a law creating a board of commissioners by the name of "Commissioners for the Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States," said board to consist of three members to serve without compensation, but to be reimbursed for all of their expenses in connection with the discharge of the duties of their office, and providing for contribution by this state to the expenses of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. A proposed draft of said law is appended to the report.

I respectfully submit to your attention and consideration the whole of said report and papers appended thereto.

I wish to express my approval of the recommendations made by the commissioners. Vermont should take an active part with the other states of the union in promoting a uniformity of state laws in inter-state matters.

OUR WHITE COAL.

Some two years ago I was a guest at a banquet given by the Massachusetts Real Estate Exchange and I was asked to suggest what would benefit most efficiently industrial life in New England, and in my response, I enumerated among other commodities, free coal, as our distance from the coal fields of Pennsylvania and Ohio made the cost of transportation for manufacturing purposes nearly prohibitive. We must have cheaper power to compete successfully with the factories of the great Middle West. I little realized at that moment that we had a white coal, so-called, running to waste at our doors, sufficient to furnish power for all our factories, all our mining purposes, and our electric lighting plants, and in addition sufficient to operate our steam and trolley railroads.

This white coal from hydro-electric development, free from smoke, soot, and cinders, attended with no fire risk, can be and is being developed today from our streams and rivers and furnished in certain localities for from 25 per cent to 33 1/3 per cent less per horsepower for all purposes than can be obtained from any other source. Our streams and rivers, including that being developed from the Connecticut River with power houses on the Vermont side, are today producing power sufficient to displace the use of a million tons of black coal annually, and this power can readily be distributed to every small and large town in that section of our state, and thus revive the hundreds of small factories which were formerly hives of industry in so many of our small villages.

Again, how different, financially, for our people and state, if this $5,000,000, now paid annually to the coal-producers of Pennsylvania and Ohio should be produced and kept within our borders.

There has been developed on the Connecticut River at Vernon, six miles south of Brattleboro, what is probably the largest hydro-electric development in this country east of Niagara Falls. An immense concrete dam and power house on the Vermont shore with eight generators of more than three thousand horsepower capacity each, utilizes the flow of the Connecticut River, the dam creating a lake more than twenty-five miles long, and covering from four to five thousand acres. This development is, of course, partly in Vermont and partly in New Hampshire, as this is an inter-state river. Brattleboro thus far is the chief beneficiary of this development in Vermont, and nearly all the industries of Brattleboro are operated by this power, and the rapid growth of that town which is now taking place, is chiefly attributed to this development.

The same financial interests, but under another charter of organization, are making an enormous development of the power of the Deerfield River. This is also an inter-state river, having its rise in Stratton, Windham County, and flowing through several Windham and Bennington County towns, into Massachusetts. There are planned at least ten large hydro-electric developments on this stream; six of them are now in process of construction. The largest is a great storage dam and power plant at Somerset. This plant, now in process of construction, will flood two thousand acres of land to an average depth of forty feet, holding practically the

entire flood waters of the stream, which are to be so handled as to equalize the flow of the stream below. Twelve thousand horse-power will be generated at the Somerset plant.

Other plants in Vermont are proposed to be located at Wilmington, Whitingham, and Readsboro. An enormous expenditure of money will be made in the completion of the whole project. Between one and two million dollars will, it is said, be expended in the Somerset development alone, and the total developments on the stream in both Vermont and Massachusetts, will, it is said, cost about twelve million dollars. It is reasonable to expect that the whole Deerfield Valley will see a tremendous industrial growth within the next few years.

The Deerfield Valley project is conservation in the most approved way. The holding of the flood waters in storage for equalizing the flow of the stream in low water periods is essential to the best development of perhaps our greatest natural resource.

I have referred to the enormous development in Windham County, as it has progressed farther than in any other part of our state, but similar conditions, though less in magnitude, are found in other counties. The hydro-electric power in Rutland County, though feebly developed, is immense, and we have one corporation developing and using 5,000 horsepower annually, and double this efficiency could be obtained if necessity required. Rutland, Addison, Chittenden and Caledonia Counties afford promising opportunities for this development. The spirit of conservation should possess the people of our state and govern their endeavors, if we hope to keep abreast with the spirit of progress maintained by our neighbors. We should not fail to conserve and utilize the unlimited advantages so readily obtained from the development and use of our native white coal, found so abundantly upon nearly every hillside and in our valleys.

I would, therefore, earnestly recommend such legislation as will inure to further development of this natural wealth, realizing the immense benefits to be obtained if it is properly controlled and the rights of the state protected.

Also, to consider carefully some reasonable plan whereby possibly state aid could be given without risk for the development of these storage reservoirs, looking to the utilization thereby of the water powers on the streams further down. This is a subject worthy of your thoughtful consideration. Some action along this line would be a forward step and could be used with great force by our senators and representatives in Congress in obtaining national assistance.

It would make Vermont the most progressive of states, in the development and conservation of her natural resources.

HIGHWAYS.

Better highways for our state has always appealed to me as one of the most important subjects for legislation. It affects our religious, our agricultural, educational and social life, to a greater extent than any other condition, and if I am correctly advised our state has expended on her system of roads during the last two years about two million dollars, and the demand for good roads has been growing rapidly in Vermont for the past few years and resulted in the passage of the state aid law in 1906, appropriating $50,000 which was available to those towns which would vote an equal amount, “dollar for dollar”, under certain limitation. In 1908 the appropriation was increased to $75,000, and again in 1910 to $150,000. The number of towns voting and the amount of money for this purpose has increased year by year, until March, 1912, two hundred and twenty-seven (227) towns voted practically one hundred thousand dollars.

There has been a steady growth of sentiment in favor of the law as is evident by the annual increase in the number of towns available themselves of the act, and by the annual increase in the amounts voted, the largest increase being in the year 1912. No better evidence is necessary that the law meets with popular approval than this showing of the towns. Not a single year since its passage has there been any dropping off in the number of towns voting money, nor in the amount of money voted.

The past year 1911, and this year 1912, the biennial term just closing, show an advance in the quality of work done in that practically every improvement under state supervision has been carefully laid out by an

engineer with the idea of uniform construction. The gravel road was assumed to be the most economical for Vermont to build under present conditions when the law was enacted in 1906 and up to the present time no change has been made in this particular, save in large cities. In villages and towns where the traffic is excessive some of the best forms of macadam construction have been adopted, with the result that we have a small mileage of excellent macadam road built under state supervision in the past two years.

It is becoming more and more evident that a good earth road properly maintained is satisfactory for summer travel, and that in Vermont more attention will naturally be paid to roads of this kind in the future.

Our system of selected highways has been in the past two years somewhat increased by the addition of roads in different localities in the state that were not considered five years ago of sufficient public importance to warrant their being selected, but with the increased tourist travel it has seemed wise to your commissioner to open up some of the beauty spots of the state around our lakes and mountains, by the addition of some of the most attractive roads we have in the state, and it would seem that no better outlay of money could be made than to develop with special appropriations some of these roads that probably cannot be improved in any other way.

I earnestly recommend your thoughtful consideration of this important subject and sincerely trust that the good work being done may be continued.

TAXATION.

No subject with which you have to deal is of larger importance that a revision of our present system of taxation. At the last session a bill came to me for my signature, which I was obliged to withhold. The object of the measure had my entire approval, but the bill itself was crude and it seemed obvious would be impotent to accomplish its understood purpose. It had passed both legislative branches in the closing hours of the session and came to me at a time when my department was rushed to the limit of its capacity. Proper consideration was absolutely impossible, and two courses only were open to me, one to summon back legislators who had returned to their homes and hold the legislature until needed corrections could be made and the other to exercise my right to veto. Having in mind that the session had been unduly prolonged, and that to reform the measure would cause the state many thousand dollars expense, as well as prove a hardship to the members who had then left the capitol, I pursued the course which economy, and as it then and now seems to me the interests of our people, required.

The demand for a radical revision is insistent and has been for several sessions. The present law does not have general approval, but no tax system has ever been evolved by any state, ancient or modern, which has had universal approval and which will completely abolish the inequalities of taxation. The great trouble with us has been, that legislators held so many different and conflicting opinions about methods, there could be no common ground. Commissions have been authorized to study the tax system of other commonwealths and report to our General Assembly, but commissioners have disagreed mainly on unimportant questions and legislators in the infinite variety of “cure-alls” suggested have become confused and doubtful as to the expediency of proposed reforms.

A solution of the whole problem is not probable at any one session, but an immediate correction of some of the inequalities of the existing law, is imperatively demanded. Let me ask, that the first work of the Assembly now convened be directed to this problem. The constituencies you represent expect it and the state requires it. Let your aim be, to broaden opportunity, strike down inequalities, and lift the burdens from those least able to carry them. It is proper for you to inquire if corporate property pays its fair and just share; if large wealth may not be made to contribute its full and measured part; if financial institutions should enjoy the privileges that are denied to men; and if you shall find present laws unjust and unwise, it is your duty here to apply the remedy and to do it with unsparing hand. I counsel you, do no injustice to the rich or strong, but remember that governments exist to care for and protect the poor and weak. It is not in my province to direct what you do, but there is a command from all the people, irrespective of party, which you will gladly heed. The problems are not new; they are as old as the state; your predecessors have in the main wrought well, but the tax question remains unsolved.

EXEMPTION FROM TRUSTEE PROCESS.

The absolute exemption of all sums to the amount of ten dollars due for labor from attachment, has been long asked for by the wage-earners of Vermont. Exemptions have been lavishly granted by former legislatures to our citizens engaged in various pursuits, but this meritorious measure has repeatedly failed of enactment. The present will of the people is unmistakable. They have made their decision. It is for you to record it in the laws of the state.

LABOR LEGISLATION.

Vermont has been progressive in this respect but not sufficiently so. The state is now entering the period of its greatest industrial development. More and more will measures for the betterment of labor conditions press for enactment. A careful study of the recent legislation in other states will convince you that the hour is at hand, when we ought to enact many of the beneficient measures now being asked for here. "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and he is entitled to perform that labor under safe conditions and to be surrounded by every precaution and protection.

PREVENTION OF STRIKES.

There must continue to be differences between employer and employed. Every time such difference results in a "strike", there is loss not only immediate and substantial to those participating, but consequential to the state. Production has been reduced, consumption restricted, and the sum total of aggregate wealth lessened. To just what extent the state ought to intervene is a debatable question, but that its good offices might be invoked to adjust or at least to suggest honorable terms of settlement, will not be challenged. Many states and countries have boards of arbitration for this purpose. It will probably be going too far to say that the decision of such a board should be final and conclusive, but if one authorized by law and properly constituted could here investigate and recommend a basis of settlement, popular opinion, would, in most cases, bring adjustment without resort to coercive measures.

DIRECT PRIMARIES.

The day of the so-called "political boss" has closed. Vermont never knew him in the sense that he has existed in some of the great cities, and in other commonwealths, where as the "king-maker" on the day of convention or absolute dictator when party policies were to be defined, he was master of the state, but in some degree we accepted the leadership of certain citizens of commanding ability. The direct primary has successfully been invoked elsewhere to register the will of the people. In some cases the methods have been cumbersome; all of them expensive and occasionally impotent.

A simple, inexpensive method, one that will ensure the full, free choice of our citizenship, and one adapted to the peculiar conditions which exist here, is to be found in the recent enactments of the most progressive states.

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

The restriction of expenditures by candidates for office within such limits as would make it possible for the average citizen to aspire to any position in the government, and the publications of sworn statements, both before and after elections, are safeguards that should surround the ballot box and make it sacred to the people and the state. Recent disclosures have demonstrated that fabulous sums of money have been expended in the elections of some of the states. The high ideals, the lofty aims, the great purpose which characterizes the incomparable citizenship of our splendid commonwealth demand that public office shall be offered neither on the auction block or at private sale. Limit then the expenditures of candidates and nominees; require every expenditure and promise of place or pay to be published, and disfranchise forever those who disobey. Thus may the honor of our officials continue unsullied and the fair name of the state remain unsullied.

CONCLUSION.

During the last two years, and especially for the past few months, our state and in short, our nation, has been passing through a period of intense political unrest, greater than we have experienced at any time during the last half-century.

There has been a general uplift or demand, in fact, for a general advance along all lines which could result in a betterment of the social and physical conditions of our people.

This progressive spirit has been planted in the fertile soil of our commonwealth and is rapidly securing a strong hold with our people. We have felt it in the betterment of our school life—our agricultural conditions and our highways; in the state control of corporate life; in the purity of the ballot box, in our endeavors for uniform laws; in our efforts for the elimination of mental and moral degenerates; and in short, along every avenue which leads to the uplift of our citizens.

You should, with all your strength, maintain the advances already made, and further progressive legislation should be enacted at this session, ever keeping in mind our peculiar conditions; not similar, in fact, to those of any other state.

You have before you the special report of each official of your state government. These you should study carefully as they will furnish you more complete and accurate information as to each department of our state government than can be obtained from any other source.

I cannot close without referring to a weakness or failure which seems to possess every legislature; viz., rapid increase of state expenses, and more particularly during the sessions of the legislature. I was greatly surprised to note that the expenditures of the lieutenant governor and General Assembly from 1900 to 1910, inclusive, were as follows:

EXPENDITURES.

1900	$ 61,979.83
1902	60,637.59
1904	70,498.40
1906	81,714.21
1908	134,326.98
1910	about 145,000.00

This increase of legislative expense of nearly 150 per cent is, in my judgment, wholly uncalled for, and an extravagance without an excuse. There are many avenues through which this money could have been expended which would have inured greatly to the good of our people. The spirit of progress toward better conditions is stimulating our people as never before, and is not here an opportunity for this legislature to set an example worthy of that ambition which should be the aim of every true Vermonter?

Do not deceive yourselves with the delusions that this money spent so lavishly does not come from the hard earnings of the common people. We boast of our revenues from corporate taxation. Don't forget that this money spent so freely comes from the great masses and when you are urged to vote large appropriations for some questionable purpose remember that you are indirectly emptying your own pockets. Let us strive to return to and maintain the economy of our fathers; only spending our state's money when it can be done for such purpose as will inure to the greatest good of our people.

Gentlemen: You are honored in being chosen as the representatives of the freemen of this state to guard carefully her present interest and to provide for her future with your best judgment, strengthened by your knowledge obtained from the experience of other legislatures.

You should ever realize the worthy examples of your ancestors who have assembled in these halls, and who have given our state a reputation for wise and helpful legislation unsurpassed by that of any other state. A galaxy of names is furnished which should serve as a stimulant to your highest endeavors. Your opportunity is ever present and your duty should call for your best efforts. With these thoughts ever in mind you should

realize the great blessings bestowed upon your state by a kind providence appreciating the worthy inheritance from your fathers, and may the results of your labors be of such nature that Vermont may continue to be regarded as one of the best governed states of our union.

JOHN A. MEAD

The governor having concluded his message, withdrew and the Joint Assembly dissolved.

GUY W. BAILEY,
Secretary of State, Clerk.

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EX-GOV. MEAD DIES IN HIS 79TH YEAR

Soldier, Manufacturer, Business Man and Philanthropist—A Live Career Closed

"If It's Right, It's at Wright's; If It's at Wright's, It's Right."

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John A. Mead, former governor of Vermont, who died at his home in Rutland Monday, established his position in the moral, intellectual, political and business forces of this state by his long years of indefatigable work. He was not brilliant, but hard-headed, common-sensed and persistent in the pursuit of whatever he undertook—qualities of high order and worthy of emulation—qualities that can be acquired in large measure by whomsoever will. Governor Mead established one of Vermont's largest industries on a firm footing and maintained it here when but for his influence it would probably have been removed. In public life his record is one of accomplishment. He is of the passing generation and the gaps are many and large and hard to fill.

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MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT, FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 1920

DEATHS OF TWO NOTED SONS OF MIDD; BRAINERD KELLOGG AND EX-GOV. MEAD

Late last Friday afternoon President John M. Thomas at the College received a telegram announcing the death of Dr. Brainerd Kellogg, the senior member of the board of trustees, at his home in Morristown, N. J., and on Monday morning just prior to the holding of Dr. Kellogg's funeral services, the morning papers brought news of the death in Rutland of Ex-Governor John A. Mead, another member of the board, and donor of the Mead Memorial Chapel. Middlebury has thus been in double mourning this week for two of her noted sons, Dr. Kellogg of the class of '58 and Dr. Mead of the class of '64, the former in his 86th year and Dr. Mead in his 79th.

The tributes which President Thomas paid to these honored alumni, to Dr. Kellogg at his funeral at Mead Chapel on Monday, and to Dr. Mead at the funeral in Rutland yesterday, constitute far more finished summaries of the lives of these two men than either our ability or time permits, and we submit them as worthy of general reading by Register readers

JOHN A. MEAD

(By Pres. John M. Thomas)

By his keenness of mind, his fixity of purpose, his unfailing judgment, his insatiable ambition, and his unconquerable will Dr. Mead ranged himself with those great creative spirits who have wrought the prosperity and wealth of this nation and accomplished the civilization of the modern world. He was no ordinary man and judgment upon him must be guided by no ordinary standards. He was one appointed of Providence a master builder in the industry of his generation, whose ambition and ability were made to serve the welfare of this city and the prosperity of our fair State beyond the measure of almost any other of his time, and he did it almost alone.

Who could have foretold the achievements the least generous estimate must attribute to him during the past 35 years? A hardworking physician, hurrying from patient to patient, receiving for financial reward the modest emoluments of those days, concerned in business affairs only as any professional man might be: then at middle life the manager of a shop and factory which had led others to failure: then by shrewdness and skill of management, by hard work and resolute economy, by faith in himself, in his home city and in the business future of the country the master of one of the most important and successful enterprises in New England.

This is not the place for statistics nor inventories. You know better than I how many homes have been built, how many savings accounts have been nourished, how many other enterprises have drawn their life from the industry which the genius of Dr. Mead promoted to ever-increasing prosperity to the last. But without the force and the will that were back of those quiet eyes and that kindly smiling face these things would not have been. It was

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BRAINERD KELLOGG

(By Pres. John M. Thomas)

The friends of Professor Kellogg from our Trustees and Faculty and from this community—and there are those here present who have known and honored him during more than fifty years—need no words of mine to inspire or guide the tribute of reverence and affection which they pay to his memory today. But to the younger among us, and to those just beginning to learn that a college is not merely a place for a few years of study but an alma mater loved and served and honored by her children through all their after life, it is fitting that a few words be spoken concerning one who served his college so long, so ably, and with such unswerving loyalty and devotion.

Already in his student days he began to manifest that independence of mind and resoluteness of purpose which characterized him to the last. He was a scholar of high rank, surpassed in a brilliant class, if I remember the tradition rightly, only by his life-long friend, Stephen A. Walker, later a distinguished lawyer in New York, President of the New York Board of Education and as one of the trustees of the Tilden Trust a founder of the New York public library. The opportunities for the study of the modern languages in the curriculum were then very meagre, and Mr. Kellogg had the initiative and courage to spend a vacation in Canada for the study of French, returning to impart his knowledge to all who were willing to be taught among his fellow students.

Upon his graduation with the class of 1858 he taught for a year in Kentucky and the subsequent year in Macedon Center, N. Y. In 1860 he returned to the college as tutor. The duties of a tutor at that time were to instruct the Freshman class in all subjects in their regular three recitations a day, to prepare them for their declamations at the public chapel exercises on Wednesday afternoon, to secure from them written translations from Latin or Greek every alternate week

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