

June 6, 1914.

Rev. George N. Boardman, D.D.,

Pittsford, Vermont.

My dear Doctor Boardman;

I think you know that we are planning to have some public exercises in connection with Governor Mead's gift of a new chapel. When this was first suggested, he named you immediately as the one whom he would like to invite to offer the prayer. We have spoken of it several times and I am sure it would be most acceptable to our trustees and our alumni if you felt you could render this service for us. The exercises will be in the open air on the afternoon of Tuesday, June 23rd. We would not want you to undertake anything inconsistent with your health, but if you feel that you can allow us to put your name on the program, I hope you will do so.

I have thought of Mrs. Boardman very often in connection with this chapel, remembering her earnest conviction as to the need and value of such a building.

Faithfully yours,

Pittsford June 8 1914

Dear Pres. Thomas

I am much obliged to you and the trustees and especially Dr. Mead for the kind regard for me concerning the chapel. I should be glad to fulfil any office assigned me in the exercise of the occasion but I am wholly disabled, being confined to my room by illness. I was greatly delighted by the report and immediately prepared a speech on the opportuneness of the gift. But this never was any thing but thin air. I would have acceded to the assignment had I been able, I am not fit for any position before the public but am in an uncertain condition

Hoping the best for Alumni day -

Yours truly

Geo. H. Boardman

May 20, 1914.

Mr. Chaude H. Carey,
c/oGeneral Chemical Co.,
Marcus Hook, Pa.

My dear Mr. Carey;

I have received your pledge for \$5 annually for five years for the Alumni Income Fund, with check for \$5 for the first payment. I thank you heartily for your support. This fund has grown slowly but is a real encouragement, and of much assistance at the present time.

I think we have not had your address some of the time recently and you may have missed some of our bulletins. If you will let us know how to reach you, we will try to see that you are informed of college happenings.

The latest event is the gift of a new chapel from Ex-Governor Mead. He proposes to spend some \$60,000 for a suitable building. This has made us all very happy.

Faithfully yours,

THE DAILY
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OLDEST EVENING NEWSPAPER
IN VERMONT

The Messenger.

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THE WEEKLY
FOUNDED IN 1837

A PIONEER IN NEW ENGLAND
JOURNALISM

ST. ALBANS, VT. , May 21, 1914.

President John H. Thomas
Middlebury, Vt.,

My dear President Thomas:

If I might be permitted I would like to call your attention to the fact that the afternoon newspapers never seem to be favored with any of the good news sent out from Middlebury. The morning papers are more fortunate. I realize that you have no intention of favoring the one more than the other but The Messenger would appreciate it if once in a while it could carry some of this news first.

Very respectfully

John T. Cushing

May 25, 1914.

Mr. John P. Cushing,
The Messenger,
St. Albans, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Cushing;

I thank you for your letter of May 22nd. I had not thought to discriminate between the morning and evening papers, but sent out matter as it was ready. I will endeavor in the future to have a care in this regard.

I have been on the point many times of commending you for your part in the Carnegie report discussion. I think the work of the Messenger served to enable a good many to get at the heart of the matter better than they were disposed to do at first. I am interested to note that a quiet announcement of reform in agricultural teaching in U.V.M., despite the previous "stand pat" assurances.

I have been much encouraged recently over Governor McCullough's \$10,000 and Governor Mead's proposed new chapel. I am hoping that these gifts will tend to dissuade people from anything that would cripple an institution which thus exhibits a helpful spirit of progress.

I remember your visit very pleasantly and wish you might come again and come often. With cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

May 26, 1914.

Mr. Hugh McLellan,

Dillon, McLellan & Beadell

New York City.

My dear Mr. McLellan;

I have your letter with reference to our new chapel. Allen & Collens of Boston have prepared sketches for us and as things are tending the commission will probably go to them. If opportunity should arise for us to do so, I will try to give you consideration. I am glad to know that you would be interested in such a problem, which we regard as one of exceeding importance.

Faithfully yours,

DILLON, McLELLAN & BEADEL
ARCHITECTS
3 WEST 29TH ST. NEW YORK
TELEPHONE 5045 MADISON SQ.

Champlain N.Y.
June 10, 1914.

My dear Dr. Thomas,

While thanking you for your kind reply to my query about the new Chapel, I wish to apologize for my delay in acknowledging it - The reason was that on reaching New York I was immediately "put to bed" with what proved to be German measles. I have now returned to Champlain to help move my parents into the new house -

I would like to add that I knew Mr. Collins, of the architectural firm who are to do the Chapel, in Paris when we were both in The Beech City -

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He has done some fine work & is a fine fellow - I only wish I could see him more often -

With kind regards

Sincerely

Wm. Whellan

Dr. John Thomas,
Middlebury, Vt.

June 1, 1914.

Doctor George W. Ellison,
158 Main St.,
Spencer, Mass.

My dear Doctor Ellison;

I have been trying to find a man whom I could advise to apply for the position at North Brookfield but I have been unsuccessful. We have never had so many demands for our teachers as this year. It seems like a good place with many advantages, and I am sorry we cannot put one of our men there.

I am glad to hear from you again and hope everything is going well with yourself and family. We are rejoicing in the gift of a new \$60,000 chapel which will make a very valuable addition to our equipment.

Faithfully yours,

May 26, 1914.

Rev. William T. Elsing, D.D.,

280 Rivington St.,

New York.

My dear Doctor Elsing;

I shall be very glad to call the attention of the Arlington Avenue committee to your son. I think they will exercise a good deal of care and take plenty of time. I am of course still greatly interested in that parish.

Perhaps you have seen notice of our latest gift, some \$60,000 for a new chapel. We are all greatly pleased as we have needed such a building very much. I have heard your lectures spoken of pleasantly many times since you were here.

Faithfully yours,

May 25, 1914.

Mr. Charles T. Fairfield,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Fairfield;

I thank you for your cordial letter and am deeply grateful for your recommendation. I was much pleased with the testimony concerning my address and took pleasure in mailing copies to several of our trustees.

This has been a hard and trying year in many respects but I feel that Middlebury College is coming out of it well and I believe we never had a stronger hold upon the people of the state than we have today. Governor Mead's gift has done wonders in rallying the support of our alumni and friends. It was most timely as well as most generous.

Pardon me for one slight correction. In one reference to the college I noted that you spoke of us as a denominational institution. As a matter of fact we are strictly non-sectarian. Our charter has no reference to any church, nor even to religion or piety. Trustees and faculty are chosen without respect to religious affiliations. About ten per cent of our students are Catholics. Of course in earlier years the strength of the support of the institution was Congregational, but the connection has always been unofficial. I do not ask for a public correction, but thought you might be interested in a statement of the facts.

With cordial regards and again thanking you for your generous support, I am

Faithfully yours,

September 29, 1914.

Mr. Samuel C. Fairley,
381 Fourth Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Fairley;

We need 100 additional Hymns of worship and Service, college edition, Century Co., and could perhaps use 150. It occurs to me that you may have taken some of these in exchange and put them in good repair so that you could sell them to us at less than the publishers' price.

I know you would prefer to have us introduce the Hymnal of Praise. We have a new chapel promised and when that is ready we shall go into the subject of a different book very carefully. In the meantime I am quite sure we do not want any other than the book above suggested.

We shall have a number of copies of University Hymns in not very good condition. Could you make any use of these?

Faithfully yours,

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 spend me the book which your firm ~~shot~~ would make a good standard for the Bailey book.

Yours very truly,

James L. Fish

July 13, 1914.

Miss Mary M. Geran,

Abbott Village, Maine.

My dear Miss Geran;

I will hand your letter of July 10th to Mr. Fletcher and request him to send you your diploma if he has not already done so. It is quite possible that he has been keeping it until he could make sure of your address. I thank you for your kind congratulations on the new chapel and wish you a very successful future with many returns to Middlebury.

Faithfully yours,

RESIDENCE: 167 MAINE ST.
TELEPHONE: 171-M

BRUNSWICK, MAINE
FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
CHAUNCEY W. GOODRICH, Minister

Oct. 13th 1914

My dear Thomas: -

Good for you! To every word of your address at Brown, reported in today's paper, I said my heartiest "Amen". If all that you said is put into print, please let me know. The brief sample given in the N.Y. Times was fine. You are absolutely right and when anything approximating to that which you indicate is offered to the students, they respond immediately.

It has been in mind for some time to thank you for the pamphlet about the life and spirit of Middlebury which you sent me and to congratulate you on the promise of the new chapel.

Here all goes very pleasantly and interestingly in the things that are essential. The right house for us has not yet been available; but that will right itself in time. There is a real work, worth ones best effort, to be done in the town, and the student side is always full of inspiration.

I do hope that all goes well with you.

As ever,

Faithfully,

Chauncey W. Goodrich

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NEW YORK June 15, 1914.

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

My dear Dr. Thomas:

I regret exceedingly that owing to illness I shall be unable to attend the Trustees' meeting and the Commencement exercises at Middlebury the coming week.

I congratulate you on the gift made by Dr. Meade for a new Chapel. It is quite apparent, however, that the amount given will be absolutely insufficient for the construction of a creditable building. I hope the Trustees will not attempt to build a Chapel, limiting the cost of construction to the amount given by Dr. Meade. I feel very strongly that the most attractive building of all should be the Chapel, and from experience, know that the amount given is absolutely insufficient. As Chairman of the Finance Committee of the West End Presbyterian Church, I have been somewhat active during the past year in connection with the building of a Chapel for that Church. This was constructed at a cost of about \$90,000, although its size was only 40 or 50 feet front by about 90 feet in depth.

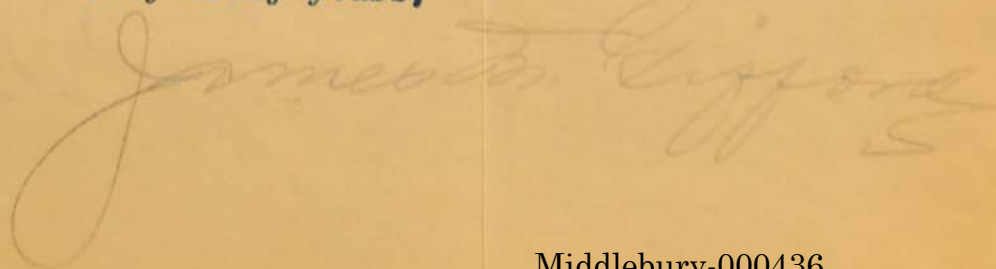
The Chapel at Williams given by Mrs. Thompson, I understand, cost \$250,000. I hope, therefore, steps will be taken to increase the fund or that the building will be constructed on the theory that the first step only will be taken at the present time, the building itself to be completed later. The amount given is very substantial as a starting point but, in my judgment, the cost ought to be from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

I am not writing this with the idea of discouraging you or the Trustees but I do hope that a mistake will be avoided. I also feel rather strongly that the Architect ought to be experienced in this particular line, as, for example, Mr. Cady.

This letter will be signed for me as I am writing from my house and will not have an opportunity to read it before it is sent forward.

With best regards and the hope that the Commencement may be most successful, coupled with extreme regrets on account of my inability to be present, I am

Very truly yours,



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June 19, 1914.

Mr. James M. Gifford,
60 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Gifford;

On my return from a trip in Massachusetts I find your letter of June 15th, and at the same time a note from Mr. Wright informs me that you have had typhoid fever. This is the first I had known of your illness. I know something what that disease means and I can sympathize with you very thoroughly. I hope you are over the worst of the convalescent hunger, which I found the most distressing feature of the disease, and that you will advance rapidly toward full recovery and your usual strength.

I note your judgment as to the cost of a chapel. I think Governor Mead expects that his figures will be exceeded and in preparation of plans he has encouraged us to put into the design everything we wanted, and has never raised the question of expense. He is very much interested in the matter, enthusiastic over it, and is anxious to build us a thoroughly creditable building. I regret deeply that you cannot be with us at commencement to see the sketches which have been prepared thus far.

I have submitted to Doctor Mead the letters which have reached me from the trustees in response to his offer. Perhaps you would not wish me to send him this letter, but I wonder if you would be willing to write me another, expressing your appreciation and your feeling that the chapel should be the most attractive building of the campus, and also - in a tactful way - that Governor Mead may find he is involved in a larger amount than he has suggested, as you doubt the ability of the college to erect such a building as he outlines for the sum named.

Once more let me express my sympathy for your illness and my earnest hope for your prompt and complete recovery.

Faithfully yours,

JAMES M. GIFFORD
CHARLES B. HOBBS
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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.

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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

June 1, 1914.

Colonel Frank L. Greene,

Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Greene;

I was pleased to receive your letter of May 26th and copy of the Congressional Record with financial statement of the General Education Board. It was the first statement of that organization I have seen, as it is not their custom to issue annual reports. I was pleased to note the \$50,000 for Middlebury College on the list of their benefactions and hope some time we may be favored again.

Doubtless you have noted our last recent gift, a \$60,000 chapel from ex-Governor Mead. He is greatly interested in the project and we are working very carefully to secure the right plans. I think we shall be able to put up a structure which will not only be a great ornament to our campus, but a building of exceptional value in unifying and elevating the life of our students.

I am sorry you are likely to spend a good portion of your summer in Washington, but statesmanship has its trials not less than education.

Faithfully yours,

May 22, 1924.

Professor A.D.F. Hamlin,
Columbia University,
New York.

My dear Professor Hamlin;

You were very good to me several years ago in assisting me with advice on architectural subjects, and I wish now to come to you again. I feel that I may count upon your generous interest in the problems of Middlebury College and I assure you I will be very grateful for your help.

We have received a proposition from Ex-Governor John A. Mead of the class of 1864 to erect a chapel. I enclose a copy of his letter herewith. I may say that such a building will fill a great need, since our only chapel at present is a box like room in a building largely occupied by recitations halls and offices, its capacity being only about one half of our present student body. We have long desired a new chapel and there is great rejoicing among our alumni and others over the generous gift of Governor Mead.

I feel that we are placed under very great responsibility to act wisely in the erection of this building. We ought to have a chapel which will encourage reverence and prove an elevating and refining influence, an ally of every wholesome spiritual movement, for very many generations to come. The donor is equally anxious with myself to know what is the right way to proceed and what general plan it would be best to follow.

Before the gift was determined, we had conferred with Allen & Collens, without committing the college in any way, and they have submitted sketches in accordance with our suggestions. Our instructions were a colonial building harmonizing with all other structures on our campus, of the New England meeting house type. I have long

Prof. A.D.F.

felt very strongly that in this community, so thoroughly New England, a religious structure should be in the New England style and should be expressive of the best that New England has produced. I think the architects agree with this view. Some of my colleagues, however, feel that this would be a mistake and are urging the superiority of a Gothic chapel, or at least the Romanesque or Norman type. They tell me that it will be impossible to make the religious impression upon students through a building which we desire in a New England meeting house and that no such building can commend itself as an appropriate and worthy chapel for a college.

Of course we have all but one ambition, to put up the most useful and desirable chapel, one which will commend our judgment and taste to after generations. In these circumstances we are uncertain how to proceed. We thought it might be wise to have a competition, without more definite instructions than that the chapel should harmonize well with our present buildings. Would you be willing to advise us what such a competition would cost? Any other counsel which you might be willing to give at this critical juncture in our important problem, would be deeply appreciated.

Although I hesitate to burden you with so much, I think I had better enclose a copy of a letter from one of our faculty, and the reply of Messrs. Allen & Collens.

Faithfully yours,

May 27, 1914

Dear Dr. Thomas:

My unintended delay in answering your very interesting letter of May 22 is due to the combination of my being a convalescent from a long illness and my son, who has been heretofore bringing me my University mail, having been absent for a few days just when your letter reached New York.

I have read it and the enclosures with great interest. Middlebury is privileged in having a President with so clear a sense of artistic responsibilities and such determination to see difficult problems rightly and not hastily solved.

After reading all the letters over carefully, ~~the~~ I have found the problem much simpler than I feared at first. The solution is clearly suggested in Mr. Collier's letter. If my judgment and experience in such matters are worth anything

here is the answer they lead me to: Employ Mr. Collins (or Allen & Collins), to design you a College Chapel; not a New England tall-spired meeting-house - whose external architecture shall harmonize in an artistic and pleasing manner with the other buildings and the spirit of your modest, charming, Semi-Colonial town. Of course the interior should be in the same general style as the exterior, but as Mr. Collins suggests, it need not be in the bare, cold, white-plaster and painted-wood fashion of the New England meetinghouse, but warmer and richer in tone and finish. It cannot be a large chapel: \$60,000 will certainly not permit of its seating over 700, if you can seat so many. But there is no reason why you should not have a distinct chancel, with choir seats, organ, and pulpit or pulpit and reading desk, and put ~~in~~ your greatest richness of color there.

I cannot at all agree with Mr. Harrington's views, except insofar as he contends that a New England meetinghouse is not the type to be sought. But a Gothic Church would be still more apt of keeping with the surroundings, and the massive tower like Matabon's or Magdalen's would in itself alone

NOTE to J.M.T.

absorb most of your \$50,000: it is wholly out of the question. And, indeed, to do anything really worth while in that style would cost more than you will have to spend. Stone tracery, open timber roofs, and crocketed pinnacles cost far more than the simpler forms of a Colonial or Early Republican design. Moreover, I think Mr. Collins is entirely right in what he says about the nature of the local building stone and the undesirability (and cost!) of imported stone.

It surprises me that Mr. Harrington while contending for the Gothic style as the only one suited to the solemnity of worship should also wish the Chapel to serve for secular uses. I think the whole point of a College Chapel lies in its exclusive consecration to worship. Moreover a hall to seat 1000 or 1500 people - above all one without galleries - would cost \$100,000 to \$150,000 unless built in the plainest fire-trap fashion.

Mr. Sanford has come very near to my own feeling in the matter, though the question of a dome is a detail about which I am doubtful, and which your architect must decide for you.

As to the architect: these are the arguments for employing Mr. Colless.

1. You have already had tentative dealings with the firm.

2. Mr. Colless is in sympathy with the idea of a New England Collyer Chapel, instead of either an Oxford Chapel or a great meeting house.

3. Allen & Colless will surely do excellent and truly artistic work, with full realization of the idea of dignified worship.

4. They have done some excellent Colonial work, as well as work in Gothic style.

As to a competition - While often that is the best solution of a controverted or doubtful architectural situation, it should not be resorted to, as a rule, when direct appointment offers an obvious solution, as seems to me here. A competition would cost you probably \$1000, possibly less; and tho' I might hope for an architect to draw a fee as adviser if you were to institute one, I cannot conscientiously advise you to take that course.

All that I have written is matter of full and emphatic conviction. It is offered as a glad service to the Collyer that helped my father, and that my father helped, years ago. Sincerely yours

A. D. T. [Signature]

May 28, 1914.

Professor A.D.F. Hamlin,
School of Architecture,
Columbia University, New York.

My dear Professor Hamlin;

I wish to express my very sincere and earnest gratitude for your helpful letter of May 27 on the subject of our new college chapel. I am sure that your counsel has been well considered and that it will be of great assistance to our entire committee, as it has been to me personally. I feel that your opinions are wise and I am very grateful to you for expressing them so clearly and frankly. I shall take great pleasure in sending a copy of your letter to Governor Head and I think you will not care if I submit it also to Mr. Collens.

Faithfully yours,

June 1, 1914.

Professor A. D. F. Hamlin,
Columbia University,
New York City.

My dear Professor Hamlin;

Since my acknowledgment of your very helpful letter I have received further word from Mr. Collens. He proposes a thorough revision of the sketches which he had made.

He seems to be much pleased to have your approval and recommendation and says that he would like to talk with you on the problem involved.

If you are willing to do this, I shall be very glad.

The more I think of it the more thoroughly I appreciate your generous kindness in advising me on this important subject. I certainly am deeply grateful to you for your help.

Faithfully yours,

May 20, 1914.

Mr. Arthur W. Harris,
Underhill, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Harris;

I have your letter of May 18th enclosing check for \$10 and pledge for the same amount annually for sixteen years for endowment. I thank you very much in behalf of the college. It is certainly the right spirit when alumni desire to reciprocate for what has been done for them.

Of course you have heard of the gift of Governor Head of a new chapel. We are all very happy over the prospect and I am confident it will do us a great deal of good.

Faithfully yours,

20 College St.,
Middlebury, Vt.,
May 16, 1914.

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

My dear President Thomas:

This letter is written because I called at your office this morning & found you were not there, & because I am afraid your time will be crowded full & I shall be busy & the days will get by without my having an opportunity to talk with you. So I write this, which will come to you on Monday morning.

The thing of which I wanted to speak is a matter of conscience, & there is no way for me except to "make a clean breast of it."

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When we were talking about a College Chapel a week ago last Sunday, you spoke about the style of architecture, & because I did not speak to the contrary, you assumed that I agreed. The fact is that I had no idea that the hoped-for chapel was to materialize so soon, & thought there was no need of debating the style of architecture, supposing that we would have other conversations in which I would explain what my ideas are as to an appropriate building. The coming of the chapel now to reality compels me to make such an explanation, or be misunderstood.

To put it bluntly, then, I totally dissent from the New England meeting-house type for a Chapel for this College. I cannot think of any type of building which would so thoroughly defeat all we hope a chapel will accomplish here. The chapel cannot fulfill its mission in a building

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The religious life of this institution unless it is ecclesiastical in its architecture, & that is what the N. E. meeting house is not. The chapel, by its very appearance, should exert an influence in the minds of us all. Standing upon that elevation it should impress itself constantly upon our consciousness. I am an extreme Protestant, of strongly Puritan tendencies, & believe Puritanism is to this day the saving salt in American society. But I feel no less keenly that Puritanism, as it was 300 or 200 years ago, was a terribly one-sided, barren, & inadequate view of life. Yet this is exactly the type of thought which originated the conventional N. E. meeting-house, & of which that style of architecture reminds so many. The opportunity to take a fresh start in the spiritual life of this College will not avail, unless we forsake

a type of Church architecture which stands for only a small part of the essential beauty & adequacy of Christianity.

Furthermore, if I may go on, I think the size of building you suggested - to seat 700 - is entirely too small. It is more than large enough for daily Chapel now, but will probably be too small for Commencement & all great days. It seems to me, that, now that we are to have a Chapel, we should make it big enough for the probable growth of the College & for all occasions, so that the College life may be centred entirely in it. Institutions have a long life, & this Chapel is not simply for the present, but for generations now unborn. Almost daily, I admire the judgement of the men who, 100 years ago,

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planned Painter Hall with such splendid foresight. I do not, however, think that the size of the Chapel is so serious as its style of architecture.

You spoke of interior arrangements, & I did not make my convictions known. I am sure that much of the dissatisfaction everywhere with the average Protestant service - this coming to Church & going away muffed - is due to its bareness & its mechanical quality. It is right & good to appeal to the aesthetic sense. The service should be worthy, dignified, & beautiful. This implies, almost inevitably, a chancel, or, as we might more accurately call it, a choir, with lectern at one side & pulpit elsewhere. There is no way of securing such variety & dignity, when lesson, prayers, & sermon are all from the same desk. It seems

to me that a gallery would be un-
fortunate, unless it is needed for the
accommodation of the congregation.

What seems to me most appro-
priate, as I indicated in our conversation
more recently, would be a chapel some-
what of the type of the best Oxford
chapels, with a massive tower like that
of Merton, rather than ^{one} so tall as Magda-
len's. Upon this elevation, looked up
to from all directions, Merton tower,
or one of that type, would seem high
enough, & would dominate the Campus
& the country for miles around. I shall
never forget Merton tower as it is seen
from Christ Church meadow.

Such a building would be altogether
in harmony with the other buildings

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on the hill. It would very appropriately be built of rock-faced marble, or, better, of gray limestone. Smooth marble walls, exposed in the glare of light on that height, would be very hard for the eyes to bear with any pleasure. Ivy does not grow readily here, but with care the building ought to be soon covered with woodbine, as Painter Hall is. I wish we might have a heavy deep-toned bell.

Now, I mean by this letter simply to clear my conscience. I feel sure that to adopt the N. E. Meeting-house type for our College Chapel would be about the worst mistake that could be made. I trust you will pardon my saying so, frankly & bluntly. I should not, however, have ventured to speak or write

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a word of this, had it not been
for our conversation. But I am
not willing that, by my holding
my peace, I should be understood
as favoring such a type of chapel.
Please consider this letter as a matter
just between you & myself, - a postscript
to our conversation.

I am sorry my letter is so long.

With kindest congratulations &
sincerest regards,

Faithfully,

V. C. Harrington.

20 College St.,
Middlebury, Vt.,
May 20, 1914.

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

My dear President Thomas:

The book which you loaned me last night I have found very interesting. It is full of historical value & of New England local interest. Thank you for letting me take it. I will see that it gets to you within a day or two.

I find myself much embarrassed that I am maintaining a side of the discussion in opposition to your taste & judgment. But my only wish is to be

of service, & I became unintentionally involved in the discussion of chapel-architecture by reason of our conversation of two weeks ago; and, being in, there is no way for me except to go on.

It seems to me, then, that, among all the churches pictured in that book, there is not one which is appropriate for a college chapel. I have thought over all the college chapels I have seen, & especially those that have been recently built & with whose history I have been somewhat acquainted. No one of these, as far as I know, thought of adopting such a type of building as this contemplated in the drawing submitted. For example, since my connection with Cleveland began, Pres. Thwing has put up two chapels in connection with Western Reserve University, one for the men's college, one for the

woman's College, - The Florence
 Harkness Memorial Chapel for the
 woman's College being especially a
 gem - a chapel whose whole aspect
 external & internal inspires a mental
 attitude of worship. It is Romanesque,
 I am quite sure. The other, for men, is
 Gothic. I am quite sure W.R.U. would
 never have dreamed of the N.E. meeting
 house type for their chapels. Yet
 Pres. Shwing is a Congregational minister,
 & was at one time Pastor of the North
 Am. Cong'l Church of Cambridge, Mass.

Why should we fix upon our
 College, for generations & perhaps
 centuries to come, something that is
 provincial? For, although this type
 of church originated in England,
 although it is found in other parts of

The United States of America, yet in its prevalence & associations it is the New England meeting house. It is therefore provincial. Why not make an appeal to the universal artistic & religious sense of human nature?

I desire to retract my remark that the Gothic type would not be in harmony with our other College buildings. I have thought it all over again, & feel strongly that the Gothic would be in harmony with our other buildings. Many of the Oxford Colleges have different types of architecture confined in close juxtaposition. And Williams College finds no discord between her Gothic Chapel & her buildings of other types. I was in Williamstown some two or three years ago, & remained

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their buildings with much interest. The Williams students are prouder of their Chapel than of anything else connected with the College, - they brag about that Chapel first of all. It is not the matter of cost, but of type, we are discussing. While the Williams Chapel is far beyond our means, a chapel of that type could be built within our means. What we need is a chapel of which our students will be proud, & this is not a matter of expense but of artistic taste & religious feeling. Believe me, we have few or no students who could go home & boast of a N. E. meeting house for a chapel, as the Williams students have come home to Cleveland boasting of their Chapel.

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It should be further borne in mind that the Chapel will not be immediately associated with the buildings on the slope of the hill. It stands at the top & will be immediately associated with the two dormitories, one on each side of it. And, the Chapel being there first, these two dormitories can be conformed to the Chapel, - these three making a group there by themselves.

Further, it is not necessary that the Chapel should be Gothic, in order to escape the N. E. meeting house type. It might be Romanesque. It might be Norman.

And further, if we must abandon thought of a Chapel of such type as those in Oxford, because of the association

of that type with the Church of England, or with the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., why need we abandon the type of architecture used so widely in the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A.?
There stands Calvary Presbyterian Church, with its tower, on Euclid Ave. in Cleveland. The Euclid Ave. Presbyterian Church, finished within some five yrs. behind us, stands there by the University. And the tower of that Church provokes the admiration of all who pass it. The new United Presbyterian Church, on the West side on Detroit Ave., is a small Church, not larger nor more effensive than our Chapel (if as effensive as our Chapel), but low, massive, ecclesiastical, with its whole corner, even to half the breadth of the Church, absorbed in a massive tower.

One of the handsomest of recently built Presbyterian Churches is the Pres. Church of Far Rockaway, Long Island, - Russell Sage Memorial Church. I preached there when I came to New York, two years ago this summer.

That Church has a fine plan & a splendid tower. We could build a chapel of exactly such a type, without putting in any such amount of money as Mrs. Sage put in there. Again I say, as above, the point is not the amount of money but the type of architecture. A chapel can be constructed in any one of several types within the amount which Governor Mead gives.

The College, in the gift of a chapel, faces a great opportunity. Like other

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opportunities, this carries with it great possibilities of good or of the opposite. I beg you not to put up any type of Chapel which may make the Students look upon it with a sneer or make a by-word of it. The sense of reverence is not dead. Our students, if the building is of the right sort, will take it on its own level. They will be quick to respond to a thing which touches the finer strings in their nature. I cannot express anything but my own conviction: I am altogether against a spire & altogether against the New England meeting house type for a College Chapel. Such a building is not appropriate. In short, with an earnestness rooted in much that is not easy to put on paper, I beg you not to adopt

The type of Chapel shown in the drawing submitted by the architect.

To say so may be audacity on my part, but I can do no otherwise, except to keep silent & cannot consistently do that, having once become involved in discussing with you the Chapel.

With heartiest co-operation,

Faithfully,

V. C. Harrington.

20 College St.,
Middlebury, Vt.,
May 25, 1914.

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

My dear President Thomas:

Because of the seriousness of the whole matter, I am inwardly impelled to add a word to my letter of last Wednesday, — with this word my communications on the subject of the College Chapel cease.

The two chief reasons why it would be better to have for a College Chapel some other type than that of the New England meeting house seem to me to be these:

1. The disappointment of the students, — already keenly manifest, at least in some

of them, as they look at the drawing which is on the bulletin board. They thought to have a chapel to be proud of. They behold the same old meeting house they have always known. Will not this inevitably result in a permanent disappointment for the students, no matter how much money is expended on the chapel? Will it not be impossible for the religious life of the college to prosper with such a handicap as this attitude would constitute? I do not believe it is possible to adopt the N. E. meeting house type without sacrificing a large part of what the chapel should mean in the lives of the students.

2. The effect on the reputation of the college throughout this country. The N. E. meeting house type is well enough in its place. Let us pay due honor to it. But it seems to me it is not appropriate for a

College Chapel. If this is so, would not the putting up of a N. E. meeting house here for a College Chapel expose this College in some measure to unfavorable criticism on the part of other Colleges & the general public? This institution, hardly ever in its history, has put up a building on which so much depends. Never were the eyes of this country turned on this College so much as now. The Chapel is a different kind of building from any previously erected here. The rules which apply to buildings for utility, such as science buildings, do not hold in relation to the Chapel. It deals with things of more value & less easy to define. It embodies more truly the spirit & ideals of the institution. To make an unfortunate move in this matter of the Chapel would carry with it a long regret.

I care so much for the College, & I admire so thoroughly the masterly work you have done here in upbuilding this College, & I care so much for the reputation you have so splendidly achieved among American College Presidents, that I have brought myself to write this. If I do wrong in so doing, I beg your forgiveness. My only excuse for anything in any one of these letters is that I have written out of love & loyalty, - love & loyalty to you & to the College.

Faithfully,
 W.C. Harrington.

The book you loaned me I am leaving at your house this afternoon, thinking it may be more convenient for you to have it left there than at your office. Thank you very much for it.

Sept. 29, 1914.

My dear Thomas :-

If my recollection serves me aright, in one of our conversations over Middlebury affairs you asked that if I should contemplate a change at any time you would be glad to have me mention it to you. If, however, no such suggestion had been made, I think that, in view of my past relations with the College, I ought to write you of a matter that demands some of my consideration at present. It is this: A Church up in New England of some 350 or 400 members is ready, so their Committee writes, to extend me a call at a reasonable salary. Now I do not know just what to do. If I make a change to another pastorate I hope it will be for long years to come. The place offered is in a factory town and I have assumed that there are fine possibilities. But I cannot think that my life there would count as much as in a college town. Two questions are therefore in my mind. Do you think there is any chance for me in Burlington? What do you know of the place and what do you think of the prospects? I have heard that there were many Professors and students in that Church. Again: What is the

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prospect in the College? I have become so much attached to the work there that I cannot with any satisfaction contemplate giving it up altogether. Yet I fear it might be impossible for me to continue even the summer connection, which has grown to be a pet project with me, if I accept a church where hard and wearing work is demanded. What do you think about the outlook for a permanent place with you? The fact is that my inclinations are so positive toward the college work that six or eight hundred dollars less in salary than that offered by the church would not deter me from taking the college position. Yet once I have chosen to accept a call to another pastorate it would be difficult for me to throw it over in the near future. If you could see your way clear to the addition of a man in history, oriental or European, and you still desired my services, I should, I think, press the church matters no further; for I can not help feeling that my influence in college would far outweigh whatever I might accomplish in the pastorate. Will you write me your advice and tell me

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frankly the prospects as you see them? Or
better still, if you are to be in New York
in the near future, let me have a short
talk with you over the matter.

I have not heard about the Class this
fall, but I hope it is all and more than
you expected. I have, at least, contributed
my share.

With all good wishes for you and
yours, believe me,

ever faithfully yours,

Wm. E. Hesselgrave.

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Rev. C. E. Hesselgrave, Ph.D., Pastor
Chatham, N. J.

May 26, 1914.

My dear Thomas :-

My heartiest congratulations on the the splendid gift for the new chapel. It means a great step forward. And it couldn't have come at a more opportune time. May all your anticipations be fulfilled.

I have been writing to Grover McCullough and he has decided to remain at the Summer Session, and I think he can be brought through his trouble in some way. My correspondence with him and Professor Robinson, who has written me fully and frankly on the whole subject, revealed clearly the truth of what you surmized in regard to Grover's conduct, and attitude. I hope, however, that matters will take a different turn now, and I am sure they will when I can have a good talk with the boy. This I will have as soon as I get to Middlebury.

Perhaps you remember that I wrote to you in regard to Miss Elsie

Monteith, of this place. She graduates this June from our High School. She is a fine student and a very worthy young woman. You wrote me at the time that she could not obtain a scholarship. Have things changed at all so that she could secure a partial one? If not, do you think it would be possible for her to earn a part of her way, say one half her board or a good share of her tuition, in some employment? She is a good worker and very willing. Last summer she went to the shore with one of our families and took care of the children (three ranging from four to ten years of age), and the lady of the household spoke very enthusiastically of her ability and efficiency. Do you think there is a possibility for her and to whom could I write about the matter? Ruth is very anxious to have her go to Middlebury because of her fine scholarship and personal qualities. I will do all I can to help her.

Ever faithfully yours,

Chas. E. Hesselgrave

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May 28, 1914.

Rev. C. E. Hesselgrave,
Chatham, N. J.

My dear Hesselgrave;

I want to thank you for what you have done for Grover McCullough. If he can be brought not merely to a different attitude toward the subject of French, but toward every similar difficulty which may arise in life, a very important element of his education will have been achieved. He is a bit inclined to balk when the load gets heavy, which of course is just the wrong reaction for a man of right spirit.

It is simple truth that I shall not have even the smallest part of a scholarship for any girl of the next Freshman class, except possibly some senatorial scholarship for a Vermont girl, or the award of a "scholarship" which has been placed in my hands for some individual. I do not know of any such instance, but if you should hear of any later, you may be sure they will be of that variety. I do not think it would be at all impossible for Miss Monteith to earn part of her way, perhaps even all her board. There are several girls now working four hours a day in return for board and room and I think the arrangement in most instances has been satisfactory on both sides. You might write to Professor Arthur W. Barnes, one of our newer men, who I have just learned wishes to make some such arrangement for next year. If that does not succeed, you might be able to arrange for a place during the summer. In recent years there have been more requests for such employment than we could fill. I know several girls who are getting through college in that way, earning enough in the summer to meet expenses for clothing and incidentals and going in debt about \$600 for the course.

Thank you for your congratulations on the chapel. We have not gotten over the joy of it.

Faithfully yours,

May 22, 1914.

Rev. C. E. Hesselgrave,
Chatham, N. J.

My dear Hesselgrave;

I ought to have answered your letter of May 12th earlier but have been busy with all kinds of things. The new \$60,000 chapel from Governor Mead has taken up a good deal of time.

I hardly know what to say about your coming up to see Grover McCullough. I have had a good talk with him and Professor Robinson has had several interviews. I think the boy understands the situation and that his attitude has improved. Whether it is possible for him to avoid a condition this semester I do not know. If you should decide to come, he ought certainly to reward your interest with redoubled energy, but it hardly seems as if so great sacrifice should be necessary, when the situation has been made so clear to him.

I thought your editorial excellent. In New England at least the old farming stock will never be saved by trash and "goo."

Faithfully yours,

June 12, 1914.

Hon. A. B. Hepburn,
Chase National Bank,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Hepburn;

I hope very much that it will be possible for you to attend commencement this year and I wish to ask you to present Colonel Harvey for his degree of Doctor of Laws. If Mr. Kingsley were coming, I should of course assign him to you, but I am sure we have no one who would more appropriately present Colonel Harvey.

Governor Mead was very much pleased with your letter concerning the chapel. He is taking much interest in the preparation of plans for the building and I am sure we shall have a most beautiful and useful addition to our college plant.

Faithfully yours,

June 15, 1914.

Professor Franklin W. Hooper,
Brooklyn Institute,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Professor Hooper;

I thank you for your kind congratulations on our new chapel. It will be of great value in our college work, and the gift is most appropriate at this time. It has changed the feeling of the people of the state toward all the Vermont colleges in a remarkable way. The Carnegie report was generally interpreted as an attack on our institutions and this new gift is felt to be our answer that we are still strong and vigorous and going straight ahead. Of course I realize that the Carnegie Foundation had no such intention in their report but I must take account of general popular sentiment nevertheless.

I am interested in your suggestion of Dean Anna E. Harvey of Adelphi College for an honorary degree. As Doctor Abernethy doubtless explained, we shall have to postpone consideration until next winter, when I will endeavor to investigate the matter thoroughly. Surely any suggestion from you will be carefully considered by our Board..

Faithfully yours,

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Brooklyn, June 11, 1914.

President John M. Thomas, LL.D.,
Middlebury College,
Middlebury, Vt.

My dear Dr. Thomas:

I congratulate you most heartily on the gift by Ex-Governor Mead of a college chapel to Middlebury College, - one that is to cost \$50,000. and upwards. Dr. Abernethy, who called yesterday, told me of the gift. He also told me of a practically unanimous sentiment in the State of Vermont in opposition to portions of the Carnegie Report which were on the face of them hostile to the interests of the State and repugnant to the manhood and womanhood of every Vermonter.

I proposed to Dr. Abernethy that the name of Anna E. Harvey, Dean of Adelphi College and Professor of Froebel Theory and Methods, should be presented to the Board of Trustees of Middlebury College as that of one who is worthy of the honorary degree of Master of Arts at Middlebury College. It is now too late for the Board to consider Miss Harvey's qualifications for an honorary degree this year.

I beg leave to state, however, that it is the judgment of the faculty of Adelphi College and of the Board of Trustees of the College that Miss Harvey is well worthy to receive an honorary

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degree of Master of Arts from any college or university that will seek to honor a splendid teacher, an excellent executive college officer, and a noble woman.

Miss Harvey's education was pedagogical rather than collegiate. She was at the head of the Kindergarten Department of Adelphi College and a professor in the School of Pedagogy of the College previous to her appointment as Dean some two years ago. Her appointment as Dean was due to the fine character of the woman, her recognized abilities in administration, and her splendid influence in the College.

It is our judgment that although she is not a college graduate that her education and experience have been much more than an equivalent for a college course.

If you and the trustees will be willing to consider Miss Harvey as a candidate for a degree of Master of Arts at the commencement in 1915 you will be doing her a great service and the act will be a source of gratitude to her large circle of friends engaged in educational work in Greater New York.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin W. Hooper,

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May 27, 1914.

Principal George E. Kimball,

Wellfleet, Mass.

My dear Mr. Kimball;

I thank you for the invitation to deliver the address at your commencement exercises June 25th. I am very sorry that it will be impossible for me to come. I have an appointment of long standing for that date in Wilmington, Vermont, and as many other commencement engagements as I ought to undertake. I appreciate your interest in Middlebury and wish I could help you at this time.

I fear from the date you mention that you will not be able to be with us commencement, June 21 - 24. We expect a great time, especially with the breaking ground for the new \$60,000 chapel, which Doctor Head has just promised to us. I hope you will be with us at our summer session which promises to be more successful than any we have yet had.

Faithfully yours,

6 Regent Circle Brookline, Mass.,

May 18, 1944.

Dear Thomas,

Your news this A.M. was a thunder
clap. Meet Scott! How I have, for 50 years, misjudged
Ned! He always seemed to me to cling to his dearest
like one's skin to his bones. I never dreamed that he
could be parted from ^{them} ever by death.

Dixy oozes a bit too freely from his letter to
suit an old sinner like me; but the \$50 or 60
thousand \$ is a blessed antidote to it.

Of course, accept it & start the building in
as soon as possible. To place it on the summit of the
ridge is to put it too far away from the present buildings,
it seems to me. But my opinion is not worth a Continental.
Put it anywhere, & dub it "Neal Memorial Chapel" or
anything else the donor wishes.

Am here with my daughter. She leaves June 6, A.V. for
Medford, Oregon her home hereabouts. I leave for Walden, at
the same time. Regards to Madam & the "Childer"
Hastily but cordially,
Bramwell Kilgob

May 19, 1914.

Professor Brainerd Kellogg,
6 Regent Circle,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Professor Kellogg:

Thank you very much for your letter. I knew you would rejoice greatly with the rest of us. Of course every trustee letter is of the same tenor. I want to make a collection of these letters and submit them to Governor Mead. You may remember that your first paragraph needs revising for this purpose. Would it be too much to ask that you send me another letter which I could substitute in the package to be handed to him?

The more I think of this chapel, the more grateful I am. Middlebury has had too few external stimuli toward culture and a deep spiritual life. I am sure the Starr Library exerts a daily elevating influence, and if we can succeed with the chapel, in getting a building which combines dignity and impressiveness with serviceableness, we shall do still more for our students.

This gift is most timely and will do much to help the college forward just now. Glad for your word that you are to be with us soon.

Faithfully yours,

1605-
October 3, 1914.

R. D. Kimball Co.,
6 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

Mr. Palm tells us that he has received no instructions to make things right on the conduit installed last year. The work on the new line is nearly finished. We want you to take this up promptly and clearly with the H. W., Johns-Manville Co. and see that instructions are forwarded to put everything in good shape in accordance with their agreement. We understand that they are to have entire charge of this work and the entire expense.

There is one room in the gymnasium whose finish and woodwork were much injured because of the defect last year. I wish you would see that this also is rectified.

Faithfully yours,

August 17, 1914.

Richard D. Kimball Co.,
6 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

We have received an estimate from
Calhoun on the pipe line to Mattell Cottage, etc.,
of \$2150, as follows:-

"Our estimate of the materials and labor for
for the pipe line from power house to Mattell
Cottage, all connections, as shown by the plans
submitted by R. D. Kimball Co., Boston, Mass.,
is Twenty One Hundred and Fifty Dollars, (\$2150).
We understand that this is to be let to us at
the percentage price, cost of materials, labor at
\$6 per day for fitter and helpers, we to receive
10 per cent for overseeing the work and ordering
the materials."

We understand that you are to be
here Wednesday morning. We hope you will have
gone over this figure very carefully and be ready
to advise us.

Faithfully yours,

July 27, 1914.

Richard D. Kimball Co.,
6 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

Judge Weeks has told me this morning
of the bids on the conduit to Pearsons Hall.
I am confident the Trustees would not approve
our going ahead at any such figures. I will
ask you please to secure another bid, or two
bids if possible, from other people, on the
same basis as the Johns-Manville bid, and
let us know as soon as possible. You had better
address your reply to Judge Weeks.

Faithfully yours,

July 13, 1914.

Richard D. Kimball Co.,
6 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

On my return to my office this morning I find your letter of July 8th and note that this week some one from your office will be in Middlebury to make the necessary survey for the extension of the central plant.

As I shall be out of town, I will ask that your representative place himself in touch with Judge Weeks promptly on his arrival.

Trusting that there may be no further delay in the matter, I am

Faithfully yours,

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BOSTON July 8, 1914.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

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

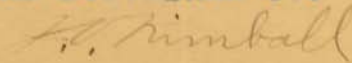
Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your favor of the 6th., inst., regarding the extension to the central plant, and would say that we are working up the preliminary map here in the office, and next week a member of this office will be in Middlebury to make the necessary survey and check up this map.

We see no reason why this work should be ready to go ahead in August, and assure you that we will co-operate with you in every way possible.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.



JVK/AGM.

July 6, 1914.

Richard D. Kimball Co.,
6 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

Your letter of June 26th was received and submitted to the building committee. The members of the committee are now inquiring of me when the preliminary plans will be ready. It is their feeling that it would be very much better in every way if the work could be put through in the month of August.

Trusting that we may have your prompt co-operation, I am

Faithfully yours,

Weeks

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BOSTON June 26, 1914.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

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

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favor of June 24th and thank you for the same. We will take this matter up at once so that the work may be completed as soon as possible.

We note the suggestion of President Brainerd in regard to running the line under the ledge. C. W. Kimball, in the little sketch he sent you with the estimate, had this point in mind, though, of course, it was impossible for him to see just where this ledge came without looking the ground over more carefully.

We are taking the matter of having the existing conduit made right with the contractors and can take care of this at the same time.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.

J. V. Kimball,
c.

June 24, 1914.

Richard D. Kimball Co.,
6 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees held yesterday your letter of June 19th was read. The Prudential Committee were authorized to secure your services to prepare specifications and contracts for the conduit line to the new chapel and Pearsons Hall. It might be well to secure bids on both sizes but I have no doubt the committee would be disposed to follow your advice as to the eighteen inch conduit.

I suppose this will involve careful survey and inspection on the grounds. President Brainerd is of the opinion that by running the line slightly under the ledge then up to the chapel, a good deal of blasting may be avoided. On top of the ledge the rock is very near the surface. We shall be very glad of your prompt and careful attention to this matter in order that the work may be completed in ample season and done satisfactorily in every way.

I trust you will also press the matter of having the existing conditions made right while the season is favorable for such work.

Faithfully yours,

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BOSTON June 19, 1914.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

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

Dear Sir:-

We have been over the proposed conduit line to the new Chapel and from the new Chapel to Pearson Hall and would submit the following estimates.

We have estimated on both 15" and 18" conduit and, while the 15" is cheaper, we would strongly recommend the 18" conduit in order that the insulation might be better and you might avoid the trouble you have had on some of your other lines this winter.

On the basis of the Chapel being approximately 600 feet from the power house in a straight line, our estimate for the 15" conduit is \$3856.00. In this estimate we have allowed but \$350.00 for the work necessary in the power house and nothing for the connecting up of the Chapel as this would naturally come under the steam work for that building. This would make it cost about \$5.20 a foot, and in case the Chapel is moved either one way

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or the other, you could figure about \$5.20 a foot more or less.

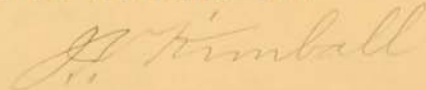
For the 18" conduit our estimate is \$4341.00 or about \$5.87 per foot without the power house work. To continue the line to Pearson Hall, we estimate that 15" conduit will cost approximately \$3815.00 or \$5.35 per foot and the 18" conduit approximately \$4341.00 or \$6.10 per foot.

Of course, this price will vary somewhat and can more than likely be reduced by doing the work as you did at the Chemical Laboratory last year, but this will give you something to start on in asking for the money for this work.

We are enclosing herewith a sketch showing how we should plan to run these lines though this might vary somewhat on actual surveys.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.



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BOSTON June 12, 1914.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

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

Dear Sir:

We are working on an estimate for the underground line from the power house to the proposed new Chapel and Pearson Hall.

In order that we may get this as accurate as we can would it be possible for Mr. Farrell to run a tape from the power house to the corner where you expect to locate the new building. This would enable us to give a closer estimate, as we understood that the location you gave the writer was simply approximate.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.

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600 ft approx*

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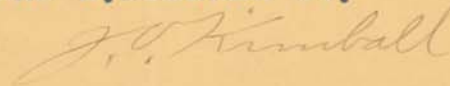
Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your favor of the 27th.,
inst., regarding estimate for the line to the new
Chapel.

We will take up this matter, together with the
line to Pearson Hall, and will have a statement for you
before the date you mention.

Yours very truly,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.



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May 27, 1914.

Richard D. Kimball Co.,
6 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen;

I have conferred with Ex-Governor John A. Mead, the prospective donor of our new chapel, and a member of the building committee, and he writes me 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". In accordance with this opinion, I trust you will be ready at the proper time to enable us to make arrangements for laying the conduit to the site of the new chapel. We would also be glad to have an idea of continuing the line to Pearsons Hall and Battell Cottage, and if we could have a statement from you for submission to the trustees Monday June 22nd it would be well.

Faithfully yours,

RICHARD D. KIMBALL CO.
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Middlebury College,
Middlebury, Vt.

My dear Dr. Thomas:

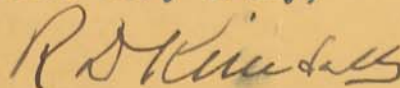
I want to write a note congratulating you for your success in obtaining another of the buildings which you have so earnestly desired in the shape of the Chapel which I see Ex. Gov. Meade is to give the College.

I saw by the article in the paper that this Chapel is to crown the height so I suppose the location will be near the street on the ridge above the new Chemistry Building.

Step by step you are obtaining your heart's desire and I am sincerely glad for you, and congratulate you most heartily on your attainment of one more of the buildings which you have seen so long in your mind's eye.

With kindest regards, I am,

Yours very truly,



RDK/AGM.