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CASE NO. 25-AP-148

Hon. James H. Douglas, Special Administrator
of the Estate of John Abner Mead
Plaintiff/Appellant

v.

The President & Fellows of Middlebury College
Defendant/Appellee

APPEALED FROM: Vermont Superior Court, Civil Division, Addison Unit
CASE NO. 23-CV-01214

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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

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 Abner Mead

Rutland, Vt.
May 11, 1914.

Ex. 2 - Pres. to Trustees

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?

EXHIBIT
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(13)

'rector, May 16, 1914.

Dear Doctor Thomas;

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

Faithfully yours,

Frank C. Partridge

EXHIBIT
3-2

(10)

Burlington, May 16, 1914.

My dear President Thomas;

I most heartily give my voice in favor of the acceptance of Doctor Mead's offer to build a chapel for Middlebury College and of the appointment of the Building Committee suggested by him.

I congratulate you and the college on this good fortune, especially on account of its coming just now when the clouds seemed for a while to be darkening the future. This will show conclusively that Middlebury College has friends of means and influence whose faith in the institution has not been shaken by recent criticism. I trust that this will prove to be but a drop before the shower.

Yours very truly,

Rufus C. Flagg

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EXHIBIT
tabbies
3-3

North Bennington, May 16, 1914.

My dear Mr. President;

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant enclosing a copy of Dr. Mead's letter to you in which latter letter the Doctor proposes to give the college a chapel building, and you ask me to join in authorizing the acceptance of Governor Mead's proposition and the approval of the appointment of the building committee suggested by him.

I gladly give my assent to both propositions and congratulate heartily both the college and Governor Mead upon this gift of the Governor and its acceptance by the college.

I am, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

J. G. McCullough

STATE OF VERMONT
CHAMBERS OF SUPERIOR JUDGE
AND CHANCELLOR

Vergennes, Vt., May 16, 1914.

Dear Doctor Thomas:--- Hurrah for Dr. Mead! I have just written him thanking him and telling him he has become one of the immortals.

You did not send me the book which your firm thot would make a good standard for the Bailey book.

Yours very truly,

Frank L. Fish

EXHIBIT 3-4

EXHIBIT
3-5

(3)

C O P Y

Middlebury, May 17, 1914.

My dear Dr. Thomas;

Returning from Detroit I find yours of 15th inst. relative to the proposal of Dr. Mead to erect a chapel. You have my assurance herewith of my official acceptance of this generous gift, and of my high appreciation of the generosity of the giver. I approve the selection of the building committee mentioned and the suggestion that the architecture should be wisely chosen by the best architects available to furnish a beautiful design.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Stewart

EXHIBIT
3-6

C O P Y

(12)

Middlebury

My dear Dr. Thomas;

You are certainly to be congratulated in the gift of Governor John A. Mead. This chapel will satisfy a much needed addition to the equipment of Middlebury College and its acceptance is most heartily approved.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Weeks.

EXHIBIT
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State of Vermont

State Prison, WINDSOR, R. H. WALKER, Supt.

House of Correction, RUTLAND, M. H. LOUKES, Supt.

Industrial School, VERGENNES, J. N. BARSS, Supt.

Board of Penal Institutions

JOHN E. WEEKS, Chairman . . . Middlebury
HAMMOND T. BALDWIN, Secretary, . Wells River
EDWIN J. DAVIS . . . . . Chester

Mr John C. Neal
Rutland Vt.

My dear Son Neal

Congratulations and
many thanks 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 — and 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
inspiring place. Your loyal public career
is certainly ~~[illegible]~~ spotless by this act. May the
Heavenly Father in whom we believe, preserve you
life many years. ~~Sincerely yours~~ Yours

May 17, 1944

EXHIBIT
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Manchester, Vt., May 18, 1914.

Dear Thomas;

I am more than glad to learn of the very generous and timely offer of Dr. Mead and of course I vote to accept it and also heartily approve of the committee he has suggested. It is much better to have a good committee of three than a larger number as you can all get together at any time and know exactly what is wanted. I had been hoping that Governor Mead would do something generous for the college as I understand he is abundantly able, and this is a more fitting gift for a memorial than a dormitory would have been though that also is badly needed and will come in time. The outlook for the college is greatly different than it was fifty or even ten years ago.

With great respect, I am

Truly yours,

D. K. Simonds.

EXHIBIT
3-9

(11)

New York, May 18, 1914.

My dear Dr. Thomas;

I am in receipt of your favor of the 15th, enclosing copy of Governor Mead's letter.

It is truly a generous offer on the part of the Governor, alike creditable to his respect for his forebears, his love for his Alma Mater and his kindly disposition to do a good, noble and gracious act to the entire community.

Of course I concur with you in granting his request, in accepting the gift, and appointing the building committee named by him for the purpose of carrying the proposal into execution.

Very truly yours,

A. B. Hepburn

EXHIBIT
3-10

The Chase National Bank
NEW YORK

A. BARTON HEPBURN
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

EXHIBIT
3-11

(14)

New York, May 19, 1914.

My dear Doctor Thomas;

I received in due course your letter of recent date enclosing copy of Governor Mead's letter in which he proposes to donate to the college $60,000 for the cost of a new Memorial chapel to be erected ~~upon the college grounds~~. I can readily appreciate the pleasure and satisfaction which this gift affords you, and which is, I am sure, keenly shared by the trustees and every other friend of the college; and I beg to extend my most cordial congratulations. I most heartily favor the acceptance of Governor Mead's proposition, and the appointment of the building committee which he suggests.

I shall be glad to do anything in my power to promote the movement for the desired fund of $500,000 although I am not at all sure that I can obtain any large subscriptions.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

William H. Porter

EXHIBIT
3-12

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Boston, May 19, 1914.

My dear President Thomas;

Your letter of the 14th instant brought great joy. I am taking the liberty of writing directly to Governor Mead with reference to his gift, expressing appreciation and satisfaction. It is a noble gift. I want to congratulate you upon securing it. It is better in many respects, I think, than to go out with a personal appeal to the alumni and friends of the college.

I wish I could do more in helping start this $500,000 addition to the assets of the college. This building, with the $10,000 that you already have, makes a good start. I suppose you can expect one-fourth from the Education Fund, which will make about $375,000 to raise.

I am planning to be at the commencement this summer.

Hastily but very faithfully yours,

James L. Barton

EXHIBIT
3-13

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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

EXHIBIT
3-14

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Brookline, Mass. May 22, 1914.

My dear Thomas;

I can't tell you how pleased I was and 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 fifty years!

Were I in his place as to means and 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 shall grace the room.

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

Most cordially yours,

Krainerd Kellogg.

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EXHIBIT
3-15

New York, May 22, 1914.

Rev. John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Doctor Thomas;

On my return from Battle Creek this morning I found your letter announcing the gift of Governor Mead to Middlebury College os a chapel. I am very much pleased and gratified to think that such a gift is about to be made and I shall certainly co-operate in every way that Governor Mead desires. To that end I give my consent that the building committee which he suggests be named.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

George M. Wright

EXHIBIT
3-16

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

RE: MEAD CHAPEL

EXHIBIT
3-17

Burlington, Vt. May 23, 1914.

My dear Doctor Thomas;

I had quite forgotten that your letter to the trustees required an answer, But you know what I would say. The conditions of the glorious gift are very easy, it seems to me.

Is Dr. Pritchett trying to conciliate Vermonters with his article in the Independent?

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Yours faithfully,

J. W. Abernethy

C O P Y

(4C)

EXHIBIT
tabbies
3-18

Vichy, May 25, 1914.

My dear Dr. Thomas;

Your letters of the 12th and 15th came this morning together with enclosures which I greatly enjoyed reading.

Assuredly do I consent to the acceptance of Governor Mead's glorious gift of a chapel for Middlebury College and to the appointment of the special committee to control its erection. I trust that this committee will secure a design as perfect in form and adaptation as the chapel at Williams College. ~~You have doubtless seen this.~~

Those papers you have sent me make me very happy. I rejoice at what the trustees and alumni have done and I am glad to see that you have, in the sporting phrase, got your "second wind" and that you are carrying on the work with good courage. I believe that still greater things are coming to Middlebury under your administration. I am fully persuaded that the report of the Carnegie investigators will not in the end harm Middlebury. It has called the attention of the people of the state to the condition of the schools and set them to thinking In late years little attention has been paid to education. More must now be given.

Yours truly,

Henry H. Vail

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COPY

Esplanade - Marienbad, June 6

Pres. John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My dear Pres. Thomas;

I have just received here your letter of May 15th with the enclosed letter of Governor Mead. I congratulate you heartily on this fine gift which will be a beautiful memorial and a most needed and welcome addition to our buildings. If I knew his address I would write Governor Mead a letter of thanks. His most interesing letter with its details of early history should be framed and hung in the chapel - and also put in the box of the corner stone.

With renewed congratulations,

Yours truly,

M. Allen Starr

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JAMES M. GIFFORD
CHARLES B. HOBBS
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JOHN D. FEARHAKE
ALFRED P. W. SEAMAN

LAW OFFICES
GIFFORD, HOBBS & BEARD
COLUMBIA-KNICKERBOCKER TRUST COMPANY BUILDING
60 BROADWAY

CABLE "HOBFORD"
TELEPHONE 1065 RECTOR

NEW YORK June 24, 1914.

Rev. John M. Thomas, D. D.,
President Middlebury College,
Middlebury, Vermont.

My dear Dr. Thomas:

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. which has been forwarded to me at my country home, to which point I was removed a week ago today.

I thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and know you will be pleased to learn that I have been convalescing rapidly. Fortunately I have not had the ravenous appetite which in most cases seems to be incidental to recovery from Typhoid Fever.

It has been a matter of sincere regret that I have been compelled to be absent from Middlebury at this particular Commencement Season. It would have been a great pleasure if I could have expressed personally to Gov. Mead my appreciation of his munificence in the gift which he has recently made to the College for a Chapel. I have felt for years that the one building which the College most needed is that which Gov. Mead has undertaken to erect. I feel that it should be located on the most prominent site and that, architecturally, it should be the most attractive of all the buildings of the College.

I believe that Gov. Mead will fully accord with this idea as I know that he feels, as I am sure we all do, that it ought to be the most attractive memorial erected on the College Campus.

JAMES M. GIFFORD
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CABLE "HOBFORD"
TELEPHONE 1065 RECTOR

NEW YORK June 24, 1914.

Rev. J. M. T. --2.

Of one thing I am sure the Governor may rest assured, and that is the co-operation of all of the Trustees in his effort and desire to make this building in every respect such as he has outlined.

Will you please express to him my appreciation of what he has done and what he is doing for the College?

With best regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

James M. Gifford

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June 22, 1914.

The annual meeting of the President & Fellows of Middlebury College was held at the Nat. Bank of Middlebury, at 8 P.M. Monday, June 22, 1914.

Present:- Prins Thomas, McCullough, Stewart, Barton, Kellogg, Wright, Tait, Mead, Pinkham, Flagg, Weeks, Abernethy, Brainard, Partridge and Fletcher.

Meeting opened with prayer by the President.

The record of the last meeting was read by the Secretary.

The Treasurer's report was received and placed on file.

Voted that Mr D. L. Wells be made auditor at a compensation not to exceed $50 - per year. Auditor.

Officers and Committees were elected as follows:- Officers

President	John M. Thomas
Secretary	John A. Fletcher
Treasurer	do
Auditor	D. L. Wells
Supt Buildings & grounds	J E Weeks

Committees

Prudential Committee

Jno M. Thomas	John A. Fletcher
Jno D. Stewart	John E. Weeks
Ezra Brainard	Frank C. Partridge

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Committees.

Finance Committee

Geo. M. Wright — Jas. M. Gifford
Wm H. Porter — F. C. Partridge
A. B. Hepburn

Building Committee - for the Mead Chapel

Geo. M. Thomas
Geo A. Mead
Ezra Brainerd
Geo E. Weeks (see below)

Committee of Instruction

Ezra Brainerd
Brainerd Kellogg
J. W. Abernethy. (see below p. 34)

A.B. & B.S. Degrees

Voted to confer the Degree of A.B. and B.S. upon forty six (46) members of the graduating class as follows:-

Harold Wallace Abbott — B.S.
Robert Edgar Brady — A.B.
Willard Duncan Carpenter — B.S.
Hayes Kruesich Cassacant — A.B.
Laurence Webster Cluff — "
Elton Frick Crank — B.S.
Richard Howard Estes — A.B.
Benjamin Warner Fisher — B.S.
Robert Henry Hill — A.B.
Raeth Mae Hutchins — B.S.
Wm Gleason Macfarlane — A.B.
Walter Irving Mitchell — "
Max Duffield Miles — B.S.
Augustus Wilford Frost Newman — "
Percy Hubert Heavy — A.B.
Rodney Meyrmitzer — B.S.
Edward Robert Rigg — "
Homer Jackson Tait — "
Geo Chas. Eliot Todd — A.B.
(continued)

Raymond Cyrus Whitney B.S. Degrees
Chas. Cushman Wilcox "
Wm Francis Jennings " "

24 Women, all A.B.

Florence Mary Ascutine
Ellen Mary Bailey
Harriet Bracken Blakeman
Helena Bell Carpenter
Elizabeth Chalmers
Ophelia Noela Du Bois
Alice Maria Easton
Amy Harriet Edwards
Isabelle Upton Esten
Stella Agnes Farrell
Mary Madeline Gervais
Janie Martha Graves
May Eleanor Guerin
Helen Irene Haugh
Charlotte Florence Jaine
Gertrude Frances Kingsley
Ethel Caroline Mayson
Ruth Cedrelle Nash
Florina Margaret Parker
Annie Estelle Perkins
May Agnes Shea
Verna Hale Slater
Gladys Wilson
Julia Bosworth Wood 24

and upon David Hoebrook Braun†
A.B. when he shall have completed his work, - likewise upon Dora Mabel Willson† A.B.

Voted to confer the Degree of A.M. upon the following:- Degrees A.M.

Leonard T. Cole
Keith J. Atwood
M. Louise Chaffee
Theodore A. Crane

† Completed work at Summer Session 1914.

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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:-
Llewelyn 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 Kenyon 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 confirming 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 meet the approval of the donor."

Mead Chapel

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

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 through out 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 mountainous 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 may

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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 contract to be made by your committee.

Respectfully,
(signed) John Alden 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, Messrs Thomas, Brainerd, Mead and Cooke.

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

The President read the report of the Faculty on the Campus Report and upon the needs of the department, which received due consideration. Faculty letter.

On motion of Dr Flagg, seconded by Messrs McCullough & Wright it was voted that the Degree of Doctor of Science be conferred upon Dr Ezra Brainerd (the latter having absented himself). Degree Dr Sc to Dr Brainerd

Adjourned to 4 P.M. the following day.

Attest
John A. Fletcher.
Secretary.

Tuesday, June 23, 1914

Met pursuant to adjournment, at the President's Office in the Chapel at 4 P.M. Tuesday, June 23d, 1914.

Present Messrs Thomas, Stewart, Fail, Simonds, Kellogg, Flagg, Boston, Abernethy, Brainerd, Mead, Wright, Weeks, Partridge, Fletcher.

On motion of Dr Brainerd, it was voted to connect Pearsons Hall & Battell Cottage with the main heating plant by pipe line Extension of Heating Plant Conduits

December 18, 1914.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Middlebury College was held at No 60 Broadway, in the City of New York, on the 18th. day of December, 1914.

Present:-
President Thomas in the chair
Dr Kellogg
Mr Porter
Mr Hepburn
Geo. McCullough
Mr Fail
Dr Starr
Mr Wright
Mr Abernethy
Mr Gifford

Mr Gifford acted as Secretary of the meeting — Secretary. S.

A motion, duly seconded, it was — Mead Chap. el. S.
Resolved that the College forward with the construction of the Chapel with the understanding that $60,000.— would be contributed by Dr Mead; the balance estimated at about $1,000.— to be contributed by the College.

President Thomas reported Prof Skillings inability to spend his Sabbatical vacation abroad and his request that he be given six months to be spent in the States. — Skillings. vacation

On motion, duly seconded, it was
Resolved that such leave be granted at half salary.

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Engineering discontinued

On motion, duly seconded,
Resolved that the Department of Engineering be discontinued as a department, and the work of surveying and drawing be done under that title.

Relation of the College to the State.

Dr Thomas reported with reference to the relation of the College to the State of Vermont, and the following resolution was offered and unanimously passed:-

Affiliation with U.V.M. & Norwich.

Whereas, it is important for the interests of education in Vermont that the universities and colleges of the State be brought into some form of affiliation; and

Whereas, in recent correspondence of Presidents Benton and Thomas suggestions have been made which give promise of a useful outcome of negotiations between representatives of the several institutions; therefore

Resolved, that the Trustees of Middlebury College express themselves in favor of an endeavor to bring about an affiliation of the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College, Norwich University, and Middlebury College, and declare their desire to co-operate with the Trustees of the other Universities in bringing about such an affiliation; and

Resolved, that a copy of this action be communicated to the University of Vermont and Norwich University.

On motion, duly seconded, the Trustees adjourned

(signed) James M. Clifford,
Secretary of the Board

Attest
J. A. Fletcher, Sec.

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Rutland, Vt., Jan. 13,1915.

The President and Fellows of Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vermont.

Gentlemen:-

In consideration of the contract of the Committee for the Erection of the Mead Memorial Chapel at Middlebury College with Thomas W. Rogers of Brandon, Vt., whereby the same is to be erected in accordance with plans and specifications of Allen & Collens, architects, at a cost of $51,945, I agree to furnish funds for the discharge of this contract and for the expenses connected with the erection of this chapel, to the amount of $60,000, as may be required during the construction and in accordance with the terms of the above contract, binding myself, my heirs and my assigns as above specified. It is agreed on the part of said Trustees that they are to complete said chapel, making it complete in every way, as to grounds, furnishings, etc., for the purposes of a college chapel, as voted at the meeting of the Trustees of said college held in New York City Dec. 18, 1914, and as defined in correspondence between the President of Middlebury College and myself.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) John A. Mead.

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February 22, 1915.

Vermont Marble Co.,

Proctor, Vermont.

Gentlemen;

Messrs. Allen & Collens have sent me a copy of your letter of February 17th to Mr. T. W. Rogers with reference to the proposed changes in the Mead Memorial Chapel. You state that the addition of pilasters will increase the cost considerably. Can you let me have the exact figure? Mrs. Mead has written me stating her decided preference for an earlier sketch of the chapel, which showed these pilasters between each of the large windows, and two large windows on the side instead of one. I am of course desirous of meeting the wishes of Mrs. Mead so far as possible and would like to know the exact cost to the college of these changes before talking of the matter further with her.

Faithfully yours,

THOMAS W. ROGERS,
GENERAL
CONTRACTOR

Brandon, Vt. Feb 24th 1915.

Dr John M. Thomas
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:- Mead Chapel

I have figured the change called for in the blue prints marked Feb 15th 1915. and quote you a price of Ten Hundred and Thirty One Dollars, This estimate does not include any price on interior work only around the Four extra windows.

kindly advise at once as the marble is being held up at a great expence to the Marble Co.

Very truly yours.

Thos W. Rogers

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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

2/27/15

Rutland, Vt.

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March 1, 1915.

Mr. F. C. Partridge,

Proctor, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Partridge;

Doubtless you have learned the result of President Trainerd's interview with Governor Mead Saturday afternoon. I enclose a copy of the memorandum. It seems to me that this is very satisfactory. There is no doubt we shall have a much better appearing chapel and we were in for the organ anyway. I am sure the Doctor would not have been satisfied to leave the building without one, and he had been careful to state that the trustees were under obligation to complete it in every respect for the purpose of a college chapel. I shall recommend the acceptance of this proposition to the trustees at the next meeting, and in the meantime I have authorized the changes with the understanding that the college will pay the $1031 provided it does not accept Doctor Mead's offer.

Faithfully yours,

March 1, 1915.

Mr. Thomas W. Rogers,
Brandon, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Rogers;

In accordance with the arrangements made between Governor Mead and President Brainerd as contained in his memorandum of February 27, 1915, a copy of which I enclose, I will authorize changes called for in the blue prints dated February 15, 1915, for which you have quoted the price of $1031.

Faithfully yours,

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April 14, 1915

A special meeting of the President and Fellows of Middlebury College was held at the Vt. Bank of Middlebury at 1:30 P.M. April 14, 1915, pursuant to call of April 31.

Present. Present:- Messrs. Thomas, Brainerd, Flagg, Partridge, Stafford, Abernethy & Fletcher.

Minutes. The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting.

Budget. A consideration of the budget for 1915-1916 followed.

Harrington On motion of Dr. Brainerd, seconded by Dr. Flagg, it was voted that Asst. Prof. Harrington be made a full professor at a salary of $1,800.-

Salaries. On motion of Dr. Brainerd other increases in salaries were voted as follows:-

Asst Prof.	Wethmel	100.	to	$1,700.
"	Robinson	100.	"	1,600.
"	Cunningham	100	"	1,700.
"	Porter	100	"	1,600.
"	Morgan	100	"	1,600.
"	Potter	100	"	1,300.
"	Abbott	100	"	1,700.
Instructor	Davison	100	"	1,100.
Asst Prof	Perkins	200	"	1,400.
" Dean	Wiley	100	"	1,300.

New Instructor Pedagogy. Voted that the President be authorized to secure an additional instructor in Pedagogy at a salary of $1,500.-

Voted to approve the action of the President in securing the services of Mr Murch as an assistant in physical training & for other services at a salary of $1,000.— Murch

On motion of Mssrs Pentecost & Brainard it was voted that Miss Throop be not continued as Dean of Women, Miss Throop.

And voted that the President be instructed to secure a new Dean in her place. New Dean.

Voted, that the Trustees accept with gratitude Dr Mead's proposal to add $1,031.— to the gift of the Chapel, and agree to install therein a pipe organ to cost $5,000.— Mead Chapel. Added gift. Pipe Organ.

A discussion of Mr Battell's beneficial bequest to the College followed. Battell Will.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest

John A. Fletcher
Secretary

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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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Ex. 14 - Mead Memorial Chapel Plans - East Elevation

DETAIL MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS UNDER PORTICO

SCALE THREE QUARTER INCH EQUALS ONE FOOT

SECTION

ELEVATION

ELEVATION

SECTION

PLAN THROUGH DOOR

DOORS EACH SIDE CENTRAL DOOR UNDER PORTICO

PLAN THROUGH DOOR
LOOKING DOWN

CENTRAL DOOR UNDER PORTICO

SOFFIT OF DOOR REVEAL

THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLESEX FELLOWS
ALLEN & GREENOUGH ARCHITECTS BOSTON, MASS.
DRAWN BY A.S.P. CHECKED
TRACED BY DATE Feb. 10-1915 No 19

No 19 066116

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SLATE ROOF
NORTH ELEVATION
THE MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
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LONGITUDINAL SECTION
SCALE 1/4"=1'0"
THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
065116

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- SECTION C-C -
SCALE 1/4"=1'0"

- PLAN TAKEN ABOVE GALLERY -

- PLAN OF GALLERY -
SCALE 1/4"=1'0"

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THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL

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· West Elevation ·
Scale 1/4" = 1'-0"

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THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT.
ALLEN & GREENE ARCHITECTS BOSTON, MASS.
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10-5-14 / WEST ELEVATION
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SKETCH SHOWING
WEST END OF CHAPEL
IN STONE
STONE
THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT.
& COLLENS ARCHITECTS BOSTON, MASS.
Checked
Date
№ 10a
CLAPBOARDS
STONE
WEST ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/4"=1'-0"
DATE June 1963

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THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT
ALLEN & GOLLENS ARCHITECTS BOSTON, MASS.
Drawn by G.G. Checked
Traced by Date
№ 17
June 22, 1915

1" SCALE VESTIBULE ENTRANCES #5 & #6

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END ELEVATION AT RAMP
ENLARGED PARTIAL ELEVATION AT RAMP LANDING/ WALL NOTCH
PARTIAL WEST ELEVATION AT MEAD CHAPEL
PARTIAL NORTH ELEVATION AT MEAD CHAPEL
SOUTH ELEVATION OF RAMP IS SIMILAR
NOTE: THE RAMP IS SHOWN PARALLEL TO THE BUILDING FOR CLARITY. IT'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE BUILDING IS THEREFORE SKEWED.
BRACKET PLATE
CAP FLASHNG DETAIL
1/2 FULL SCALE
3 DETAIL/ELEV @ RAILING
5 MARBLE CAP JOINT
1/2 FULL SCALE
1 SECTION @ RAMP
2 LANDING SECTION @ RAMP
4 MARBLE VENEER JOINT/ TIEBACKS
1/2 FULL SCALE
6 RAILING RETURN
SIMILAR END OF WALL CONDITION AT LANDING NOTCH
7 BASE WALL FLASHING
1/2 FULL SCALE
STRUCTURAL
MEAD CHAPEL RAMP
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT
SAS PROJECT #2507
MEAD CHAPEL
ELEVATIONS & DETAILS
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ELEVATIONS & DETAILS

THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT.
ALLEN & COLLENS ARCHITECTS BOSTON, MASS.
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DADO OF FRONT VESTIBULE
LOOKING TOWARD CHANCEL
VESTIBULE DOORS
Scale 3/4" = 1'-0"
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DETAIL OF FRONT STAIRS
Scale 3/4" = 1'
SECTION PARALLEL TO MAIN AXIS
SECTION PERPENDIC. TO MAIN AXIS
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PLAN AT UPPER LEVEL
PLAN AT LOWER LEVEL
THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT.
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DETAIL
OF
REAR STAIRS
SECTION AA
SECTION BB
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DOOR DETAIL

Scale 3/4"-1'

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AUDITORIUM DADO & WINDOWS
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• SKETCH • SHOWING •
• WEST • END • OF • CHAPEL •
• IN • STONE •

THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT.
ALLEN & COLLENS ▯ ARCHITECTS ▯ BOSTON, MASS.

Drawn by J. D. L. | Checked R. C. | Date Oct. 27, 1950 | No. 10b

ORGAN CASE AND CHANCEL FURNITURE
Scale 3/4"=1'-0"
PULPIT - REAR VIEW
w/ CHOIR BENCHED.
READING DESK
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MEAD CHAPEL NOTES:
1. STONE: THE DESIGN INTENT IS TO MATCH THE MARBLE ON MEAD CHAPEL AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE. IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE EXISTING MARBLE ORIGINALLY CAME FROM THE MIDDLEBURY OR RUTLAND QUARRIES, WHICH ARE NOW CLOSED. PROVIDE 12" SQUARE SAMPLES OF THE MARBLE PROPOSED FOR USE. PROVIDE AT LEAST TWO REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES OF VEIN CUT AND FLEURI CUT STONE FOR REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE.
FINISH - EXPOSED SURFACES: HONED
FINISH - CONCEALED SURFACES: SAWN
2. MORTAR: TYPE S OR N, WHITE, MATCH MORTAR JOINTS ON EXISTING BUILDING.
3. STONE ANCHORS: STAINLESS STEEL SPLIT TAIL THIMACKS, SIZE TO SUIT APPLICATION. INSTALL AT QUARTER POINTS IN VERTICAL JOINTS BETWEEN STONE PANELS.
4. MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE WILL UNDERTAKE RESTORATION WORK ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE CHAPEL IN THE SUMMER OF 2005. THIS WORK WILL INCLUDE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING CONCRETE SLAB ON THE EAST PORCH. COORDINATE THE WORK OF THIS CONTRACT WITH THE COLLEGE.
RAMP LAYOUT NOTE:
DRAWING KEY
NORTH
PARTIAL SITE PLAN AT MEAD CHAPEL
1 SECTION @ LANDING
2 END OF WALL @ LANDING
RAMP SECTION A-A • OPPOSITE SIDE SIMILAR
RAMP SECTION B-B
STRUCTURAL
MEAD CHAPEL RAMP
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT
MEAD CHAPEL
PARTIAL SITE PLAN & INT ELEVATION
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PARTIAL SITE PLAN & INT ELEVATION

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ROOF PLAN
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SECTION A-A
STAIR WELL
GALLERY CEILINGS
SECTION C-C
SECTION D-D
ALTERNATE - PANELLED CEILINGS UNDER GALLERIES
SIDE GALLERIES
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLE BURY VERMONT
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MEAD CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY VERMONT

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THE
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MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

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1. GALLERY
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3. CHANCEL
4. BRIGHT
5. DIM
6. UNDER GALLERYS - Dimmer 1
7. OVER REAR GALLERY
8. CHANDELIERS - SIDE GALLERYS
9. CHANDELIERS - NAVE Dimmer 2
10. PULPIT SPOT
11. LECTURN SPOT
12. ALTAR SPOT
13. CHOIR
14. ALTER & COVE — Dimmer 3
15. SPARE
16. SPARE
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SECTION LINE A-A
SECTION LINE F-F
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SEATING PLAN OF MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY, VT.

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BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

REVISIONS

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MEAD CHAPEL

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FIRST FLOOR PLAN
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MEAD CHAPEL

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SECOND FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8"=1'-0"

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MEAD CHAPEL

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SECOND FLOOR
PLAN

DATE 12/18/02

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ELEV CHANNEL BETWEEN POSTS
ELEVATION WALL CHANNEL
SECTION WALL CHANNEL
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¼" SCALE SECTION LINE A-A
¼" SCALE PLAN NORTH STAIRWAY
GALLERY FRAMING PLAN
STAIRHALL & FRAMING DETAILS
SIDE GALLERIES
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
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THE MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL

No 15-A

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½ SCALE DETAIL TRUSSES 'B'

½ SCALE PLAN OF HORIZONTAL BRACING PLAN AT 'W-W'

PLAN AT 'W-W'

HALF PLAN AT 'C-U'

HALF PLAN AT 'T-T'

HALF PLAN AT 'S-S'

PLAN AT 'J-J'

½ SCALE DETAIL TRUSSES 'A'

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PLAN OF

SECTION SHOWING ELEVATION OF OUTER FRAMING PARALLEL WITH MAIN ROOF RIDGE

SECTION ON ℄ AT RES TO MAIN ROOF RIDGE

SECTION ON ℄ PARALLEL WITH MAIN ROOF RIDGE

SECTIONS SHOWING ELEVATIONS OF OUTER FRAMING AT RES TO MAIN ROOF RIDGE

½ TOWARD AUDITORIUM

½ TOWARD BROKY WALL

ANCHOR FOR TOWER IN SIDE WALL

FACE OF 12x12 POSTS

THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
No 32
PLAN OF CHANCEL
Scale 3/4" = 1'-0"
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S-10 / CHANCEL PLAN

PALLADIAN WINDOW
Scale 3/4"=1'-0
THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT.
ALLEN & COLLENS ARCHITECTS BOSTON, MASS
No. 33
Spring Line
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Section 'C'
Elevation 'A'
Elevation 'B'
Section A-A
Section B-B
Section C-C
THE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
No 46
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FIRST FLOOR

- SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" -

SYMBOL LIST

- $^{F}\!/_{A}$ — SURFACE OR SUSPENDED MOUNTED FIXTURE. "F" FOLLOWED BY No. INDICATES FIXTURE TYPE, LETTER INDICATES SWITCH CONTROL NUMBER INDICATES CIRCUIT No.
- □ — RECESSED FIXTURE
- (E) — EXISTING CHANDELIER TO BE RELOCATED
- — CONDUIT - CONCEALED - ARROW INDICATES HOME RUN, DIAGONAL LINES INDICATE NUMBER OF WIRES. 2 WIRES NOT MARKED
- — N.M.C. CABLE
- S — SINGLE POLE SWITCH
- S_{MA} — MOMENTARY CONTACT SWITCH

GENERAL NOTES

1. SEE DWG.# L5 FOR DETAILS OF LIGHTING CONTROL.
2. SEE DWG.# L5 FOR DETAILS OF SERVICE ENTRANCE AND DISTRIBUTION.
3. THE USE OF N.M.C. CABLE IS PLANNED FOR THIS FLOOR.
4. ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF THIS WORK, NOW CONNECTED TO THE EXISTING DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT, SHALL BE RECONNECTED TO THE NEW DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT.
5. CONTRACTOR SHALL PROVIDE JUNCTION BOX OR COVERED OUTLET BOX AT EACH FIXTURE. OUTLET RECESSED FIXTURES SHALL NOT HAVE JUNCTION BOX ATTACHED. RECESSED FIXTURES FURNISHED UNDER ALLOWANCE SHALL HAVE N.E.C. REQUIREMENTS OF FLEXIBLE ARMORED CABLE.

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MEAD CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"
DATE: 8 17 67
J. J. No.:
DRAWING No.: L1

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MEAD CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

LONGITUDINAL SECTION

DATE - 8-27-68

L3

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ONE LINE WIRING DIAGRAM FOR CONTROL OF LIGHTS

NOT TO SCALE

FRONT ELEVATION

MAIN 208/120V A.C. SERVICE DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT

NOT TO SCALE

— NOTE —

THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE EQUIPMENT AS WELL AS RELAY AND DIMMER CABINETS SHALL BE A JOB CONDITION.

MEAD CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT

DIAGRAMS
DETAILS

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RELAY CABINET
TYPICAL TAP EXISTING WIRING TO CONSOLE FOR NEW CONTROL POINT AT REAR VESTIBULE CAR.
PANEL "L" NOT NORMAL JUMPER NOT SHOWN
FLA OVER REAR GALLERY
TO EXISTING DIMMER FEEDERS - PROJECTS OVER GALLERIES (LEFT & RIGHT)
HOUSE DIMMER AT PULPIT-NEW
SMDH
SMBB
SMEE
SMCC
SMAA
SMB
SMC
SMA
NEW VESTIBULE POINT PROVIDE TWO VERTICAL BLANK CARTS TO SIX FOUR BID SHOWS NOT PROVIDE NEW NAMEPLATES TO MATCH EXISTING.
EXISTING CONSOLE CABINET-ONLY THOSE SWITCHES RELATED TO NEW WORK ARE SHOWN HERE.
DETAIL TYPICAL WIRING DIAGRAM FOR PARALLELING NEW SWITCH TO EXISTING SWITCH
GENERAL NOTE:
THE SYMBOLS-NUMBERS-LETTERS-MATERIALS-EQUIPMENT SHOWN HERE IS KEYED TO "BID" DWG. NO. L4 - DATED 8-27-62.
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—BASEMENT PLAN—

HEATING & VENTILATING PLANS FOR
NEW CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE MIDDLEBURY VT
SALLAN & COLLINS ARCHITECTS BOSTON MASS
Drawn by F.C. Traced by G.W.R. Checked by
Date 4-1-07 Approved by
RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.
ENGINEERS
9 BEACON STREET BOSTON, MASS
Date Sept. 8-1914 Dwg. No. 1015-1

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HV-02
FIRST FLOOR
HEATING & VENTILATING PLANS FOR
NEW CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE MIDDLEBURY VT
ALLEN & COLLINS ARCHITECTS BOSTON MASS
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BOSTON MASS

PLAN OF GALLERY
SECTION C-C
EXTERIOR ELEVATION SHOWING TYPICAL PERSIAN AIR INTAKE
SECTION B-B
SECTION A-A (Lower part)
SECTION A-A (Upper part) SHOWING VENT STACK
DETAIL OF VENT STACK
HV-03

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ENGINEERING DIVISION

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT		SCALE	
		SURVEY	
		DRAWN	
		DESIGNED	
		CHECKED	
BASEMENT & CRAWL SPACE		PUR.ORD./JOB NO.	
CONTRACT WITH ABOVE		FILE NO.	
GRINNELL FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS		DRAWING NO. 1 OF 5	
		CONTRACT NO. 4FP-1682	

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SEC. LL
PIPING AT ATTIC STAIRS

SEC. KK
PIPING SUPPLY FROM LOW AREA TO HIGH AREA THROUGH VENT DUCT

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FACTORY MUTUAL
ENGINEERING DIVISION

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE HEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT			SCALE: 1" = 1'-0"
			SURVEY BY DATE
			DRAWN
			CHECKED
			LISTED
ATTIC			PURCHASE JOB NO.
CONTRACT WITH ABOVE			FILE NO.
GRINNELL FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS			DRAWING NO. 4 OF 5
			CONTRACT NO.

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NOTE "A"
OWNER TO SEAL OFF TOWER FROM REST OF CHAPEL AT THIS LEVEL
PLAN VIEW AS SEEN FROM BELOW
PLAN VIEW AS SEEN FROM ABOVE
OWNER TO CLOSE UP OPEN SPACES AT ROOF ACCESS DOOR ON THIS LEVEL
SECTION MM SHOWING RIPING IN TOWER & ATTIC STAIRS SEE DWG #4
SECTION GG
CHAPEL LOOKING EAST TO WEST SEE DWG #2, 3, & 4
FINISHED MAIN FLOOR LEVEL GRADE 100'0"
SEC. FF DWG #2 & 3
SEC. EE DWG #2 & 3
SECTION CC DWG #2
ARRANGEMENT OF PIPING IN GALLERIES
SCALE 3/4"=1'0"
NOTES
* DENOTES 1" OF PIPE BELOW JOISTS
HANGER NOTES
— DENOTES #12 G.I. ROD & #10 RING
* (1) #10 ROD CLIP W/ SCREWS
SEND (3) 1" & (2) RISER CLAMPS @ (1) 1/4"
FACTORY MUTUAL ENGINEERING DIVISION
PLANS ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO CHANGES INDICATED AND COMPLETE IN ENGLISH LETTER
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MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT
STEEPLE & SECTIONS OF CHAPEL
CONTRACT WITH: ABOVE
GRINNELL FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS
DRAWING NO. 5 of 5
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1 H02 PARTIAL PLAN - MEAD CHAPEL
SCALE: 3/8" = 1'-0"

2 H02 WALL CAP SECTION
SCALE: 3" = 1'-0"

3 H02 WALL CAP SECTION
SCALE: 3" = 1'-0"

4 H02 WALL CAP SECTION
SCALE: 3" = 1'-0"

5 H02 BENCH SECTION
SCALE: 1-1/2" = 1'-0"

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MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT
CUT STONE SHOP DRAWINGS

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MEAD CHAPEL

H02

1 H03 PARTIAL NORTH ELEVATION - MEAD CHAPEL
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

2 H03 PARTIAL NORTH ELEVATION - MEAD CHAPEL
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

3 H03 VENEER SECTION
SCALE: 1-1/2" = 1'-0"

4 H03 VENEER SECTION
SCALE: 1-1/2" = 1'-0"

5 H03 PARTIAL WEST ELEVATION - MEAD CHAPEL
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6 H03 VENEER SECTION
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MEAD CHAPEL

H03

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MEAD CHAPEL

1 / H04 MEAD CHAPEL RAMP SECTION
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

2 / H04 END OF WALL @ LANDING
SCALE: 1-1/2" = 1'-0"

3 / H04 LANDING SECTION @ RAMP
SCALE: 1-1/2" = 1'-0"

4 / H04 END OF WALL @ RAILING RETURN
SCALE: 1-1/2" = 1'-0"

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MEAD CHAPEL

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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,

Ex. 19 - Board Mtg Mins

1915.

June 23d, 1915.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Trustees met at ten o'clock A.M. Wednesday, June 23d at the President's office at the Chapel.

Present:- Mssrs. Thomas, Mead, Stan, Kellogg, Wright, Brainard, Stafford, Clifford, Earl, Portuez, Hepburn, Weeks and Fletcher

Resent.

Dr Thomas read the following letter from Dr Mead:-

"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 send out over the campus & 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."

Letter from Dr Mead.

It was voted that the gift of Dr & Mrs Mead be gratefully accepted.

Meeting adjourned

Attest John C. Fletcher Sec'y

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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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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 2464 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 75 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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EXHIBIT
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December 22, 1915.

Mr. Andrew H. Meneely,
Watervliet, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Meneely;

Your letters of December 20 and December 22 have been duly received. I note that the bells went forward December 21 and I will notify the freight agent to wire you upon their arrival as requested. I will also see that your directions as to handling are in the hands of Mr. Rogers.

The chime should be billed to Governor John A. Mead, Rutland, Vermont. This is a special gift on the part of Governor Mead and I think he would prefer to handle the matter directly.

It will be very pleasant if Mr. E. A. Meneely can be here Tuesday, January 4th, so that the bells can be used in connection with the reopening of college on that date. I have thought it would be delightful if they could be rung for the usual time of our chapel service, 8:15 A.M. and if also we could have something of a concert in the afternoon, say at 4 P.M. You will remember we had thought to have the more formal concert with printed program, at the time of the dedication of the chapel at Commencement, about June 20th.

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

Faithfully yours,

EXHIBIT
22-2

NINETY YEARS OF SUPERIORITY

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WATERVLIET, N. Y., December 30, 1915.

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

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

Your favor of the 24th inst. reached us promptly. On account of the blizzard, Mr. E. A. Meneely's plans had to be changed somewhat, however he wrote us yesterday that the frame was in position and six bells in place.

Following your suggestion, we have charged the chime to Dr. Mead personally and enclose herewith duplicate memorandum invoice so that you can, if necessary, make any suggestions you think best.

As Mr. E. A. Meneely is at Middlebury, you can make all arrangements with him as to the music and when you wish the bells chimed. If you intend to put the bells in use at once, as we presume you do, he will be glad to assist the regular chimer and get him started.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season and a very happy New Year, we remain

Very sincerely yours,
MENEELY & COMPANY, INC.

Andrew F. Meneely
President.

Remit by Draft on New York if at all possible.
If you cannot do that then remit by
Express Money Orders or P. O. Money Orders on Watervliet, N. Y.
We cannot make allowance for cost of remittance to us.

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Watervliet, West Troy, N. Y.

FOUNDERS OF

CHIMES AND BELLS OF QUALITY

Hon. John A. Mead,

Rutland, Vermont.

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

Date December 21, 1915.

Duplicate	For Chime of Eleven Bells - 2444, 1809, 1319, 1080, 900, 776, 600, 509, 433, 385 and 279 lbs. - Total estimated weight 10,450 lbs. Total actual weight 10,531 lbs. Tones E - F# - G# - A - A# - B - C# - D - D# - E - F#- Also full swinging mountings for the large bell- well braced and substantial Georgia pine frame - piano stroke chiming action - wooden tracker rod, strap and chain chiming connections - oak chiming console - Clapper balls and the hammer ball of bronze - All and everything to be delivered in complete chiming order in the tower of the Mead Memorial Chapel, Middlebury College, Middle- bury, Vt. and to be inaugurated January 4, 1916...	$ 7000	00		
	Less allowance towards programs Dr. Thomas prefers to use at Commencement	40	00	$ 6960	00

WARRANT - We hereby warrant the above set of bells to be free from original defects, perfect in quality and workmanship, composed exclusively of 78 parts purest ingot copper and 22 parts best imported block tin; of full, good, clear tone, and against fracture from proper usage for FIFTEEN (15) years from date of shipment. Should any of them thus crack within that time, prompt notice to be given us thereof, we hereby obligate ourselves to promptly furnish new bell or bells of same weight, quality and workmanship in FREE EXCHANGE for cracked one or ones on car at Troy or Watervliet, N. Y. Meneely & Co. Inc.

Andrew F. Meneely
President.

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The Gift of the Chime

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

The Selection of the Founders

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

Description of the Chime

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

E – F sharp – G sharp - A – A sharp – B – C sharp – D –
D sharp – E – F sharp

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

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

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

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HOW THE CHIMES ARE ERECTED

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

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MAN AND ERE
THE KINDLIER HAND
OF LAND
THAT IS TO BE

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May 27, 1914.

Doctor John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I have received your letter of May 26th. I will send you copies of the letters received from members of the Board, either herewith or by an early mail.

I will advise the H. D. Kimball Company of your advice as to preliminary plans for the heating system and will also try to hurry Messrs. Allen & Collens in their work. I suppose it is wise not to crowd them too much at this particular juncture, as it requires time to do a real good piece of work.

I enclose tentative program for the proposed exercises June 23rd. Please regard this as suggestive only and be free to make criticisms. I have tried to embody the features we have spoken of together, but if I have forgotten anything you will let me know. When we have a program which meets your approval, I will write the various participants and endeavor to secure their consent.

You will note that I have you down for "breaking ground and presentation of the corner stone". I thought it would be appropriate for you to turn the first spadeful of earth. We shall hardly be ready to lay the corner stone, but we can have it there and it seems to me that it would be appropriate for you to make a presentation of the corner stone to the college. The box containing the Bible and any other documents we place in it can be sealed during the ceremony. Naturally you would say a few words at this time concerning your thought in erecting a chapel for the college.

I think Doctor Barton would be the best man of our Board to speak on this occasion. He is greatly interested in the subject, has a wide reputation, and is an effective speaker. Professor Wright, being our Senior Professor, is the natural selection from the faculty and I am sure he would do well. It has occurred to me that it would be a pleasant feature to have a few words from one of the students, and so I have put down the president of the men's religious organization, who is also captain of the ball team.

Faithfully yours,

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

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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,

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

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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 Wickes 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 Wickes 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 R. Howe

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

(J. M. T. #2)

that he knows of nothing now to detain him from being with us on Tuesday at the laying of the corner stone, and expresses a great deal of pleasure in the suggestion which is being made of his taking part.

I have also just this moment been and ordered a copper box and have asked our man to make it 6" x 8" x 1½". I think we talked about having the hole somewhat larger than that, but that will permit this being inserted without any trouble.

J. M. T.

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June 19, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor;

On my return from my Massachusetts trip I find your letter of June 16th. I have seen Judge Weeks and he will be very much pleased to serve with us on the Building committee. I think he will be very useful when it comes to practical matters in putting up the building.

I called on Mr. Collens yesterday and found that he was making good headway in the preparation of sketches. He will be able to show us something of the style which Professor Harrington seems to favor and I shall be much interested, as I have no doubt you will be also, in noting the impression made by the two general designs upon the members of the Board.

The hour fixed for the exercises is 2 P.M. Tuesday as noted on the program of commencement week, copies of which you have. I am very glad Mr. Bradford will be here.

I am glad to have the view of the Congregational church at Woodstock, which has always seemed to me one of the most beautifyl buildings in Vermont. The interior is also very pleasing.

Faithfully yours,

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

Ex. 26 - Photos of Groundbreaking & Cornerstone Ceremony

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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. of my classmates living can be 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

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.

Such has been my pleasing experience for the last few weeks and such are my hopes for the future, and for generations yet unborn.

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

an hundred years, we realize that there are invisible cords of love and reverence, reaching forth to every clime, which are entwined about thousands of sacred hearts, binding them more and more strongly to this temple of their youth. This sacred affection cannot be wholly transferred to this later temple, but our fathers and forefathers will all rejoice that a more complete structure has been provided for their children and children's children.

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

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 '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

Dr. 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 ourselves and 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. Now, 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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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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Middlebury Register (Middlebury, Vermont) · Fri, Jun 26, 1914 · Page 4

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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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 halfway 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 in South college instruction in Vermont, a popular, democratic community supporter, 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 dormitory 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 established 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 kind, and the college was just beginning to recover when the Civil War nearly emptied her ranks and its treasury.

New buildings were few and far between, but the "chapel," chiefly a recitation hall, completed in 1836, came well with the earlier structure as one of the best examples of Colonial architecture in New England. Since that position in 1861, it has been 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 1907. Middlebury has had a building revival since then, 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," novel, 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 idealists 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, long prominent in every aspect, which Christian character and religious faith should always maintain in the work for our youth."

The problem was submitted to Allen & Collens, the architects, and they adhered 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 in 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 block 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 "Hazing," 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 "Hill." 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. Textler, '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 Rhodes and Crete are also under the sultan's rule. (New York Tribune.)

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THE NEW CHAPEL

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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-Governcr 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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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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DEDICATE MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL AT MIDDLEBURY

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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,

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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 b t 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.

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Doctor Mead:-

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 and accept publicly, this day, 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 ~~has~~ 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, not 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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MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT, FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1916.

COMMENCEMENT

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

JOHN C. SAGE

THE COMMENCEMENT DINNER.

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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 benefactors, 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

The President and Fellows of Middlebury College

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Julian W. Abernethy, Ph.D.	Burlington
John A. Fletcher, A.B.	Middlebury
Rev. Rufus C. Flagg, D.D.	Burlington
Hon. A. Barton Hepburn, LL.D., D.C.L.	New York, N. Y.
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Editor's Foreword

In view of the rapid expansion and development of Middlebury College within the past few years, particularly since the entry of the class of nineteen sixteen, we feel that no apology is necessary, in presenting to the student body, faculty, alumni and alumnae, the first edition of the KALEIDOSCOPE as a distinctly college, rather than class annual. It is fitting that the evolution of the annual should keep pace with the growth of our institution. With this object in view, the class of nineteen sixteen has waived its claim to the time-honored tradition of publishing a class annual, and has endeavored to make the present volume more representative of the college as a whole.

It has been the ambition of the board to produce a book that would reflect credit upon our class, as well as measure up to the ever-rising standards of alma mater. We trust that our efforts will mean more than a mere record of college activities; that this volume will enable us, at some future time, to recall with pleasure and to live anew the spirit of undergraduate days.

Our task is finished, and to the members of the board it has been a source of genuine pleasure. For the benefit of the class we may add that the fellow who wrote the grinds was no respecter of persons. And though he committed nothing with malice aforethought, he has followed the impulse of his better judgment and taken up a temporary, but safer abode elsewhere. Conscious of its many imperfections, but realizing that we must inflict it upon you, the board presents herewith the twenty-first volume of THE KALEIDOSCOPE.

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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.

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April 20, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,

Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I have word from Mr. Collens that he will run up so as to be here Thursday of this week. I shall plan to go over the ground with him in the morning, and if it will be agreeable to you, come to Rutland with him in the afternoon, i. e., arriving there about 2 P.M. Thursday. Of course I will see that we do not take too much of your time.

I am getting some earnest commendations of my statement concerning the Carnegie report. A good many tell me that my position is entirely fair and reasonable and that the State ought not to hesitate to co-operate with Middlebury to the extent we have asked.

Faithfully yours,

April 28, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,

Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I have not forgotten your suggestion when we were in New York together and I enclose an adaptation of the 23rd Psalm, as you requested. This may not be just what you want, but perhaps it will give you some ideas. It seems to me a beautiful thought, the more I have thought of it, and I am sure it will be a precious heritage to your family and to all your friends.

Faithfully yours,

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May 12, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I think we will fix upon Friday evening for the announcement of the new chapel to the faculty and students. I wish Mrs. Mead would come up with you and let us do the honors to you both. I will make all arrangements and of course everything will be very informal.

I will send out the announcement to the Associated Press so that it will be released Saturday morning and I very much hope we can keep the matter quiet until then. I shall try to have a letter to each of our trustees, with a copy of your letter to me, to reach them next Saturday. I am sure you will find that there is very deep gratitude toward you on the part of all friends of our college.

Faithfully yours,

P. S. Mr. Collens, the architect, has just telegraphed me offering to bring the sketches to Rutland Thursday morning, train from New York about 11 o'clock. I am replying that I will meet him there and I hope it will be agreeable to you to see us and look over his plans.

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

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,

J. Howe Deane

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

Rutland, Vt., May 26, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

President of Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Doctor:-

Yours of the 25th at hand and noted. I am pleased that the advisory committee from the faculty will be only too willing to assist in our endeavors to make the chapel a structure of which we shall all be proud.

As to the Rising & Nelson Slate Co., they wrote me a very nice letter and they are quite prominent people in our county. I advised them that I would write you at once as to the above and this will help to make friends with them for the next few months, when possibly we may need the same.

As to the heating system, surely we cannot get these different parts in shape any too early and not be held up at some unfortunate time during the construction of the building.

I shall be pleased to see the new sketch of the chapel by Messrs. A. & C. when they have the same to submit.

Two young gentlemen called here yesterday with sketches of the chapel, whom I have never seen or heard of before. They were very anxious to be permitted to make some drawings. I told them I knew of no objection, though I tried to convince them that their chances for doing anything substantial would be very very small.

You advise that you have letters from various members of the board, etc. If not too much trouble, should be pleased to receive copies of the same.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, I remain,

Yours very truly, Owen Howe

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May 28, 1914.

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 as any other matters connected with Professor Hamlin's letter and the general subject.

Faithfully yours,

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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 pronounce 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 Wickes 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 Wickes 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

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

Rutland, Vt., July 6, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I have just received your favor of the 1st inst., in fact, on my return from New York, where I attended the funeral of our Mr. W. C. Page, who has been connected with our company as manager of the New York house for thirty-seven years. Possibly you may have met him when you were at our store some few months since. I am pleased to learn that you are located at last at your island home and now that you will enjoy life for a few weeks to the very limit. Surely both you and Mrs. Thomas are entitled to all the good time that kind Providence will give you.

I have noted Mr. Collens' letter and the blank form of contract which he has submitted and it simply reminds me of the form of contract which the Government is very apt to insist upon being used if you were to sell anything to any of their departments. It is what we in business life call "a jug-handle" to the very limit - all on one side. I must confess to you that I am very tired and in fact have been gone for three days, and I find myself buried in work, but my first impression was that it would take quite a large amount of our sum specified for the chapel to care for the demands of Mr. Collens. This reads very differently from his talk and I thought his talk was pretty near the limit, so far as I was concerned. I have had a great deal of experience with contracts of this nature and I simply wish to state that if sign the contract drawn after these lines, you are tied hand and foot. If you will read it over carefully, you will see that there is not a

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hole for you to escape through, while they have got every condition protecting themselves.

It is something like the fire insurance policy where the party receiving the same asked if there was any possibility in law of his recovering from a loss should one happen while he was ~~protected~~ covered by that policy. The agent himself said, no, that he didn't think there was, and he said, if you find any weakness of that kind, let me know and we will have it protected at once.

I am almost inclined to feel that there was something ~~as to this~~ of this nature blank form which our friends have submitted. I feel that we should be very very careful with these people or anybody else in the making of contracts. I have been bit once and I feel that is sufficient for me. I am strongly impressed that we should not tie ourselves to Mr. Collens until we have in black and white exactly how our plans are to be governed. He spoke about 6% on the price of the building for his services and then his necessary expenses, but if you will read over his list of charges and see how he protects them in every way possible and he does not in any way protect the second party, I think you will realize that we are in an embarrassing position.

I wish you would read this over two or three times very carefully and at your leisure and try to look at it from the other side of the fence, and see if you feel at all different. As I understand, we have no contract at present with Mr. Collens; in fact, we have nothing to show for any service he has given us.

With kind regards to Mrs. Thomas, yourself and family, kindly believe me,

Yours most respectfully,

Written in Text

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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, U.S.A., July 27, 1914

Mr Grime - Maple Sugar
Rutland Buffalo

Hon. John A. Mead

Rutland, Vt.

Mr Hamilton - Tarrett Hea
Springfield Vt

My Dear Governor:

I have your favor of the 24th inst. I believe that we are the largest manufacturers of organs in this country, or in fact, in any other country. I have, however, no absolute data as to what our competitors are doing, but from a general idea of the situation in this country, I believe my statement can be borne out.

Perhaps we do not make as many small inexpensive organs as some of our competitors, as our line is more particularly in the more expensive and better grade of instruments.

A very large portion of our product is now in pipe organs, and I think I am perfectly safe in saying, that we are the largest manufacturers of pipe organs in the country. We build pipe organs costing all the way from $1500 up to as high as any one wants to go, and I believe our facilities for manufacturing are not excelled by any builder. in America.

We are hoping to receive an order to build a large organ for a church in Rutland. We had the pleasure some time ago of entertaining some of the interested parties here at our factory, and we have reason

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. E. Kelly

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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,

J. E. Howe

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August 22, 1914.

Governor John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I have received your letter of August 20th and Allen & Collens have written me that they have sent me a set of the plans. These I have not yet received. I hope you will find time to go over them carefully with Mr. Lyman and that you will be free to make suggestions to the architect. If everything is satisfactory to you and you think they had better go ahead to get bids from the contractors, I am sure it will be satisfactory to the other members of the committee also. If there are any points in which you would like a conference with either President Brainerd or myself, probably I could get him to run down to Rutland with me. I will be in my office again next Tuesday, and if I find a letter from you saying that you would like us to come to Rutland, probably I could arrange to go down Tuesday afternoon.

I remember your letter with reference to the regulations of the Architects' Association. As I understand it, we have no contract or agreement with Allen & Collens, but they are working under the invitation expressed in my first letter to them, without binding the college in any way. I do not believe we shall have any trouble, but I agree with you that it would be better not to bind ourselves under these regulations. Mr. Collens has certainly been very pleasant to work with so far, and President Brown of Union Seminary told me that their relations with them in the construction of their extensive plant were entirely satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

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

Rutland, Vt., Aug. 24, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Doctor:-

Your favor of the 22nd is at hand this morning. Many thanks for the same. I regret that we should receive these plans just at this most unfortunate time for us. I think I never saw the business conditions of America in the shape they are to-day. I hardly know which way to turn or what to do. The scale company recently started in Bennington, who have their shops all complete and claimed they were doing a fine business, closed down for good some two weeks ago. E. & T. Fairbanks & Co. of St. Johnsbury I understand are now only running five hours a day and they have laid off a very large proportion of their help. The Fairbanks Co.'s shops at Binghamton, N. Y., are closed down tight and the same report is as to their shops at Sherbrooke, Canada. Thus you will notice the general conditions pertaining to scale business, and I think that their affairs to-day are fully as favorable as that of any other class of manufacturers in this country outside of the textiles. We hardly dare export goods, as we fear for the credit which can be obtained. The moratoriumwhich has been enacted in Germany and Austria is liable also to prevail with the other countries . Thus we are in all kinds of trouble and hardly know which way to turn.

I have an appointment for to-morrow which will occupy every moment of my time from noon until evening. Thus it would be impossible for me to do anything outside on that date. Just the first moment that I can get to go over this subject with Mr. Lyman, I certainly

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will do so. He is here working for us and I can but feel would be only too willing to give me any information we might want. I should not for a moment think of trusting my judgment on these plans and I do feel that if there are contracts to be made, that we at least here would never ask for the architects to make them. I certainly should be pleased to meet you and Ex-President Brainerd at the earliest opportunity possible. If you are to be at home a week from Tuesday, would you kindly advise, when I will endeavor to arrange to see you, or hoping that you might come to Rutland. I note also that we have no contract as yet with Allen & Collens, though I do feel that this is a subject which must have attention and at once. You have had more experience in this kind of work than the writer and wish you would look over the rules which I sent you and be prepared for such suggestions as may occur to you. Do you think we could do much this season? I thought possibly we might get in the foundation and get the work started, and perhaps conditions might be such that we could go along with the building, though I have doubted it. I should be pleased to hear from you fully with any suggestions which might occur to you or Ex-President Brainerd.

With very kind regards, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

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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. Mead

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September 9, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,

Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor;

On my visit to my office this morning I find the enclosed letter from Allen & Collens and further instructions to bidders. You will note that they are to receive estimates by September 16th and that they will forward the results to us. This seems to be in accordance with our wish and I take it we have now only to wait for this information.

You will be interested to note that this is the reply to my recent letter, which was the result of our conference, and of which I sent you a copy.

Faithfully yours,

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

Rutland, Vt., Sept. 11, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Doctor:-

Many thanks for your favor of the 9th inst. with enclosures from Allen & Collens, all of which I have read carefully and return the same. I have just received this morning a telegram from them requesting the names of local contractors in this section who would be pleased to bid for the construction of the chapel. I do not think there is anyone here in town that we could consider for a moment to assume this whole contract. Possibly we might piece it out and get parties here to attempt the construction, but surely it would not seem to me advisable at this moment. I have thought of writing Messrs. Allen & Collens to the above effect. You had the name of a gentleman from Brandon and I think somebody at Burlington, whom you stated had done considerable of this work. Please note enclosures returned.

Yours very truly,

(Enclosures)

J. A. Howe

I like the scheme you suggested Dr Lyman but let them get bids & then we'll be careful

JAH

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Sept. 18, 4.

Governor John A. Mead,

The Howe Scale Co.,

Rutland, Vt.

Dear Governor Mead:

We have today received the estimates submitted for the Memorial Chapel at Middlebury and are enclosing herewith a copy of the figures. You will note that with the spire and with the marble exterior walls and columns the entire building comes to about $72,000. If the marble work is omitted from the cornice we can reduce this amount by about $4,000, as you will note suggested on the estimates. Of course there are numerous ways by which the building could be cut down but we should be very sorry to have to do that unless it were necessary. I will hold myself in readiness to attend any meeting that your committee may have other than Tuesday or Wednesday, Sept. 23rd and 24th. The enclosed estimates include everything for the church ready for you to move in with the exception of outside connections. We understand from the Kimball Co. that the steam is to be brought by the College to the Chapel Building. We wrote to Dr. Thomas last summer suggesting that a water pipe be also brought up in the steam trench to the Chapel. We sent to Dr. Thomas early in September a complete set of plans and specifications so that all the data is in his hands.

Very sincerely yours,

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HEATING CONTRACT

Scofield-Campbell Co., Boston	$3288
Cleghorn Co.	3418
Allan Calhoun, ~~Woodbury~~ Middle	3502
G. S. Blodgett Co., Burlington	4436.64

Summary

General Contract	61,529
Deduct Slate	800
	60,729
Plumbing Allowance	500
Heating	3,288
Scofield Campbell Co.,	
Electric Lighting Allowance	1,000
Fixtures Allowance	1,000
Pews Allowance	2,500
	69,017
Architects @ 6%	4,140
Heating Engineer	200
Contingencies	300
	$73,657
Possible omission of ~~also to~~ Marble above column caps	4,000
	69,657

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	Contract	Deduct Marble	Deduct for Slate
Tyson, Weare & Co.	$61,529	1350	800
W. Shelton Swallow -	62,000	4200	1000
Haves Cont. Co.	64,000	2800	
H. S. Libbey	64,820	350	900
H. Wales Lewis Co.	64,950	3670	940
~~H. Wales Lewis Co.~~	~~64,950~~	~~3670~~	~~940~~
Ed. F. Miner Co.	65,931	3740	1194
W. H. Fissell Co.	67,700	2300	
H. P. Cummings Co.	67,787	3715	950
Fiske, Carter Co.	68,781	3000	1110
Chas. B. Maguire Co.	69,331	4000	1370
I. L. Hemenway	69,572	2100	1570
J. W. Bishop Co.	69,755	3169	946
Woodbury & Leighton	72,374	1500	800
Whitney Co.	73,592	3200	940
Caspar Ranger	74,157	2600	1600
L. D. Willcutt	75,984	1650	850
McDonald & Kevell	77,812	1350	800

The deduction for marble referred to above is for omitting all of the marble work of the main cornice and the pediment above the line of the top of the columns and using wood painted white same as is now called for cornice mouldings. The deduction for slate above referred to is for omitting the copper roof and substituting a slate roof.

September 19, 1914.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor;

I have received this morning a letter from Allen A Collens with list of bids on the chapel and summary of contracts and expenses. I am very sorry that the figures exceed the estimate. Of course we shall defer to your judgment, but I wish very much Mr. Lyman could go over the plans and specifications and see if he does not think we could put up a building ourselves at less cost than any of these figures. I should even hope that we could do so and have the building marble all the way around, instead of the wood in the rear.

I expect there are ways in which we can reduce the cost without cheapening the building. I am sure you do not want anything inferior about it, but my experience is that a practical builder can sometimes make suggestions which will save money, without destroying the artistic features of the building or hurting it in any way.

We have the conduit to Pearsons Hall nearly completed and are ready to lay the pipes to the chapel whenever the grades can be determined. We are also expecting to put in a water pipe sufficient for the building.

Next week is our opening and I shall be exceedingly busy, at least until Saturday. I do not see how we can have a meeting of the committee before the 28th I shall be glad to hear from you and in the meantime will return the set of the plans and specifications to you.

Faithfully yours,

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

Rutland, Vt., Sept. 21, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

President,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

Just received yours of the 19th and have read the same carefully. I will take up the subject of your letter with Mr. Lyman so soon as I receive the plans and specifications, and whenever it is convenient for you gentlemen to have a meeting of the committee, I shall endeavor to be present, though should you wish to talk with Mr. Lyman, it would be better to have the meeting here in Rutland. I regret that the building has been planned in such a way as to exceed our $60,000, as I thought that we could keep within that amount and yet have something entirely satisfactory, and trust we can.

With very best wishes, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

John L. Howe

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

Rutland, Vt., Oct. 2, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I have just had a long talk with our Mr. Milo Lyman and am quite a little surprised at what he has been telling me. To be really frank with you, he was a little disappointed, I might say irritated, when Mr. Collens asked him if he could build the staging by which he could put up or construct the spire to the shapel. He said,"after he had asked me that question, I felt I would not say very much more to him", and thus you noticed that he closed his mouth right then and there. Now he comes to me this morning and says that there would be no question whatever about his being able to build that chapel and he says under the circumstances he would like to do it and will simply charge me just exactly what we are paying him here, but that I should pay him for his board up there, which will be reasonable, and his carfare backwards and forwards, and he would have to come home every Saturday; and he goes on and gives me a long history of what he should advise doing and has told me some things that I must confess I didn't know very much about whatever. The long story is in substance that he says he will guarantee to save us the commissions that these other man expect to make, and in addition he also says that he will save us the stealage which will be made out of the building, and guarantee a better building than we had before. Now, I think the next time we meet, that we had better have Mr. Lyman with us and with just your committee there, consisting of Doctor Brainerd, Judge Weeks and yourself, to see Mr. Lyman and he will talk freely with us, and you can be assured that he won't say that he

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can put up that chapel without he is capable of doing every part of it. He hasn't talked with me this freely at any time, but he was a little bit startled when Mr. Collens asked him if he knew how to build the staging for the purpose of erecting the spire. He says he doesn't want any architect fussing around him - if he will give him his plans; and he states in addition that he should want some of these plans changed in his opinion quite a little from what they are to-day. He says no ordinary man from his plans could make out a bill of timber without quite a little work, unless they were very very familiar with the structure to be made.

I simply give you this in a hurried way and wish you would consider the same and let me hear from you. I should be specially pleased to know what Mr. Partridge says as to the marble and I shall also take it up with Mr. Bowker to know what his views are.

Yours very truly,

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

Rutland, Vt., Oct. 5, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

Your favor of the 3rd inst. at hand and contents noted. I can only add ~~from~~ to what I wrote in former letter, that Mr. Inman is only too anxious to attempt the building of the chapel, though I confess I dislike beyond expression having him leave us on any occasion whatever, as we want him so badly right here; but I am willing to make the sacrifice if it is necessary. As I may have stated, I feel that I must keep the sum within the amount which I have specified. I thought first of $50.000 and talked of that, and then it was stated between $50,000 and $60,000 and it has gone to that sum and I am willing to stand for that amount, but I must draw the line there. I wish to say to you confidentially that I have something in mind that I would like to do for Rutland and would like to start the same now, but this horrid war has obliged me to wait to see what the future may have in store for us. Thus, I wish you would keep in mind that I want to limit my gift to the amount above specified. I do feel that we should keep within this amount and can do so if the thing is properly handled. I am now quite busily occupied in Mr. Hinsman's, (my son-in-law,) campaign for the State Senate, as I do feel that it is very necessary for our college and for the protection of the business men of our state that we should have a full and strong representation in the senate for mutual protection, and thus it takes quite a little time, as it were, to sort of look after his campaign. He is a good fighter for somebody else but a very poor one when it comes to a personal matter.

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Referring to the statement made and of your affairs, as to Mr. Lyman's not wanting to have an architect a"fussing around", you need not worry for a moment about that. Mr. Lyman will do anything within the bounds of reason that I ask him to and he will make any change on this building that we may wish, or submit to any suggestions from others if I think best to put him to work. I wish you would forget this part of it.

I regret that Mr. Partridge did not seem inclined to make some concession on the marble part, as I was in hopes he would do so and quite generously.

As to Mr. Bowker, I have the specifications here waiting for him to take the same. He has been out of town for two or three days and thus I have not been able to reach him. Shall without doubt see him to-day.

Yours very truly,

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October 15, 1914.

Dear Sir;

I will construct the Mead Memorial complete as per plans and specifications of Allen & Collens, architects, revised and as I understand them using Clarendon Springs marble as furnished by the Green Mountain Marble Company, also using for the roofing in place of copper a No. 1 genuine Bangor black slate with 2 thicknesses of tar paper under slate for the sum of Sixty Thousand and Six Hundred Dollars ($60,600.00)

Alternate 3. Deduct if North Carolina pine is used in place of cypress as specified for ceiling work three hundred dollars. ($300.00)

Alternate 4. Deduct if birch is used in place of oak as specified for interior finish two hundred dollars ($200.00)

Alternate 5. Deduct if marble tiles for porch are 2" think in place of 5" as specified two hundred and twenty-five dollars.($225.00)

Alternate 6. Deduct if all masonry and marble work is omitted in the tower above the tops of the steel frame girders, and substitute wood construction and wood finish, leaving the steel frame as at present nine hundred dollars ($900.00)

Alternate 7. Add if rear wall is changed from wood construction to masonry construction with marble ashlar, leaving the wood finish around the windows all as per drawings 10A and 10B, three thousand two hundred and eighty one dollars, ($3,281.00)

Very truly yours,

Thomas W. Rogers

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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 doutt 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,

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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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 A. Mead

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RUTLAND, VERMONT.

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With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

John O. Mead

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

Rutland, Vt., Nov. 4, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

Mr. Rogers has just been with me for an hour or so, and gave me the bill of lumber that he will want for the chapel. I have suggested his seeing you and any arrangement you may make will be entirely satisfactory to me, it being understood that you will be able to complete the building within the sum specified, viz., the $60,000. I feel as though I should not go beyond that sum and thus hope that everything will be so governed as to make the building ~~and~~ come within the amount stated. He states that he would pay $25.00 for this lumber on the grounds, that the same can be moved from the depot to the lot at 50¢ per thousand feet, and I will find out this afternoon what the freight will be from here to Middlebury, and thus know what our saving would be. I can buy the lumber on board cars here at $20.00 per M.

Now that election is past, I am at liberty to further consider this subject and to do whatever is necessary. He advises that he should like to make all his excavating this fall and might do a little more, though he doubts it very much. It has occurred to me that about the first thing now to do was to arrange a contract for the marble and it seems as though we could do something with Mr. Partridge.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

Edward Wead

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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,

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

Rutland, Vt., Nov. 6, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

Many thanks for yours of the 5th inst., referring to the fact that I may see you and Mr. Rogers here to-day. I rather think that we shall be able to save nearly $3 a thousand on the lumber. I have just got a freight rate from the Rutland people, which I think would give us about $3 net profit, and with some sixty to seventy thousand feet, this would be something worth saving, though it would be some little trouble to handle the same at this end. I agree with you fully that we want to get all we can out of this $60,000, ~~and~~ I wanted this to cover all the little necessaries which we should want, viz., organ and such like.

Mr. Hinsman is surely very fortunate in having received so large a vote and he and Mr. Wright are solid on the educational question, as I have been over the subject with them both. I think they will be able to carry the other two from our county.

Yours very truly,

John A. Howe

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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.

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Rutland, Vt., Nov. 11, 1914.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Doctor:-

I have just received your favor of the 10th inst., as I am leaving for Boston in a very few minutes, and simply write to acknowledge receipt of the same. Am pleased that the architect has made quite a reduction from his bill, as it seems as though he could very well afford to do, and your arrangement for expert work meets our judgment in every way. I feel that if we keep a cutting off the corners, we shall get this down to within the $60,000 so that we can use this difference for little things, which I am sure will be useful.

I have a price on the lumber which I will not put in black and white just now, but I think it will look very interesting to you. I have Mr. Rogers' bill and I went over the same on Monday, and a party has agreed to send me an accepted bill for the same, which will save us quite a little.

With best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

John A. Mead.

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,

E. W. Howe

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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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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

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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	45,000.	
(Not including a credit on this account of $2,233.40 by lumber from Chapman)		
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	
Lincleum	55.02	
Organ	5,000.	
Miscellaneous	28.37	59,055.08
Balance		$5,157.92

John A. Fletcher, Treasurer.

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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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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,

October 24, 1916.

Hon. John A .Mead,

Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

Mr. Collens has written me a letter suggesting the planting of trees about the chapel and inquired as to the impression of the building on the student body and I think perhaps you will be interested in my reply. I have said some things which I have tried to say to you and I hope you will realize how grateful I am for the chapel and for the influence I feel it is exerting upon our students. I am very anxious that you should see the building at one of our students services. I have arranged with exchange with Mr. Bradford for the 12th of November and if you do not come before then I wish you might be here that day.

Trusting that all goes well with you,

I am

Faithfully yours,

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January 4, 1917.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

Mr. Rogers has submitted his final account on the chapel showing a balance due of $7041.81. Mr. Fletcher informs me that to make up your gift of $60,000 and $1031 extra for the marble pilasters, we should receive from you $5391.79. He tells me that he wrote you a letter and enclosed a statement in September. If any matters are not clear or we should give you any further information, please let us know. According to our accounts the total cost of the chapel, including this bill of Mr. Rogers' and $500 still due Calhoun, is $66,758.06. This includes the organ, but not the chimes.

I was very glad to receive your encouraging letter and to know that you approve my report so heartily. I expect to send it out next week. If you are in New York at anytime before the meeting I wish you might have a conference with Mr. Hepburn. If only some way could be devised to get something started, perhaps in the form of a conditional gift, either toward the endowment needed or the new proposed Vermont Hall, I believe things would go right along. Heretofore when we have had an offer of such an amount as $50,000 provided we could raise $150,000 from other sources, we have managed to find a good many contributors.

I note your suggestion as to Doctor Walker. He feels very kindly toward us and has sent us generous contributions from time to time. I should be very glad if he could be interested in an annuity from the college.

I note that you are taking up the matter of a member of our Board of Visitors with Governor Graham. I shall be very interested in the result.

Faithfully yours,

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

Rutland, Vt., Jan. 5, 1917.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I have just received your favor of the 4th inst., referring to the balance due on the chapel, which you figure at $7,041.81. I have spent a very little time running over my account and I cannot make this agree with what I have. I remember having received statement from Mr. Fletcher, but I am not able just at this moment to find the same. If not too much trouble, I wish Mr. Fletcher would send me another statement up to date. I hardly think I shall be able to do anything as to the above before my return from the west, as I certainly have blocked out all I can possibly look after before leaving; but I have been more than anxious to have this affair all settled up and out of the way, and at the earliest date possible. According to my books I have sent checks for $62,599.20. This is inclusive of the chimes. As to the organ, I do not recall that I ever knew but very little if anything about it, and by looking over my correspondence I do not find anything scarcely pertaining to the same as to price or otherwise. As to the chimes, of course I was thoroughly advised. According to my books and Mr. Rogers contract, it calls for $51,945.00, and by my checks I find that I have sent $46,742.05, leaving him a balance; but all this I am sure we can straighten out at an early date.

The more I think of Doctor Walker, the more it appeals to me that he might be more than willing to do something quite handsome, and, as I wrote you about Mr. Darling, he is in just about the same condition - scarcely anyone, as I understand, dependent upon him and yet with

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large means.

Hoping to meet you in New York at no distant date and with very kindest regards to yourself and family, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE,
THE HOWE SCALE COMPANY,
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,

November 15, 1916.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I am very greatly pleased with the suggestion contained in your letter of November 14th. It strikes me as a most happy thought from several points of view. It would be very interesting and helpful to preserve the record of the building of the chapel for future generations. Such a book would be highly prized by many Vermonters as well as the alumni of the college. It would serve to increase knowledge of the chapel and the regard with which it is held. I know that you have many friends who would be delighted to have the story of the chapel as it might be compiled from the papers which you have preserved. It is not at all impossible that it might be suggestive to others in the way of other needed benefactions.

Perhaps I ought to tell you that I have been preparing a little surprise for you and Mrs. Mead. My secretary has compiled a very neat manuscript including the addresses at the dedication, your letter of gift, and the various programs, and we are just about to send this to the binder. We are having one duplicate for preservation in the library. I think you will enjoy this little volume when it is completed, but a printed booklet, including additional matter, would be much more useful. What I had in mind was chiefly to attempt to show you something of my appreciation of the chapel.

I am sure you need have no hesitation in allowing such a compilation on the grounds to which you refer. I know you would find that there would be very general interest in it.

If you think Professor Wright could compile the manuscript, we would of course be delighted to undertake it. Doubtless our friend Tuttle would be pleased to see that it is given proper form. Once more let me express my great pleasure in your suggestion and my hope that you will carry it out.

Mrs. Thomas and I reached home quite comfortably and we both wish to thank you for your part in the generous hospitality of Rutland.

Faithfully yours,

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

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

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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,

C. E. Mead

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November 17, 1916.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont

My dear Governor Mead;

I am very glad to have your good letter of November 16th and am much pleased that you think so favorably of getting out a little book on the chapel. If you will send the material you have collected to me Professor Wright and I will go over it as soon as possible and block out a plan of the material, but of course we will submit it to you before preparation of the manuscript. I have spoken with him about it and he is very willing to help all he can, and is as much pleased with your thought as I am.

I think we ought to take sufficient time to consider the various portions of the material very carefully. Professor Wright is at work at odd moments now in preparation of the catalogue and I have several appointments in the near future, but we can give some time to it at once and I should suppose that in the Christmas vacation we could bring the manuscript to completion.

In addition to the material of which I wrote you there are a number of articles from the Rutland Herald and from a number of other Vermont papers, including the Herald's account of the first ringing of the chimes, which I should think would be very nice to include. Doubtless you have more of this material than I, but I have kept what I could in a scrap book.

The little book of which I wrote you was to be only a bound manuscript, not a printed volume. I thought you might still value it as being unique and prepared especially for you. It will be sent to you as soon as it comes from the binder.

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We will have plenty of time to consider the question of where the book shall be printed. I am glad you have in mind the quality of the work, and there should certainly be some illustrations, including the interior as well as the exterior of the chapel.

One can never tell in what manner such a publication will influence others. It may put a suggestion in some one's mind which will bear fruit only after many years. I have often thought that perhaps I should give more attention to the issuing of reports and bulletins setting forth the needs and possibilities of development of the college. We have made such progress that I fear some have the idea that we have attained our growth, which is of course far from the case. Our accommodations for girls are crowded to the limit and we cannot receive a larger number unless we can provide for them, as we have not found boarding in the village satisfactory. We also need a new arrangement of our administrative offices in the old chapel, as they are now scatteres very inconveniently, and I fear this would necessitate another recitation building, preferably for History and Political Science. I want we should at least discuss these matters thoroughly at the trustee meeting in New York January 26th, since there is no telling what possible benefactor some one of the trustees may be able to influence.

Again let me thank you for your kind and helpful suggestion and your kind remembrances to my family. With cordial regards to Mrs. Mead and yourself, I am

Faithfully yours,

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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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November 24, 1916.

Hon. John A Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I was very glad to receive your letter of November 18th and the material concerning the chapel I have looked this over only very hurriedly but I can see that we shall be able to produce a very worthy book and one that will be interesting to all the friends of the college and I think also very useful. Professor Wright is still busy with the catalogue, but I am sure in due time we shall both enjoy getting at the preparation of the manuscript.

We have invited the village churches to hold their usual union Thanksgiving service in the chapel Thanksgiving morning at ten o'clock. They seemed very glad to come. The sermon will be preached by the Congregational pastor, Mr Newell. Of course many of our students will be home and some will not attend the service, but I think we shall have a fair number. Now we would like to very much if you and Mrs Mead and the others down to little John could run up Thanksgiving Day and attend the service and stay on for your Thanksgiving dinner at Hepburn Hall. It would give us all a great deal of pleasure, not the least the students.

I want to thank you for your suggestion as to previous information and co-operation before the trustee meeting. I have often thought I should send out some form of a report or statement calling attention to the questions to be presented at the meeting, but your suggestion has enforced the idea which I think I should certainly carry out.

Faithfully yours,

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

Rutland, Vt., Dec. 6, 1916.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

C/o Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I received a copy of the booklet pertaining to the Mead Memorial Chapel and have reviewed the same with the greatest of pleasure, and wish to thank you for your kindness in this matter. It is something that both Mrs. Mead and I shall prize very highly, as in fact this chapel will be one of the milestones on the way of life, which will mark an important period in our short history. As I understand, this is a copy for us to keep.

Thanking you again for your very kind thought in this matter and with very best wishes to Mrs. Thomas and all mutual friends, I remain, as ever,

Yours sincerely,

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Dear President Thomas.

May I trouble you once more to have the Prof. send me one of the pictures of the Corner stone ceremony he call it the "smiling one" John, his Grandfather, and Father in the foreground and Dr. Bradford with his hand on his lip at the right The Booklet on the Mead Memorial Chapel is very beautiful and much appreciate

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Thanking you in advance for the courtesy in regard to the film which I would like as soon as convenient I remain with love to all

Faithfully Your Friend
Mary L. Mead.

The Homestead
December 7. 1916.

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December 11, 1916.

Mrs. John A Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Mrs Mead;

I have at last found the picture you want and enclose a print. I understand that you would like to have the film for a little time. I will get this tomorrow, if it does not come in time to enclose in this letter. It seems to me that we ought to use several of these interesting pictures in the little book which Governor Mead has in mind. They were taken by Miss Charlotte Marsh of our present Junior class.

I very much wish you could see the chapel in actual use by the students. Yesterday we had it crowded for a Christmas praise service, which was very impressive. One student said afterwards that this vacation he was going to attend church at home. I thought that the best sort of a tribute to the good influence of the chapel.

I was very sorry to hear that you have not been well recently and I hope your strength will speedily come back to you.

Faithfully yours,

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

Rutland, Vt., Dec. 13, 1916.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

C/o Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

In looking over the little booklet on the chapel, I notice that the picture of the same is the old sketch which was made before the change took place, which gave two extra small windows on either side at the very east end of the chapel. In the old construction, you will remember there was but one window on either side. This little change, to Mrs. Mead and myself, betters the general appearance of the chapel very much, and we were thinking that when the new booklet came out, that if you could use the later picture, perhaps it would add very materially to the general character of the same.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

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Historical Note

In a letter dated May 11, 1914, Ex-Governor John Abner Mead announced his desire to erect a chapel for the College in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation. He 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 beeu distinguished."

The gift was gratefully accepted by the Trustees, and Governor Mead, ex-President Brainerd, Hon. John E. Weeks, and President Thomas were named as a building committee. Allen & Collens, of Boston, were selected as architects.

At the Commencement of 1914 the ceremony of breaking ground took place, Governor Mead being assisted by his grandson, John Abner Mead Hinsman. An address was made by Rev. James L. Barton, D. D., '81, and prayer was offered by Rev. Arthur H. Bradford, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Rutland.

A contract with Mr. Thomas W. Rogers, Brandon, for the erection of the chapel was signed January 13, 1915. The plans for heating and ventilation were furnished by the Richard D. Kimball Co., Boston.

The chapel is 122′ 9″ long and 63′ wide. The top of the spire is 140 feet from the ground. The seating capacity is 674. The marble of the exterior is from the Pittsford quarries of the Vermont Marble Co. The pulpit, reading desk, and interior finish, all of birch, are from the factory of The Derryfield Co., Manchester, N. H. The pews were made by E. H. Stafford & Co., Chicago. The lighting fixtures were designed and manufactured by Bigelow, Kennard & Co., Boston, and the electrical work was done by W. C. Duncan, Middlebury. The heating and plumbing contract was performed by Allan Calhoun & Son, Middlebury. The foreman of the construction has been Mr. Clayton E. Crane.

The organ was built and installed by the Estey Organ Co., Brattleboro. The chime of eleven bells, the gift of Governor Mead and Mrs. Mary Sherman Mead, is from the foundry of Meneely & Co., Watervliet, N. Y.

The total cost of the chapel and equipment is about $75,000.

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The Hymnal of Praise

Mead Memorial Chapel

September 5, 1916.

Mr. S. C. Fairley,

c/o A. S. Barnes Co.,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Fairley;

On my return from the Mexican border I find that hymn books for the new chapel have not been ordered, but I note Professor Bathaway's approval of your book, as sent me with your letter of July 12.

I wish now to order 250 copies of the Hymnal of Praise, cloth binding, with MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL stamped in gold on the covers. I note your offer to include full morocco copies for the desk and organist.

Faithfully yours,

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THE A.S.BARNES COMPANY
PUBLISHERS 381 FOURTH AVENUE NEW YORK
JOHN BARNES PRATT, PRES. SAMUEL COLE FAIRLEY, TREAS.

September 7, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Thomas:

We were much pleased to have your letter of September 5th, with the order for two hundred and fifty copies of theHYMNAL OF PRAISE, cloth binding, with MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL stamped in gold on the covers. We shall also include two full morocco copies according to our offer.

We are just having the books sent from our bindery and after they are received and stamped they will be forwarded to you. You do not mention when College opens or when you must have them but we shall try to get them to you just as soon as possible, shipped by freight unless otherwise ordered.

When writing again you might indicate whether you wish any gold stamping on the full morocco copies or just the words MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL. Our rate is 4¢ a line for each book.

With very great appreciation of your continued interest in the HYMNAL OF PRAISE resulting in this substantial order, I am

Yours very sincerely,

S. C. Fairley

Treas.

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September 8, 1916.

Mr. S. C. Fairley,

A. S. Barnes Co.,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Fairley;

I have received your letter of September 7th. College opens September 21st but we should have the books some time before that, in order that the choir may have some practice with them. You will also appreciate that it is impossible to do everything at the last moment and I hope the books will reach us at the earliest possible moment.

We will not need any other stamping on the full morocco copies, but just the words Read Memorial Chapel on each copy.

On further consideration I believe - ordered too small a number. [illegible] making the number 300, bu[illegible] delay the shipment have th[illegible] waiting.

Faithfull

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THE A.S.BARNES COMPANY

PUBLISHERS 381 FOURTH AVENUE NEW YORK

JOHN BARNES PRATT, PRES. SAMUEL COLE FAIRLEY, TREAS.

September 11, 1916.

Pres. J. M. Thomas,

Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Your additional order for fifty copies of the HYMNAL OF PRAISE was received on Saturday and we think there will be no difficulty in getting the complete shipment to you before the 21st.

If we find that to be impossible we shall ship the two hundred and fifty which will certainly be ready in time.

Thanking you for this additional order, I am

Yours very cordially,

S. C. Fairley

Treas.

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December 8, 1916.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor;

When I was in Rutland some weeks ago you very kindly spoke of your willingness to help us in the matter of hymn boards, which should be a very nice addition to our chapel equipment. I took up the matter with Mr. Collens, the architect, and he stated that we would not want to put in our chapel any stock design but should have something especially prepared to harmonize with the interior. He prepared sketches of two designs, and I enclose the blue print which he sent me. I asked him to get estimates on two boards of each design and I have just received the figures. The more elaborate boards with the angel's head would cost $115 for the two. The plainer ones would come to $60. There would be some additional cost, for express and setting up in the chapel, card board letters, and architect's commission of 15% for making the designs. This would add say about $25.

Mr. Collens strongly recommends the more elaborate and expensive boards and hopes you will want to install them. I have great respect for his judgment and taste and certainly he has given us a beautiful chapel, and any little addition we make to it ought to be of the best, both in design and workmanship. At the same time, I confess that I like the simpler design better, and that irrespective of cost. It seems to me more appropriate for our chapel. Mr. Collens says that the angel's head does not look well in the blue print because the whites are reversed. You may agree with him and certainly we shall be very pleased to have either of these beautiful boards in the chapel. They would help greatly in both our daily and Sunday service.

I may say that the estimate for the simpler board is from the Derryfield Company of New Hampshire, which made the finish. That on the other board is from a wood carver in Boston. I have no doubt that either would do a very good job under the direction of Mr.

Collens. He plans they should be placed in quite a prominent panel in the chancel.

I am very glad you are pleased with the little book concerning the chapel and I hope you will find it a pleasant reminder. The credit for the compilation and for the neat work belongs to the secretary in my office, Miss Ethel F Bartlett. Professor Wright has the material you sent up and he tells me he is sure we can make a very attractive and interesting book.

I have not forgotten your willingness to go over a few matters to be presented at the meeting in New York and when I can get things in a little better shape I want to present my suggestions for your consideration. I expect to be in New York next week and hope to have a good talk with Mr. Hepburn.

Faithfully yours,

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

Rutland, Vt., Dec. 9, 1916.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

C/o Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

Yours of the 8th inst., with enclosure, at hand. I have read your letter with interest and should be more than willing to leave the judgment in this matter to yourself, though I must confess to you, as you state, that at the same money I should prefer the simpler board. I note that these are to be obtained from the Deerfield Company of New Hampshire and possibly it would be as well for you to negotiate with them, as the figures are all specified and you would know exactly what conditions would be necessary as to the finish, etc., etc.

Hoping that youmay have the same at an early date and that it may be entirely satisfactory, I am,

Yours most respectfully,

John C. Howe

P. S. Kindly send bill when the same is obtained.

(Enclosure)

December 11, 1916.

Hon. John A Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

I have received your kind letter of December 9th and am very greatly pleased that you will provide the hymn boards. I note that you also like the simpler design. Perhaps if we could see both completed, we would agree with the architect, but I confess the plainer one appeals to me much more. Perhaps I told you Professor Wright also agrees with me. I will see that the same is ordered and that you have a memorandum of the expense.

I enclose a little table which I have prepared showing the relative endowment of Middlebury College compared with that of some of the best and strongest New England colleges, with which we would like to stand on the same footing. The question in my mind is whether it would be wise to include such a statement in a printed report. One shrinks from exhibiting his weakness, yet personally I am inclined toward the policy of full publicity. It seems to me that our alumni and friends ought to know just how we stand when compared with others. I should try of course to bring out our elements of strength as well, our noble history and remarkable record of the success of our alumni. It also must be made clear and emphatic that we have a stable foundation sufficient to insure permanent usefulness. I find that some large benefactors select objects of their beneficence much as they select a bank, according to financial strength. It does not appeal to them so much that an institution is poor and needy, as that it is strong enought to assure permanent usefulness of their gifts. We ought to be able to appeal both ways: our needs are certainly great, but we have, including the value of our buildings, assets of over a million and a quarter.

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If I am not burdening you too much, I would like also your judgment on he policy suggested by the enclosed copy of a form from the Treasurer's report of Mount Holyoke College. You will note that it suggests conditional annuity gifts. There are a good many people looking forward to the close of life, who need the income of their property, yet who would like to provide completely for its disposition after their death, with absolute certainty and without delay or expense of administration. You may remember that Doctor Boardman gave us $30,000 in this way. We gave him a bond for $1500 annual income, and immediately upon the death of himself and Mrs. Boardman, the principal began to work for us. We have sufficient assets to make our guarantee absolutely good and I have thought for some time that in a quiet way we might encourage such benefactions.

I must tell you that President Brainerd is attending our chapel services every Sunday, and yesterday seemed particularly pleased and deeply moved by our Christmas praise service. It is a joy to me to note how much good the chapel seems to be doing him. I think there are others who feel in the same way, for every Sunday the gallery is full of visitors.

Faithfully yours,

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

Rutland, Vt., June 29, 1918.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

President, Middlebury College,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Doctor:-

I have just received a copy of the Middlebury Register of the 26th inst. and note the full account of your splendid and most remarkable success in securing the $400,000 endowment for our college. I have realized that you were up against, as the boys would say, "a hard task" but I felt sure of your ability to succeed in the same. Please accept my most hearty congratulations and best wishes for yourself, your family and the college; also please find enclosed my check for $1,000, the amount of my gift for this noble cause; and now be assured that we will all do the best we can for the Class of 1922.

Yours most respectfully,

(Enclosure)

John O. Mead

July 1, 1918.

Hon. John A. Mead,

Rutland, Vt.

My dear Governor Mead:

I thank you very much for your kind letter and your check for $1,000 in payment of your subscription to the Liberty Endowment Fund of Middlebury College. You are very generous in your approval of my endeavors and I feel that I am receiving credit for more than belongs to me personally. We have had the help of a great many friends in many places, without whose efforts we could not have succeed at all. The returns the last week or ten days have surprised me, being altogether beyond my expectations. Most of the subscriptions have been small, but the total is over the top of the suggested goal, with a gratifying margin for safety. Of course this cannot be published, but I can say to you that it is fortunate that we have a little margin, as many of the subscriptions run over three years, in which time a good many things may happen, especially during a period of war.

I cannot begin to tell you of the expressions of good will that are flowing in to me from every side. I am sure our college never had so many friends, nor stood so well in the hearts of the people. If I mistake not, the after results of this endeavor will be very helpful to the dear old college.

Again let me thank you for standing by me so helpfully and giving me the privilege of ringing the Doxology in announcement of the success of our endeavor.

Faithfully yours,

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teacher and a notable example of manhood to students for thirty-nine years. As a writer of text-books he was one of the great teachers of the nation. Kindly and faithful as a friend, helpful as a counsellor, vigorous in judgment, virile in influence, a man whose look was always forward and whose heart was always full of courage, his alma mater has abundant reason to be grateful for his life and to cherish his memory in honor and affection.

Governor Mead

Dr Mead.

In the death of Ex-Governor John Abner Mead of the Class of 1864 Middlebury College has lost one of its most distinguished alumni of the State of Vermont, and one of the most helpful of its Trustees and most generous of its benefactors. Governor Mead was a notable example of those successful men of our nation who have pushed their way upward against great obstacles and by force of mind and will and character succeeded to positions of great responsibility and usefulness in the industrial world and in public life. His career as a physician was honorable and highly useful. Turning to business he became one of the masters of industry in New England. In the gift of the Mead Memorial Chapel he endowed our college with one of the most beautiful buildings on any campus in America, which will speak to coming generations of his wisdom and foresight in benevolence and symbolize the strength of character of its donor.

Professor Wright.

On motion of Mr Hepburn it was voted to adopt the following resolution:-

Resolved that we deplore the severance by Professor Wright of his connection with Middlebury College. While we quite understand the motives that impel his action,

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June 14, 1920.

Mr. Carl B. Hinsman,

Rutland, Vt.

My dear Mr. Hinsman:

On my return from Chicago I find your kind letter of June 10 with check for $25. I wish to thank you all very much. I am sure you know it was a deep satisfaction to me to be able to pay the tribute to Governor Mead and I am very grateful for your word and that of Mrs. Mead that I met the expectation of those whose loss was keenest.

I have not in mind now any estimate as to completing the Chapel in marble on the west end. It will be no trouble to secure a figure from Mr. Rogers and I will be very glad to do so. My thought is that it is something that ought to be borne in mind to be done at the proper time and that measures should be taken to insure that the Chapel will be preserved as a memorial to Dr. Mead. I assure you I appreciate the thought you are giving to this matter.

Faithfully yours,

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CENTRAL NATIONAL BANK

CARL B. HINSMAN, PRESIDENT
CHARLES H. LANDON, VICE PRESIDENT
FRED C. SPENCER, CASHIER

RUTLAND, VERMONT,

April 29, 1931

Doctor Paul D. Moodey, President
Middlebury College
Middlebury, Vermont

My dear Dr. Moodey:

I find your letter of April 27, with inclosures, on returning from a short trip.

We regret exceedingly to learn of the difficulties which are confronting you with reference to the spire of the Chapel.

I recall that when the building was first erected that the spire shone in the sunlight for a long distance, which of course resulted from the fact that it was sheathed with copper. In the course of time the metal was weathered so that it appeared black or nearly so. I do not know whether it was ever painted black although I could see no reason for doing so. I should think to paint it white would introduce an element of upkeep that could be well avoided. There is really no more durable weather protection than sheet copper, properly applied, with the joints made fast as they should be.

Mrs. Hinsman and I have studied these pictures very carefully and we would really feel it quite a calamity if the spire was removed entirely. On referring to the booklet which was gotten out and presented to Dr. Mead giving an account of the design, erection and dedication of the Building, considerable stress was laid from these several standpoints on the fitness and beauty of the spire as a part of the architectural scheme. The Building occupies such a commanding position on the Campus and in the landscape surrounding it that it would be indeed regrettable if the spire should be abridged or done away with.

Mrs. Hinsman feels quite strongly that the spire should be restored to its original condition, and from your description of the situation, it would be less of a task to do that than it would be to remove it entirely. Thanking you for bringing the matter to our attention, with kind regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

Carl B. Hinsman

CBH:ML

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May 8th, 1931

Mr. Carl B. Hinsman
Rutland
Vermont

My dear Mr. Hinsman:

On receipt of your letter of April 28th, I told Mr. Fritz, our Business Manager, that we would look upon the matter of the spire of Mead Chapel as settled, and we are going to proceed with the repairing of the spire. We will not do this, however, until daily chapel is over and the period of examinations begin, when the chapel is not in daily use. This is to avoid the possibility of anyone being injured from the scaffolding falling, or tools being dropped when a casualty might very easily occur. Consequently, the work will not be begun until the first of June, but it is estimated that it will be completed by commencement time.

In the meantime, I received yesterday, a letter from the architect, telling us that from his standpoint, a modification of the super-structure would add very much to the dignity and beauty of the building, and that he would finish thetop off if it were left to him. It would then be more or less in keeping with the Old Chapel, which has a dome shaped top, probably some ten or twelve feet in height. I sincerely wish that you and Mrs. Hinsman could come up and see the two chapels, the Old and the New. I feel that it is like talking of gilding a lily to talk of improving the Mead Chapel, for it is by all odds the most harmonious building we have on the campus and the most beautiful. But the spire is its weakest point, and my only fear is that the trouble which has already occurred may at some subsequent time, be repeated.

If a trip up would not be a burden to you, it would at any rate, give us the pleasure of welcoming you upon the campus which, if I remember correctly, you have not visited for some time.

Cordially yours,

M/p

Hinsman

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July 20, 1937

Mrs. Ursl Hinsman
Rutland
Vermont

My dear Mrs. Hinsman:

Wenesday morning of last week we began the work of putting galleries in Mead Chapel, and the scaffolding is already up and active work on the walls has begun.

The final estimate as detailed is $11,038.58. It will cost rather more than we at first expected. I hope very much that you will feel that I am only sending this information because of your request for it, and even more strongly I hope you will not feel that we submitted the idea of galleries to you with any thought that it was in any way a suggestion or a plea for help. The gift of the Chapel was a very generous one and no one can estimate the contribution it has been over the years, both from the physical as well as the spiritual standpoint.

The only point was that the College had so outgrown all its quarters that something had to be done, and we were not willing to consider changing our practice in respect to chapel attendance, so great has been its value. And we did wish to have your consent to any change made in a building given to the College by your father.

In exactly the same way, when we had outgrown the Starr Library, which was given the College by the Starr family, and had in hand money for its enlargement, we went to Dr. Starr for permission to make the enlargement. He not only consented to our plans, but refused to allow another donor to give anything toward the construction, saying that since it was a Starr Library, he did not wish any but Starr money to go into the building. The amount was more than he wanted to lay out in one payment so he spread it over several years, reimbursing the College in partial payments. We have contemplated a change in Hepburn Hall, but there again I would not be willing to go ahead without the consent of Mrs. Hepburn.

Cordially yours,

Mead Chapel

M/p

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MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT 05753

April 2, 1985

Mr.Harmannus H. Van Bergen
Van Bergen Bellfoundries, Inc.
1851-A Peeler Road - Dunwoody Place
Atlanta, GA 30338

Dear Harry:

Following our telephone conversation of March 28, 1985, I write to confirm that the following inscription should appear on the first eleven bells:

GIFT OF GOVERNOR MEAD AND MARY SHERMAN MEAD
PRESENTED TO MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE BY
JOHN ABNER AND MARY SHERMAN MEAD

A.D. 1915

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

Acknowledgment of the gift of the present donor is to be made by mounting a bronze plaque within the playing room.

Yours sincerely,

David W. Ginevan

David W. Ginevan, Vice President
for Administration and Treasurer

cc: President Robison
George Whitney

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Inscription on all bells reads as follows:

GIFT OF GOVERNOR MEAD AND MARY SHERMAN MEAD

PRESENTED TO MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE BY

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Phone conversation with Harry Van Bergen 3.28.85 – "have the above inscription on the first 11 bells.
– 4 original.
– 7 new.

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MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
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Mead Memorial Chapel

Built with a gift in memory
of Governor John A. Mead, trustee
Class of 1864

· 1917 ·

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

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

EXHIBIT 49

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.