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April 27, 1916.

Mr. W. N. Albertson,
1900 Euclid Ave.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Albertson;

I have received your letter of April 22. I have not approved your bill because I do not believe the college is indebted to you. I certainly would want to do what is right in the matter but my understanding of the case was that you were very willing, and indeed quite desirous, of preparing sketches for us in the hope that funds for the building could be secured. They were not secured, in connection with your proposal and the building now going forward has no more connection with anything you ever did than has the chapel presented by ex-Governor Mead. I honestly do not feel I would be justified in recommending the payment of your bill from college funds, as I tried to be careful not to put the college under any financial obligation. I am very sorry you are disappointed, but I do not see how I can make the matter any clearer.

Faithfully yours,

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January 18, 1916.

Mr. Edwin L. Allen,
Curry Bldg.,
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Ned;

I have thought of you a good many times during the past months and ~~I know~~ there is no way for you to appreciate that I do not forget you except to write you.

We are certainly making great improvements at the college this year. The new chapel is a most beautiful and impressive building, with its massive pillars and Greek pediment, and tall graceful spire. The architects have certainly given us one of the most unique buildings in New England. It is the first college chapel for many decades to follow the old New England style and has been widely commented on as perhaps marking a return to the buildings of the fathers for such purposes.

The Hepburn dormitory also surpasses our expectations. It is an immense building and its lines can now be seen to be of great beauty. The construction is the most thoroughly fireproof I have ever seen. The rooms are very conveniently arranged, with a sleeping room for each boy and toilet for each two students. Mr. Hepburn is a great believer in water and there is certainly ample supply of it in this building. The commons, as we call it, is the best part of the whole, the spacious dining hall and ~~the~~ very attractive club rooms above. Mr. Hepburn has decided to furnish the building and I have recently been going over the furniture with him. Everything is plain and in good taste, but I think will delight the heart of a boy nevertheless.

You will be interested in one feature, and that is that Mr. Hepburn proposes to give us the large trophies of his African and other expeditions to adorn the walls of the club rooms. The value of some of these heads runs into the thousands of dollars,

E.L.A. #2

being some of the most perfect specimens that have ever been secured.

We have always been strong on the instruction side and I can truthfully say that the faculty has been strengthened year by year recently. The generous bequest of Mr. Battell is going to enable us to make several useful additions in years to come and give us more to work with.

It has been very gratifying to me to note how the constituency of the college has been broadening. Eight years ago we had about twenty students from Massachusetts, while now we have seventy-three. Then we had none from New Jersey and now have twenty. About twenty-five students come through Boston to reach Middlebury. This year we have enrolled the son of Douglas '93 from Scranton, Pa., Jesse Séearns' boy from Portland, Ore., and the son of another alumnus from California. I am sure these are only the pioneers of a considerable constituency from the west which we shall one day attain.

I wish we were nearer where you could see some of these things and I have been very unfortunate in being away at some of your summer visits.

With cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

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September 11, 1916.

Miss Florence C. Allen,
Brattleboro, Vermont.

My dear Miss Allen;

I am very glad to learn that Sanford Plumb may decide to enter Middlebury this year. I remember very well my pleasant interview with his father and what he told me concerning the boy. I wish very much I could persuade him to decide finally to become one of our students. It seems to me that we have some exceptional and rare privileges for the students who come to us this fall. We shall be using for the first time both Hepburn Hall and the new chapel, and there will be an impetus from this enlargement of the opportunities afforded us which cannot fail to strike to the inner life of the students affected by it. Of course I set much myself by the chapel, not with a view to impressing any particular creed upon the students, but for the general moral and uplifting influence.

I would be glad to write personally to the father, but I have forgotten his name. I wish you could find a way to get my message to him.

We fully expect that George Osteyee will return. He is a promising boy, quiet but earnest, and with more in him than appears at the first.

I understood Kenneth Smith, when I left Eagle Pass, was deciding not to take up college work this year, but to continue in army service. Of course that being his thought, I did not feel qualified to dissuade him. If he does return in time to begin college work, I think he will incline favorably toward Middlebury. At least that seemed to be his disposition when he talked with me.

I hope you will carry out your good purpose to visit us in connection with the Teachers' Convention.

Faithfully yours,

October 23, 1916.

Professor J. W. Abernethy,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear Professor Abernethy;

You will remember that for several years we have observed November 1st as Charter Day. We have not planned for an outside speaker this year, but I have arranged with a half dozen students to speak for five minutes each on various phases of the subject, "What can we do to make this the best year in the life of Middlebury College?" The speakers will include both boys and girls. In addition we shall have the reading of the charter, music by the college orchestra, and also by the newly organized college choir. I think it would be very appropriate if an alumnus or trustee were to speak briefly and informally at the close of the students' program, with such commendations and suggestions as might seem to be called for by the remarks of the young people. There is no one who could do this quite as well as you. I trust you are now feeling strong enough so that you will write me that you will consent. You must in some way before very long see our present student body, particularly in the new chapel.

Faithfully yours,

September 26, 1916.

Professor J. W. Abernethy,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear Doctor Abernethy;

We are to have a meeting of the Prudential Committee tomorrow afternoon to consider especially what we shall do for the Home Economics department. The situation I have hoped for has arisen and the girls are taking the courses in much larger numbers. I enclose a statement from Miss Graham. We have made our budget with no provision for an assistant in this department, and yet I do not see how we can avoid it.

I do not think Miss Graham has quite done justice to her tea room ~~project~~ ^{idea} idea is to use this building for a practise department, giving her much needed additions to the facilities for the preparation of food beyond those in the basement of Warner Hall. I know you are much interested in this work and I am sure we would all appreciate your counsel, besides I know you would enjoy looking over the college in its present expanded state. The new chapel is simply glorious. I wish you could attend a service at 10 A.M. or one of the Sunday vesper services at 5 o'clock. Wepburn Hall is practically full, I believe only three places unoccupied. We have a fine body of students, about twenty-five more than we had last year at this time, and the Admission Committee has been more strict than ever before. Miss Ross reports especial improvement in the girls. It will do you good to come down and see us.

Faithfully yours,

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Burlington, June 15

My dear Dr Thomas:

I had a letter
from Barton about the 76
matter, and I agreed to speak
if no one else seemed avail-
able. I much prefer to have
someone else represent the class.

Moreover, I do not believe
time will be time for my
talk - certainly not if it is
to be at the Wednesday dinner,
as I suppose will probably be my
subject. I think you had better
cut it out.

I am not feeling well here

days, and you do not like
to have such an event on
my conscience.

I shall be at the dedication
Sunday afternoon and probably
remain through the next three
days. The chapel deserves
all your enthusiasm and of
all of us. The ceremony
undoubtedly will be a great
occasion.

Yours sincerely

J. H. University

June 14, 1916.

Doctor J. W. Abernethy,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear Doctor Abernethy;

Doctor Barton is President of the Alumni Association this year and just now writes me as to the program. I think he had intended to make preparation, but has been kept by his many duties.

We should certainly have a word from the glorious class of '76 and I think all will look to you for it. I will tell Doctor Barton that I have given you warning.

Everything points to a successful Commencement. There is great popular interest in the dedication of the chapel as well as other features, and apparently an unusually large number of alumni are expecting to be back. I am very enthusiastic over the chapel, as you will have gathered from my recent general letter to the alumni. I hope you are to be with us much of the week.

Faithfully yours,

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April 12, 1916.

Principal C. A. Adams,
Castleton, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Adams;

I have kept your letter on my desk several days and have been quite divided in my mind. I have decided, however, to say that I will come. I am to be away just before, and possibly just at the time I shall very much wish I could stay here, but it seems to me now that it would be better for me to run down to Castleton for the day, leaving the last Sunday before our baccalaureate and the opening of the new chapel to some one else. So you may count on me for June 11, 2:30 P.M.

Faithfully yours,

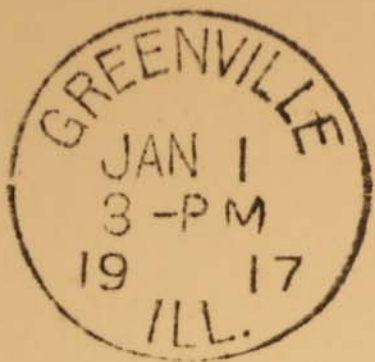
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1916, 12, 31

Please accept thanks for the Bulletin, a very appreciable Christmas reminder. Congratulations to you for the improvements made there since 1873, when I stayed over night, yes two nights, in the north hall of "the row". May the New Year of 1917 see some of the suggestions outlined in your address carried out.

You surely must enjoy the new chapel, where you can assemble all your students at one sitting. I was in the old chapel for morning devotions, and there was just one woman at the time listening, but not allowed to enrol. I was also present at the U. V. M. the previous spring and heard the first oration from a woman at the Sophomore Exhibition. It was a severe affliction mentally when I was physically (over)

hindered from entering one
of the institutions the next year.
I note with some degree of pride
the later developments in the
two institutions of my native
state. You have my best wishes
for incoming West Hill.
Yours,
Henry Babcock.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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Pres. John M. Thomas

Middlebury,

College,

Vermont.

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January 17, 1916.

Hon. Franklin S. Billings,
83 Brook Hill Road,
Milton, Mass.

My dear Colonel Billings;

My best information concerning Robert R. Twitchell is that he is studying law in the office of Stickney, Sargent & Skeels, Ludlow. I believe he has taught school at various places since his graduation and I think he has also attended the Boston University Law school.

I thank you for your kind wishes. We are having a very satisfactory year at the college and are very happy in the notable additions to our plant of the Mead Memorial Chapel and the Hepburn Dormitory and Commons. They are magnificent buildings and add more to the campus than one can easily realize until he has actually seen them. The chapel is marvelously beautiful and impressive, just the type of building adapted to its location. The dormitory is very fine, of the best construction and with every convenience, although simple and very durable. It will give us accommodations for boys equal to those of any institution in the country. I hope you will be able to see these buildings some time during next summer.

I am working up my courage to go away for the month of February to take a trip with Mrs. Thomas. I have not been at a distance from college responsibilities for any considerable period since I came here in 1908.

Faithfully yours,

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November 29, 1916.

Supt. F. D. Boynton,
Ithaca, N. Y.

My dear Frank;

I have received your good letter of November 27th with pledge of \$100 to the Hudson Fund. I am very glad to have this in the customary form. You are a trifle optimistic as to the qualities of the class of 1891, as compared with certain other classes about that time, but optimism is a good Middlebury characteristic and I will pardon you.

We are certainly having the best year the old college ever had. That wonderfully impressive chapel is exerting a daily influence which can be plainly felt even by the least sensitive. Heppner Hall is also proving a great success and the whole atmosphere of the college seems to have wonderfully improved. Doubtless winning the football championship of Vermont by beating both Norwich and U.V.M. did not hurt our feelings any, and I hope the victory will do us only good.

Again thanking you for your generous cooperation, I am

Faithfully yours,

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November 15, 1916.

Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, D.D.,

14 Beacon St.,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Doctor Bridgman;

It is very good of the men to give me another trial and I shall make every effort to reserve the last Tuesday in October, 1917. I am sure such a fellowship will be most helpful.

I thank you for the invitation to drop in at the Congregationalist office. On the other hand, if you are ever in this region I hope you will not fail to give me an opportunity to show you our beautiful new chapel. We are greatly enjoying it and the students feel quite as I do, that it is the feature of our college life this year.

Faithfully yours,

January 24, 1916.

Dean Charles R. Brown,
Yale Divinity School,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Doctor Brown;

I am greatly pleased that you are able to accept our invitation to deliver the address at the dedication of our new chapel on Sunday afternoon, June 18. I am sure you will find the occasion a congenial one and I know you will have the right message for us.

Our present plan is to have the baccalaureate service for the senior class in the Congregational church in the village, as has been the custom for more than a hundred years, and to have a separate dedication service of the new chapel in the afternoon. As you suggest, I will write you more as to details when the occasion is a little nearer.

Again thanking you for your kind consideration of our request, I am

Faithfully yours,

THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION
YALE UNIVERSITY

CHAS. R. BROWN, DEAN

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Jan. 22nd, 1916

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

My dear President Thomas:

I have your very cordial letter of the 18th and I thank you for the honor you do me in inviting me to give the Baccalaureate address at the dedication of your new chapel Sunday afternoon, June 18th. I shall be very happy to accept. The honorarium you name will be entirely satisfactory. You can communicate to me later any further details that I may need in regard to this service.

With hearty congratulations on the splendid success which is crowning your work and anticipating the joy of being with you for your dedication service, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Chas R Brown

January 18, 1916.

Rev. Charles R. Brown, D.D.,
Yale Divinity School,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Doctor Brown;

Middlebury College is to dedicate its new Mead Memorial Chapel on the afternoon of Baccalaureate Sunday, June 18, 1916. The chapel is a unique, impressive and beautiful structure, the gift of ex-Governor John A. Mead, an alumnus of the class of 1864. It is colonial in style, in fact a frank reproduction of the New England meeting house. The material is white Vermont marble. The massive pillars and graceful pediment as well as the beautiful spire and other features make it a singularly impressive building. It is located on the highest point of the campus and is the most prominent object in the general landscape of our village.

Much thought has been given to the interior, which in its dark tones and ample space for the choir in the front of the church departs somewhat from the traditional New England plan, while yet preserving the atmosphere. The architects are Allen & Collens of Boston, who designed the Union Seminary buildings and the chapel at Williamstown.

We are told that this is the first college chapel to be erected in New England for many years which follows the meeting house type, other duplicates of that style being very old buildings. This fact has been widely commented upon and the question has been raised whether the Middlebury chapel will not mark a return to the early New England order of architecture.

Dr. C.R.B. #2

While we expect to make some use of the chapel earlier, we wish to make its dedication a notable feature of our 116th commencement. The historical sympathy of Middlebury College with the Congregational Church seems to demand a Congregational clergyman and one who has occupied an official station in the denomination to deliver the dedicatory address. You are further marked for this occasion by your connection with Yale University. You may know that Middlebury was founded by Yale graduates, on the counsel of Timothy Dwight, who nominated the first president, a graduate of Yale. After conference with both our trustees and faculty I wish to extend to you the earnest invitation of both to deliver the address at the dedication. The honorarium would be fifty dollars. I hope you will consider our invitation is extended with much more than the usual urgency and is based upon the feeling that you are the one man suitable to the occasion.

Faithfully yours,

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June 6, 1916.

Dean Charles R. Brown,
Yale Divinity School,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Doctor Brown;

You will remember that we are counting upon you for the sermon at the dedication of the Mead Memorial Chapel at four P.M. June 18. The last through train leaves New York at 7:45 P.M. arriving at Middlebury about eight P.M. You can come direct from New Haven via Springfield and Bellows Falls, but if you take that route you had better start Saturday morning.

If you wish us to include the scripture lesson in the printed program will you kindly send me the reference?

I have arranged for your entertainment at the Addison House. If I know your time of arrival I shall be glad to have some one meet you.

Our chapel is nearly completed and the organ is now being installed. The enclosed picture does not do justice to its graceful lines, but indicates our fidelity to New England traditions. The interior is very beautiful, with dark finish, deep chancel, and organ on either side of the chancel. I will try to remember to send you a copy of the letter I shall soon be sending to our alumni, which contains a reference to the chapel.

Anticipating your visit with much pleasure,
I am

Faithfully yours,

YALE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

June 7''16

My dear Dr. Thomas: :-

I have your very cordial letter. I shall reach Middlebury sometime Saturday afternoon and will go directly to the Addison House as you suggest. Thank you very much. It will not be necessary I think to print the scripture references ^{or lesson} on the program unless you specially desire it, That can be chosen when I come. It will not be necessary for any one to meet me--I may come in from the north as I have another appointment in your quarter of the ^{world} ~~work~~ earlier that week, I can easily find my way to the Hotel, I thank you very much for the picture of the new chapel.

Very truly yours,

Charles Brown

YALE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

June 24''16

My dear President Thomas: :-

Could you preach here at the University on Sunday December 3d. The usual honorarium is fifty dollars. There is the required College Service at 11 and then a less formal meeting at 6-45 under the University Association. I hope very much you will be able to come so that our Yale men may have your message to them..

With the happiest recollections of my Sunday in Middlebury College I am,

Very Sincerely yours,

Charles Brown

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June 26, 1916.

Rev. Charles R. Brown, D.D.

Yale Divinity School,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Doctor Brown;

I thank you heartily for your kind invitation to preach at Yale University December 3. A few days ago I should certainly have accepted, but this morning I am called out with the First Vermont Infantry of which I am Chaplain. I should be pleased if you did not forget me after my return.

You did us a most excellent service at our chapel dedication and I wish again to thank you most heartily.

Faithfully yours,

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September 25, 1916.

Mr. J. W. Burnham,
1901 Lincoln Ave.,
Denver, Col.

My dear Mr. Burnham;

I believe the treasurer of the Middlebury Doshisha fund is Harold W. Davis, whose address is Hepburn Hall, Middlebury. I know the committee will be very appreciative of your help.

We have had an excellent opening, with a larger student body than we have ever had before. Our beautiful new chapel and the fine Hepburn Hall and Commons give us great advantages over anything we have before enjoyed and I think they will enable us to make decided improvement in the work of the college.

Faithfully yours,

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May 26, 1916.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Doctor Barton;

I have just received your letter. Mr. Wiley talked with me about the matter this morning and arranged to write you fully our suggestions. We plan the exercises in the commons part of Hepburn Hall, following the luncheon Tuesday. I think if you could get Abernethy and Boynton with a word from Judge Fish for our new trustees, and something about the building from Mr. Hepburn or if he were too modest his architect, Mr. E. K. Rensiter, we should have a very pleasant program.

We shall undoubtedly have a most interesting Commencement. Doctor C. R. Brown is to help us dedicate the chapel Sunday afternoon. Mr. Howard Elliott of the New Haven Railroad will speak at the Commencement dinner Wednesday and also John G. Saxe, a grandson of the poet.

If either Mr. Wiley or I can help you further or make any other suggestions, please let us know.

Faithfully yours,

October 16, 1916.

President Guy Potter Benton,
University of Vermont,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear President Benton;

I have received your inquiry concerning the article in the Middlebury Register. I suppose in a general way I am responsible for everything that appears in the paper. As you may know, it was owned by Mr. Joseph Battell and as one of the executors of his estate I have had general charge of it. I have found this somewhat embarrassing, as I have been credited with opinions, - and been visited both with praise and blame for them, - of which I was not the author. But I have not thought best to make denials and see no reason why I should in this case. Taken as a whole the article seems to be commendatory both of the regiment and of the University, but if you see anything in it which needs correction, I shall be glad to see that any statement you may care to make is given good space in the Register.

I note that you are to preach at our union service here next Sunday. Would you be willing to speak also at our college chapel service at five o'clock? I should like much to have you. The service is a brief one and a fifteen minute address would be ample. I know you would enjoy our new chapel. I am very sorry I shall be out of town next Sunday, but I can arrange to have one of the faculty assist you.

Faithfully yours,

Congregational Church
Rutland, Vermont

January 4th, 1916

President John M. Thomas,
Middlebury,
Vermont.

My dear President Thomas:-

Please accept my hearty thanks for your kind letter of December 31st, with the check enclosed in recognition of my address at the Forefather's Celebration. I greatly appreciated the honor of being asked to give the address, and it means a great deal to me to hear from you that it was acceptable.

I want to thank you also for your congratulations in reference to our new building. The church and community are rejoicing over Dr. Mead's gift, and I am sure he is being made to feel how thoroughly we all appreciate his generous act.

With kind regards to you and Mrs. Thomas,
I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Arthur T. Bradford

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June 12, 1916.

Rev. Arthur H. Bradford,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Bradford;

I thank you for your kind consent to help us at the Commencement dinner. It will be much appreciated and you must not be too brief.

I am greatly pleased that you are to be here at the dedication service. I am all excited over it and quite beside myself over the beauty and impressiveness of the chapel. It is so good to know that our students are to have the influence of a building that so stirs toward reverence and holy thoughts.

We shall wish you to have a cap and gown Wednesday. I presume our Treasurer has already sent for one for you, to be loaned for the occasion, but doubtless you will prefer your own. A hood will be presented you at the conferring of the degree.

Will you let me know your full name? I ought to know what the "H" stands for, but it has escaped me.

Faithfully yours,

Congregational Church
Rutland, Vermont

June 14, 1916

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

My dear Dr. Thomas:

Please accept my thanks for your good letter of June 12th, and my hearty congratulations upon the completion of the chapel which gives you so much genuine satisfaction.

In reply to your question concerning my middle name, I would say that the H. stands for Howe just as it did ⁱⁿ the case of my father's name.

Sincerely yours,

AHB/LP

Arthur B. Bradford

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October 16, 1916.

Rev. Arthur H. Bradford, D.D.,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Doctor Bradford;

I want you to preach in the Mead Memorial Chapel and to be one of the first from outside to occupy that pulpit. I have not been able earlier to determine just the right time, but I wish now to ask if you could take the service for us on the afternoon of November 12th? If agreeable to you I would be glad to spend that Sunday in Rutland and take your services.

I am very anxious to get Doctor Mead here after our choir is a little better trained. We have twenty-four men and women, vested, and the effects in that chancel are very fine. I do not believe that Doctor Mead ever heard anything like it. Then the students like to sing in the chapel and it is wonderfully good to hear their voices ring out in the arches.

I hope very much my recently married daughter will attach herself to your church. Some Rutland people have been frightening her by telling her the congregation was cold, etc. The young people are Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Whitney, 17 Park Street. Mr. Whitney was also brought up a Congregationalist.

Faithfully yours,

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Office of the President

St. Johnsbury, Vt.

June 5, 1916

President John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I am in receipt of the invitation from the President and Faculty of Middlebury College to be present at the Commencement Week Exercises this June.

It would give me the greatest pleasure to be present and to participate in the exercises, that I am sure will prove to be not only interesting but a red-letter day in the history of Middlebury.

Mrs. Brooks and I were in Middlebury a week ago last Sunday afternoon to see Mr. and Mrs. Lambert about the Camp of which they have charge. We are planning to send Margaret there this year. While there I called at the house but it was stated you were in Wellesley. Was extremely sorry not to have had a little chat about some matters I would like to talk over with you. However, this will come sometime in the future.

With kindest regards, and congratulations over what I saw in connection with the Hepburn Hall and the Mead Memorial Chapel, and other distinct evidences of the prosperity of the college, I remain

Very cordially yours,

Wm. H. Brooks

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March 28, 1916.

Rev. Thomas A. Carlson,
Peacham, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Carlson;

I thank you for your kind letter and assure you it is good to hear from you again. I deliberated very carefully over the invitation to Peacham and only declined it when I was sure it would be too much in addition to what I have already promised, and then with sincere regret.

I am very glad to know of your efforts for the Academy and the rural schools. You have surely done an excellent piece of work. The preliminary task of looking up the alumni was very similar to that done by Professor Howard for the college when he compiled the general catalogue of 1900. That work has been the basis of all that has been accomplished in recent years.

I am of course much interested in your statement that your daughter Karen will be ready for college next fall, and a son the year after. I hope they may both come to Middlebury and will do all I can to help them. I think you know of my efforts to keep expenses down and make it still possible for the boys and girls of the ordinary Vermont home to secure a college education here. I confess it is not an easy task. Institutions with which we wish to compare favorably in facilities are securing steadily larger tuition fees, in addition to their more generous endowments. Those who know of our work and can compare it intelligently with that of other institutions think we are marvelously successful in making our resources go as far as they do and keeping our charges so moderate.

I should think it would be well for you to start immediately to secure a state scholarship for your daughter, if possible. Each of the senators will have one appointment this year, good for two years.

Rev. T.A.C. #2

I think some of them intend to reappoint the student who secured their one year scholarship in 1915. Competition for these scholarships in all parts of the state is much more keen than when you were a student, and early and earnest effort is necessary.

I should advise you to try even if you are not quite sure that your daughter will come. It is easy enough to give up a scholarship, while it is not so easy to secure one late in the season when many applications have been made.

I want you to see a circular of our new Hepburn Hall. It is certainly one of the best college dormitories in the country and will do wonders for the social life of our students. You will appreciate what the beautiful new chapel, with its impressive interior, and excellent organ, will mean to me.

Please remember me kindly to Mrs. Carlson. Is the Moses Martin who helped you a graduate of Middlebury '61, my father's class?

Faithfully yours,

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January 26, 1916.

The Century Co.,
353 Fourth Ave.,
New York City.

Gentlemen;

I have received your letter of January 24th. Our chapel has not made as rapid progress as we expected and we have not made a definite decision as to a hymn book. None of those you submitted seemed to be entirely satisfactory. I must report that I am leaving town for a month and will not be in a position to consider the question further until after March 1st.

Faithfully yours,

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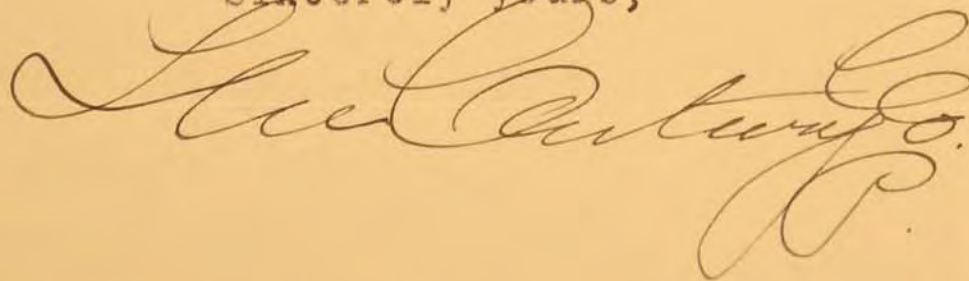
June 22, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:-

Have you yet
found a satisfactory hymn
and tune book for your chapel
services? We expect to
print a special book for
Goucher College, Baltimore,
and we should be glad to
submit a list of the hymns
selected if you care to have
us do so.

Sincerely yours,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to H. C. Carter, the representative of The Century Co. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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September 26, 1914.

The Century Co.,
New York City.

Gentlemen;

Please note me price on 150 additional
copies of the college edition of Hymns of
Worship and Service: What can you allow us for
copies of University Hymns published by A. S.
Barnes & Co.

Faithrully yours,

WHEATON COLLEGE
NORTON, MASSACHUSETTS

January 3, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

We understand that Middlebury College is erecting a chapel in the old Colonial style of architecture. We have a similar problem. Should President Cole find it possible to go to Middlebury, would you be willing to show to him and talk over with him the plans for the chapel? Dr. Cole would doubtless also like to avail himself of the opportunity of seeing something of Middlebury College.

Very truly yours,

Sarah B. Young
Registrar.

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January 6, 1916.

Miss Sarah B. Young,
Wheaton College,
Norton, Mass.

My dear Miss Young;

I am pleased to have your letter of January 3rd and to know that President Cole may find it possible to visit Middlebury College. We shall be very glad to have him do so and I trust a date may be found when I can greet him personally.

We gave a good deal of thought to the plans for the chapel. There was quite a little local opposition to the colonial style and I think at the first the faculty favored something else. I am quite sure that sentiment is now changed and that all now recognize the beauty of the building and its fitness in this particular locality. I will mail you an illustrated bulletin, which contains a picture from the architect's drawing.

The exterior is now complete but the interior finish is not yet in place. We are also erecting a dormitory and commons building for men, which has several very interesting features. Again let me say that I trust Doctor Cole will carry out his good purpose to visit us at Middlebury.

Faithfully yours,

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June 1, 1916.

Miss Gertrudg E. Cornish,
House in the Pines,
Norton, Mass.

My dear Miss Cornish;

Yours is the first response to my last communication concerning the Hudson Fund. I thank you sincerely. I hope it augurs well for a very general response to this appeal.

I have been very glad to see that your class is to have a reunion at Commencement. I am sure you will find much to interest you. The chapel is now almost complete and I hope that President Cole will see it.

Again thanking you for your good help,

I am

Faithfully yours,

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HOUSE IN THE PINES
NORTON, MASSACHUSETTS

My dear Dr. Thomas, -

I am
enclosing my check for
fifty dollars to cover
my pledge to the Hudson
Fund.

I am so glad that I was
able to be in Middlebury
last June for Commencement.
I often think of the
splendid program that was
evident everywhere, and

I surely congratulate you.

I am still urging Dr.
Cole to go up and see
our chapel.

With very best wishes to
Mrs. Thomas and
yourself.

Very sincerely yours,
Bertranda L. Council
November twenty-first.

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October 23, 1916.

Hon. Willard R. Cray,
2304 Pillsbury Ave.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Judge Cray;

I am very glad to have your enthusiastic letter and to learn that you enjoyed so heartily the occasion at Carleton College. Such gatherings are very pleasant and also profitable, although there are more attractive invitations than I can possibly accept. I go when I can consistently with other duties and rely on our generous alumni to help keep up the good name of the college on other occasions. I am sure that we should count ourselves fortunate that you represented Middlebury at Carleton.

We had a great opening and are making a most excellent start in the college year. Our attendance is larger than ever before, but as we have made a net gain every year for twelve years that is coming to be an old story. The Freshman class is also the largest we have ever received. The total attendance now exceeds 370. There are 201 boys on the ground today. Hepburn Hall is full and there is a waiting list of eight. I call it good work when a small college can add a dormitory for 100 students to its equipment and fill it the first year. Part of the explanation is that the D.U.'s and a local fraternity have given up their rented houses. Not only are the boys there, but they are exceedingly happy to be there and the building has started off with popularity and prestige that will be very helpful. Our new chapel is simply glorious. I wish you could see it full of students and hear the choir of twenty-four voices sing. You can imagine how much such a building means to me.

With cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

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April 17, 1916.

Mr. Charles R. Cummings,
White River Jct., Vermont.

My dear Mr. Cummings:

Here is an article by Mr. Clarence E. Blake a graduate of Middlebury College in the class of 1873, whose address is 54 Garfield St., Springfield, Mass. Mr. Blake would be very much pleased to see this article in The Vermonter. We could furnish you not only the photograph attached to the article, but several others including the new Mead Memorial Chapel, the gift of ex-Governor John A. Mead, and the new Hepburn Hall.

I believe it is some time since The Vermonter has had an article concerning Middlebury, and during that period we have made many notable additions to our college plant.

I do not altogether like Mr. Blake's title and venture to suggest The Ideals of Middlebury. I think also the article could be shortened without great injury, especially in the general observations on pages 3 and 4. I would be glad to help you do this if you desire.

Hoping you will find the material available and send for some of our fine photographs, I am

Faithfully yours,

November 23, 1916.

Mr E L Cushman,
Girls' High School,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Cushman;

It occurs to me that I have not heard of plans for the annual dinner of the New York alumni. Of course you know I do not wish to interfere, but on the other hand I hope you will feel free to call on me if I can be of any help. The dinners recently have been of high order and it will require both good effort and good luck to keep up the reputation. The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held January 26th and I believe it has been customary to hold the dinner the same evening, which plan perhaps secures a larger number of out of town alumni.

We ought to make a very pleasing report this year, since everything about the college seems to be going nicely. The influence of the new chapel is clearly evident and we can also feel the benefit of the new quality of college residences. The benefits of these important instruments of service are manifest every day. Of course we are still happy over our football victory last Saturday and winning the championship of Vermont.

With cordial regards, I am

Faithfully yours,

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January 4, 1916.

Mrs. Mary J. Cutler,
Scott City, Kansas.

My dear Mrs. Cutler;

I was very pleased indeed to have your kind acknowledgment of our last Middlebury College bulletin, and to know also that your brother was interested in it. Your description of the climate there is very interesting and something quite new to me. I have traveled only hurriedly through the west and know well only the New England country and the vicinity of New York City.

We are prospering nicely at the college this year. The new chapel being erected by Governor Mead is a most impressive and beautiful building. It is in the old New England meeting house style, but built of white marble. I wish you could see it by moonlight. We are also erecting a new dormitory for boys which will be one of the finest college buildings in the country. The outlook for the institution seems to me very good and I trust we may eventually regain the strong position among the New England colleges which we occupied when your father was a student here. At that time Middlebury was as large as Williams, Brown, and Dartmouth, and nearly equal to Yale. Of late years our relative resources are much smaller and it is our present task to bring them up.

Thanking you for your kind interest, I am

Faithfully yours,

December 6, 1916.

Hon Charles H Darling,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Darling;

Your request for a catalogue was received during my absence but I trust you have received the copy sent to you. You will note that this copy was of last year. Our new issue will be out shortly and I shall be glad to send you one. It will show a very healthful gain in student attendance and of course will describe Hepburn Hall and the Mead Memorial Chapel as in active use. I hope the next time you are in Middlebury you will let me show you these very fine additions to the college structures of Vermont.

Faithfully yours,

June 3, 1916.

Rev. W. A. Davison, D.D.,

Burlington, Vermont.

My dear Doctor Davison;

We are to dedicate the Mead Memorial Chapel Sunday, June 18, at 4 P.M. and I hope very much you can be here. The sermon will be preached by Dean Charles R. Brown of Yale Divinity School, but I hope several Vermont clergymen of different denominations will have part in the service.

Is it so that you can be here and may I assign you some part? I am sure you will think we have a beautiful chapel, perhaps a little bit ecclesiastical for some, and yet I think not too much so to make the proper impression of reverence upon our students.

Faithfully yours,

The Vermont Baptist State Convention

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BURLINGTON, VERMONT June 5, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Thomas,

Your very kind letter of June 3rd received and I am really and truly sorry that owing to two other appointments for June 18th, I shall be unable to accept your kind invitation to be present at the dedicatory services of the Mead Memorial Chapel. I not only think a great deal of Middlebury College with its able and efficient President, but I also think a great deal of Dr. Mead and would be glad indeed to be present if I could. I understand the Chapel is beautiful and personally I believe in giving God the very best and therefore I am glad that the students of Middlebury are to have such a beautiful place in which to worship. Thanking you for the invitation and regretting exceedingly that I cannot accept, I am.

Very sincerely yours,

W. A. Davison.

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June 6, 1916.

Rev. W. A. Davison, D.D.,
Burlington, Vermont.

My dear Doctor Davison;

I am very sorry indeed that you cannot be with us on the afternoon of June 18. I wonder if your appointments are anywhere in this vicinity so that we could send an automobile for you and enable you to attend our service between your other engagements? We want you here if possible. I appreciate heartily your kind congratulations on the chapel. I hope you will take the first opportunity to see the interior also.

Faithfully yours,

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January 6, 1916.

Doctor George W. Ellison,
Spencer, Mass.

My dear Doctor Ellison;

I am very pleased to have your letter and to know that you have by no means lost your interest and confidence in Middlebury College. I am glad to have the name of Miss Helen Marble whom you recommend so highly. I will send her at once a catalogue and illustrated bulletin of the college and hope that her interest will result. It is very difficult for a girl to work her way, although some of our girls reduce their expenses to some extent, by waiting on the table and similar work. We do not promise positions to students before they come. You are right in thinking that we could give her some credit for her normal school work.

I wish you could visit us and see the progress we have been recently making. Our new chapel is an exceptionally beautiful building, of old colonial style and built of white marble. With its impressive interior and fine appointments, including a large organ and a chime of bells, it will greatly enrich the life of the college. We are also erecting a very superior dormitory for boys, which will be the largest and perhaps the finest building on the campus. Dining halls and club rooms are included under the same roof. These are located on the height opposite Pearsons Hall and make a very considerable addition to our college plant.

I trust that all is going well with you and your family. Both the children are remembered pleasantly here.

Faithfully yours,

March 2, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

While at our factory last week I had the pleasure of hearing the organ for Middlebury College, and I feel quite sure when the organ is installed you and your committee will be agreeably surprised.

Some time ago I sold an organ to the Masonic Temple at Burlington. This organ is to be installed in May, and one of our organists is to demonstrate it for them on June 10. I wish very much that it could be arranged for him to give a short recital on the Middlebury College organ either on the afternoon or evening of June 11. This could be easily arranged without any expense to you, as he could take the sleeper back to Boston on the evening of the 11th without wasting any time.

With practically all the organs we sell we furnish an organist gratis for the opening recital, the purchaser paying his expenses. The advantage of this is that the purchasers hear the organ played by one who is familiar with our organs- stop arrangement, etc., and the results are usually more satisfactory than if you were to have an outside organist whose program is invariably made up to show off the organist rather than the organ; there is a vast difference between the two programs.

While at our factory I did not learn when the organ was to be delivered, something was said about a delay

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at the Chapel on account of the bad weather.

With all good wishes,

Yours very truly,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

P/S

C. R. Putnam

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March 7, 1926.

Mr. C. R. Putnam,
Eskey Organ Co.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Putnam;

I was very pleased to receive your letter of March 2 and thank you for the offer to arrange for a recital on June 11. I had intended writing you concerning the possibility of some such arrangement in connection with our Commencement exercises, June 18 - 21.

Whatever recitals might be arranged at other times, our trustees and alumni will find their principal opportunity to hear the organ in connection with the various Commencement exercises. We plan to dedicate the chapel on the afternoon of Sunday, June 18, and have secured as preacher for the occasion, Dean Charles R. Brown of Yale Divinity School, formerly Moderator of the National Congregational Conference and a speaker of national reputation.

It seems to me that it would be very pleasant if we could arrange with you not only for the right organist for that occasion, but also for several recitals during the Commencement festivities. Alumni come on different days and do not stay through and I would like all our friends to have an opportunity to visit the chapel and hear the organ. Meneely & Company expect to have their chimer here during the entire Commencement.

I was away for the month of February and find on my return that very slow progress has been made on the chapel. We have been delayed in getting the interior finish. We are now promised that the work will progress more rapidly and I hope it will not be long before we can notify you as to the time for installation of the organ. Of course I am much pleased that you feel that the result is to be so satisfactory.

Faithfully yours,

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Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I have a letter from Col. Estey agreeing to the suggestion that we send an organist to Middlebury for your Commencement Exercises beginning Sunday, June 18.

As soon as your program is blocked out, we will be glad to have you send us memorandum so that our organist will know what preparation to make, etc. There is no hurry about this, any time at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, U.S.A.

April 17, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:

It is more than a month since Mr. Putnam advised us regarding the progress of the work in the Mead Chapel. We would be glad to know if you can give us any definite information as to the probable date of finishing the chapel, so that the organ can be installed.

The organ has been entirely finished and ready for shipment for nearly three months, with the exception of the display pipes which are to go in the arches. We cannot build these until Mr. Rogers is in shape to give us the exact finished measurements of the arches.

We should have from four to six weeks to make and finish these pipes and if, with this in mind, you could give us some idea of when you will probably want the organ, we will greatly appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

Estey Organ Company.

By 

Diot. JGE-G

2846
April 19, 1916.

Colonel J. G. Estey,
Brattleboro, Vermont.

My dear Colonel Estey;

I received your letter of April 17 and have made further inquiries of Mr. Rogers. The interior of the chapel is now nearing completion, much of the finish having already been installed. The plastering is completed. Unfortunately the finish for the chancel, including the arches from the organ changers, has not arrived. We have had difficulty over this finish and have done, and are still doing, all we can to have the complete order hastened. Mr. Rogers tells me that a car is now on the way, which he hopes will include the finish which will enable him to give you the exact measurements.

We must have the organ for the dedication of the chapel on June 18. After the finish comes, it will take only a day or two to get it in place so that the measurements can be taken. I hope this will be within a few days.

I cannot get Mr. Rogers to take the responsibility of making any measurements until the finish is actually on. I wonder if you could not send a man here who could get the measurements near enough for your purpose? You understand that the arches are all built and it is only the question of the few inches which will be taken up by the plastering. The college would be glad to pay the expenses of a man from Brattleboro if you think he could get the measurements with sufficient accuracy.

I am very sorry for the delay and appreciate the position in which we have placed you because of it.

Faithfully yours,

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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, U.S.A.

April 21, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vt.

My dear Dr. Thomas:

Thank you very much for yours of the 19th. I believe your suggestion is a wise one, that we send one of our draftsmen up to Middlebury to take the matter up with Mr. Rogers and see if we cannot get him to cooperate with us and so place his finish that it will be possible for us to go on with our work, and be sure of not delaying the finishing of the organ.

If he will cooperate with us in the placing of his finish, we feel sure that this can be done and if we can arrange the matter, we will send our man up the first of next week.

Yours very truly,

Estey Organ Company.

By

Dict. JGE-G

OFFICE OF THE
ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY
120 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON

April 21, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

As Mr. Staples of our Erecting Department here in Boston, will take charge of the installation of the organ in Mead Memorial Chapel, we will be glad to know how the chapel is progressing and when in your opinion you will be ready to have the organ shipped.

Yours very truly,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

E. A. Putnam

P/S

2846

April 28, 1916.

Mr. C. R. Putnam,
Estey Organ Co.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Putnam;

Please pardon the delay in replying to your letter of April 21. I had written Colonel Estey before that and suggested that he might send a man to Middlebury to take the measurements since Mr. Rogers seemed unwilling to assume the responsibility until all the finish was actually in place. I understand that a man has been here and I hope he secured all necessary information and has been able to inform the company just what the organ can be shipped.

The chapel is really nearly completed, but very provokingly the mill people supplying the finish left the arches for the organ chamber until the very last. However, they are expected every day now. The plastering is complete and most of the finish about the sides of the auditorium and in the gallery. When we get the finish for the chancel, it can be quickly installed, the floor laid, and the building will be ready for you.

Faithfully yours,

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May 6, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your favor of the 5th. We have received from Messrs. Allen & Collens, blueprints showing the treatment of the organ arches, from which we hope to be able to get out the pipes and have them fit properly.

There are always discrepancies, however, between blueprints and the actual finished work and we may experience some complications.

We realize that there is no time to be lost and we will plan to ship the organ without waiting for the pipes to be finished. We will probably make shipment of the instrument week after next. We can then go on with the installation of it and by the time it is finished, the pipes will be done and can be installed and all complete before June 15th.

Yours very truly,

Estey Organ Company.

By 

Dict. JGE-G

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May 5, 1916.

Estey Organ Co.,
Brattleboro, Vermont.

Gentlemen;

I sent to Mr. Collens, the architect, your letter as to the inability of your representative to secure the necessary measurements at the building. He has sent me a copy of your reply of May 2. I shall be glad to learn that this information is sufficient for you to go ahead with the work so that we can have the organ by June 15.

I have also heard from the Derryfield Co. that the finish will all be on its way this week. It seems a lack of proper co-operation that the portion for the organ chamber were left to the very last, but it is not for failure on our part to notify this company that they were desired very much earlier.

Faithfully yours,

Program

L.H. 2

- 1. Allegro Vivace from Fifth Symphony Widor
Mr. Mehaffey
- 2. a. Cantilene Nuptiale Dubois
b. Benediction Saint Saens
Mr. Mehaffey
- 3. ^x Solos -- Miss Lott (See letter)
- 4. a. Spring Song Hollins
b. The Lost Chord Sullivan
Mr. Mehaffey
- 5. a. Serenade Gounod
b. At Twilight Stebbins
Mr. Mehaffey
- 6. ^x Solos -- Miss Lott (See letter.)
- 7. a. ~~Grand Choeur in B flat~~ *March from Sonata Pontificale* Lemmens
b. Gavotte from "Mignon" Thomas
- 8. ~~Miss Lott.~~ *Miss Lott.* Mr. Mehaffey
- 9. Pilgrim's Chorus from "Tannhauser"^a Wagner
Mr. Mehaffey.

Mr. Ernest L. Mehaffey, Organist.
(Organist and Choir Director Brookline Baptist Church,
Brookline, Mass.)

A Statement concerning the Architecture of the Mead Memorial Chapel, by Mr. Charles Collins, of Allen and Collins, architects.

* use titles - with authors - same as for organ numbers - Miss Lott's name on line below.

Boston, Mass.,
June 4, 1916.

Dear Dr. Thomas:-

Regarding the program
for the organ recital which I
mailed to you yesterday, I
have decided to change
one number -

"# 7 a" - on the program
I sent you is Grand Choeur
in B flat by Reparty.

I have decided to play

in its place

"March from Sonata Pontificale"
by Lemmens.

Otherwise the program will
be unchanged.

Very truly yours

Ernest H. McChaffey

120 Hemenway Street
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Thomas,

Before receiving your
letter I had chosen the
following three numbers
for the program June 17th

Prayer from Josea - Puccini

- | | | | |
|------------------------|---|---------|---|
| a) Down in the Forest. | — | Ronald | } |
| b) Serenade | — | Raff. | |
| c) A Song of Joy | — | Woodman | |

III

Jerusalem ——— Gounod.

this third number to be the next to last one on program.

If you wish I should sing twice, only I will give the following. I.

- A Song of Joy
- Serenade
- Vissi d'Arte

- Woodman.
- Raff.
- Puccini.

II

Jerusalem.

Gounod.

Kindly let me know if you decide to use two or three numbers.

I am anticipating great pleasure in singing in the new chapel

Yours sincerely
Fanny Lott.

June 8. 1916.

June 3, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I enclose herewith program and descriptive matter for the organ recital.

The writer will plan to be in Middlebury from Saturday, the 17th, until Wednesday, the 21st, and will be glad to arrange to play the organ at any time while there.

Regarding the program, I think a good place for your architect to make his statement would be between numbers 4 and 5, however, you may use your own discretion regarding this.

I am very sorry to say that we have no cuts at present we could use on the program, as, of course, photographs would have to be taken after the organ was finished in the chapel and I doubt very much if there would be time to have this done. I enclose one or two samples of other programs, giving you an idea of how the descriptive matter, etc., is handled.

I think this program as outlined will take approximately one hour and fifteen minutes to render. This is what we generally figure on for an opening recital. If you are to have a printed program for the dedication services or any other services, that will be held in the chapel, I will be glad to send you my numbers and if you desire play a short recital either before or after any such services.

Yours very truly,

E. L. McHaffey
ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

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Middlebury-001103

120 Hemenway Street.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Collins.

Miss Hayden has given me
your letter of May 17th.

The Estey Organ Co. has given
me many recitals and always
recommends my work wherever
a soloist is desired. I have
done a great deal of concert
work this winter through New
England and many were return

dates. For further particulars
I send under separate cover my
circulars.

At this season I am able to make
lower terms and will sing for
\$30 and my railroad journeys.

I should like very much to sing
for the dedication of the new
chapel and organ and shall
hope for a favorable reply,

Very truly

Fanny Lott.

May 19. 1916.

Agreed to at \$25 + expenses.

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2846
Boston Mass
May 29, 1916

Dr. J. M. Thomas
Dear Sir, -

Your telegram at hand.
I will take the night train Tuesday
and arrive in Middlebury early
Wednesday morning ready to commence
work on the organ.

Will you engage truckmen to be
ready to start hauling organ the first
thing Wednesday morning May 31st.

Hastily yours,
Roy C. Staples
- Ector -
Estey Organ Co.

June 5, 1916.

Mr. E. L. Mehaffy,
Estey Organ Co.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Mehaffy;

I thank you for your letter of June 3 and am glad to have your program and material for the printed program. We will endeavor to put this in shape and have it out in time.

I will write Miss Lott for her selections. I will also arrange with the architect for a brief explanation of the building between numbers 4 and 5 as you suggest.

I shall be glad to have your numbers for the program of the dedication service. We shall need a prelude and a postlude.

I shall have later a full printed program of Commencement week, and then will be in better position to arrange with you for the brief recitals, etc.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am

Faithfully yours,

June 2, 1916.

Mr. E. L. Mehaffy,
120 Boylston St.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Mehaffy;

I thank you for your letter of May 29.
We have planned the organ recital for Saturday,
June 17 and have secured Miss Fannie Lott as soloist.

We would be glad to have you arrange your
program as you think best. I would suggest that it be
not too long, and include perhaps two numbers by Miss
Lott.

I am in correspondence with Mr. Charles
Collens, the architect of the building, to see if he
would make a statement concerning the architecture and
plan of the building. I should like to include such a
statement by him, perhaps about half way through the
musical program.

We would also like you to play at the dedica-
tion exercises Sunday, June 18, at 4 P.M. I will send
you shortly the musical numbers of this service.
It would of course be well if you could have a rehearsal
with the choir at least Saturday. The choir will be
in charge of Mrs. S. S. Eddy, Middlebury.

If the company would like to have any material
descriptive of the organ included in the printed program
we would be glad to arrange it. Perhaps they have cuts
which would be nice to use. I shall be glad of their
suggestions and any samples they can conveniently send.

I shall arrange for a room as you request.

Faithfully yours,

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SALES DEPARTMENT FOR NEW ENGLAND STATES
120 BOYLSTON ST., BOSTON, MASS.

May 29, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Mr. Putnam has asked me to officiate at your opening recital and act as organist at your commencement exercises, as per your request.

I understand that you desire to have the organist there for the dedication exercises on June 18th. Will you kindly advise me, as soon as possible, if this is correct, and also what other days you will want the writer present? I would also like to know if possible just how many recitals you will want during commencement week, and whether or not the programs will be printed. I presume the opening recital will require a printed program, as well as the dedication exercises, and I will be glad to send you my numbers as soon as you let me know what will be required.

I would prefer to have my name appear on any announcements, etc., as Mr. Ernest L. Mehaffey, The writer is organist and choir director at the Baptist Church, Brookline, Mass., as well as one of the organists of the Estey Organ Co.

Thanking you for an early reply, and anticipating the pleasure of playing your new organ, I remain,

Very truly yours,

E. L. Mehaffey
ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

ELM

P.S. It might be well to reserve a room at the hotel for me, as no doubt accommodations will be taxed. Thank you!

Ehm

Organ Music for Dedication Service

Prelude	Intermezzo from A minor Sonata	Rheinberger
Postlude	Finale from First Symphony	Vierne

Should you care to have a short organ recital following this service, I will be glad to play the following numbers--in which event the Postlude would be omitted.

Andante from Fourth Symphony	Widor
Romance in D flat	Lemare
In Paradisum	Dubois
Finale from First Symphony	Vierne

the Dedication Service on Sunday.

Miss Lott is coming in tomorrow to rehearse her selections with the writer,

Yours very truly,

Ernest L. McHaffey.

ELM/NKS

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June
Seventh
1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I have your letter of the 5th and
enclose herewith a slip giving my selections for
the Dedication Service on Sunday.

Miss Lott is coming in tomorrow to
rehearse her selections with the writer,

Yours very truly,

Ernest L. McHaffey.

ELM/NKS

28.46

May 26, 1916.

Colonel J. G. Estey,
Brattleboro, Vermont.

My dear Colonel Estey;

Your letter of May 24 was received. I have been in communication with the freight office and made arrangements for proper notification of your Boston office of the arrival of the organ.

Faithfully yours,

Ans. 6/27.

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NEW YORK OFFICE
25 WEST FORTY-FIFTH STREET
TELEPHONE 189 BRYANT

June 26, 1916.

President John L. Thomas,
Middlebury College,
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:

I have just heard from our Mr. Mehaffey that you have a very fine Estey organ in your new Chapel and I am writing to ask whether you would kindly let me have your opinion of it, as some friends are coming from the west who are purchasing an organ for an important Normal School in Kansas.

Your experience with us would be of great value in dealing with them and I should greatly appreciate a word from you.

Yours faithfully,

RLM/MUM

R. L. McAll

It is for the Fort Hays Normal School, which has a great record for progressive work in Kansas.

2846

June 27, 1916.

Mr. R. L. McAll,
Estey Organ Co.,
New York City.

My dear Mr. McAll;

In reply to your letter of June 26 .
regarding President Thomas' opinion of the Estey
Organ just installed in our new chapel, I would re-
ply that he has gone with the Vermont troops and the
time of his return is uncertain. I regret that he is
not here to give you the judgment asked. I am sure
it would be a favorable one for the new organ won
golden opinions from all who heard it during Com-
mencement week just closed.

Sincerely yours,

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BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT, U.S.A.

May 24, 1916.

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

Dear Sir:

We are sending the bill of lading to Mr. Weeks as directed and trust that the organ will go through very promptly.

We shall do our very best to insure prompt erection on arrival.

We have asked Mr. Weeks to wire the Estey Organ Company, 120 Boylston St., Boston, and also to advise us by mail of the arrival of the organ.

Yours very truly,

Estey Organ Company.

Dict. LWH-FF

L. W. Hawley

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120 BOYLSTON ST., BOSTON, MASS.

September
Fifth
1916.

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Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Mr. Thomas;

I have your good letter of September 2
and am glad to know that you have returned from Eagle Pass.

I do not believe I have had a copy of the
last issue of your illustrated bulletin. Will be glad to
have you mail me a copy and tell me what size cut you require
and what screen your printer prefers, and we will be pleased
to have the cut made for you. The photographs are being made
for us by the Jackson Studios; they are fair, but quite a bit
of hand work must be done on the prints before we can get a
good cut. We have ordered a half-dozen prints and will be
glad to mail you one as soon as they come to hand.

Yours very truly,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

P/S

C. R. Putnam

2846

September 8, 1916.

Mr. C. R. Putnam,
Estey Organ Co.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Putnam;

I thank you for your kind letter of September 5th. I will at once mail you a copy of our illustrated bulletin and you will note the pictures of the chapel at about page 8. These were made from architects' drawings. We could use a cut the size of the full page pictures in this bulletin or if that is too large, one of appropriate size for a half page illustration of the same size bulletin.

It is very good of you to promise to mail me a print of the photograph you have had made.

Faithfully yours,

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August 23, 1916.

Dr. J. M. Thomas,
First Vermont Regiment,
Eagle Pass, Texas.

Dear Doctor Thomas:

I have your good letter of August 15th.
When in Middlebury Mrs. Thomas very kindly made it possible
for me to get into the chapel in the evening to see the or-
gan.

I have written to one of your local photo-
graphers asking him to make every effort to get a good photo-
graph of the chancel end of the chapel. We want very much
to feature this in an advertisement and I am wondering if this
cannot be done in some way in connection with your annual cata-
logue or some publication which would reach your entire alumni.

The nice things you have said in your letter
about the organ and our company are greatly appreciated and I
hope you will permit us to use this part of your letter as a
testimonial.

With all good wishes.

Very truly yours,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY

PA. H

C. A. Rutman

2846

September 2, 1915.

Mr. C. R. Putnam,
Estey Organ Co.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Putnam;

I did not have opportunity to reply to your letter of August 23 before leaving Eagle Pass. I am now back on duty at the college and very glad indeed to be here.

I am pleased that you wish to use a photograph of the chapel. A college annual is issued each spring, which reaches most of our alumni. I am sure the business manager would be very glad to correspond with you and I will try to remember to make this suggestion to him.

If you get a good cut we would be glad to use it in our next illustrated bulletin, which is very widely circulated particularly among incoming students and their parents. If you have not a copy of the last issue, November 1915, please let me know and I will send you one. There is a view of the interior of the chapel in that number, but it does not feature the organ.

I have no copy of my letter and do not remember just what I said, but I know I tried to tell the truth and shall be very glad to have you make any use of it you wish.

Faithfully yours,

OFFICE OF THE
ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY
120 BOYLSTON STREET
BOSTON

September 29, 1916.

Dr. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Under another cover we are mailing you a cut of the Chapel interior 3 x 4½", screen 110. The enclosed is a hand proof from the engravers.

With the hope that this will be what you want for one of your bulletins and with all good wishes.

Yours very truly,

ESTEY ORGAN COMPANY.

P/S

e R Pulliam

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

June 19, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Thomas:

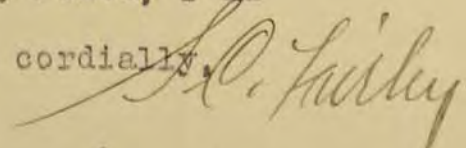
This letter may come in the midst of your commencement duties, but Mr. Pratt and I have been immensely pleased with the account of your sermon which appeared in "The Times" today. We wish we could hear more of such preaching and are sure that it is the only solution ~~of~~ our difficulties.

The dedication of your new chapel noted also in the item of course interests us in connection with our HYMNAL OF PRAISE as you anticipated being able to use the book possibly when the new chapel was ready. We shall be very glad to hear from you on this and to arrange to send you THE HYMNAL OF PRAISE in time for the opening of the College in the fall.

Will you be down for the N.E.A.? If so, we shall certainly hope to see you.

With kind regards from Mr. Pratt, I am

Yours very cordially,



SCF/GHE

*An interesting and representative lot
of adoptions on the enclosed.*

9300

June 20, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Fairley;

I thank you for your kind letter and was pleased to have the clipping from the Times.

I had not seen it.

We have not selected a hymn book for the new chapel and must do so before the opening in September. I shall be guided somewhat by the counsel of our new professor of music, Mr. Lewis J. Hathaway, who comes to us from Montpelier Seminary. I shall submit to him the copy of your book which you kindly sent me with several others and shall hope to reach a decision in ample time for the opening.

Faithfully yours,

2300

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June 22, 1916.

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

My dear Dr. Thomas:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 20, and while you state that you will hand over to Mr. Hathaway the copy of our HYMNAL OF PRAISE, we have thought it well to send a copy direct to him at Montpelier Seminary, Vermont.

By the way, if you are to be in attendance at the N.E.A., we shall most certainly hope to have you call upon us, as you will remember that our office is directly back of Madison Square Garden where the main meetings of the Association will be held.

In regard to THE HYMNAL OF PRAISE, we hope very much that you will feel like adding your word of approval to it as it is so rapidly becoming the standard college hymnal of the country, and has received the highest commendation from men who have the best interests of college singing at heart.

If Mr. Hathaway is also to be here, why not let us have a crack at him?

Cordially yours,

S. C. Fairley

SCF/GHB

MONTPELIER SEMINARY
MONTPELIER, VERMONT.

June 27, 1916.

The A. S. Barnes Company,
New York.

Dear Sirs:

THE HYMNAL OF PRAISE has been received. It seems to me we can not do better than to introduce it at Middlebury College, where I expect to be next year. I have looked it over carefully and think it will be well suited to the use of the students.

I suppose the order will have to come from the President of the college, however.

Respectfully,

Lewis. J. Hathaway.

DUPLICATE.

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July 12, 1916.

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

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I am wondering if this letter will follow you to the Texas border, as I noted that you have joined your Vermont Regiment as Chaplain.

We have had a most interesting letter from Mr. Hathaway, of which I herewith send you a copy. Note his closing paragraph, and now we only await your approval and we are hoping very much that the order may be received during the summer, in good time for delivery, before opening of the college year.

You will recall that our prices are \$75.00 per hundred in the cloth binding and \$90.00 in the half morocco. We will also include free, full morocco copies for the desk and organist if desired. The name of the college may be stamped in gold on the covers at 4¢ per book, one line at 15¢.

If you are in Texas and are not completely wilted by the heat I hope you may give early attention to the matter. With kindest regards from us both, I am

Yours very sincerely,

S. C. Fairley

SCF...ACB

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 Hathaway'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,

August 4, 1916.

A. S. Barnes Co.,
381 Fourth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Sirs;

In the absence of President Thomas, the matter of the hymnal has not been finally acted on, but it will be before long. I send this note to ask you whether the specimen copy of the HYMNAL OF PRAISE is in the half morocco binding, or whether it is what you call cloth, at \$75 per hundred. The back, and about one half inch on each side is either real or imitation leather, but none of us was able to determine whether it was really the morocco binding or not.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very truly yours,

THE A.S. BARNES COMPANY

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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 the HYMNAL 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.

SCF...HEP

2300
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 Mead Memorial Chapel on each copy.

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

Faithfull

2300

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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.

SCF...HEP

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September 22, 1916.

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

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am ^{distressed} ~~depressed~~ to learn that your books have not arrived and I have sent wire tracer after them. We have the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad receipt for the books as shipped September 16th, though they were delivered to them on the 14th. Very likely they are delayed on account of the freight congestion, but I hope they have arrived by this time. If they have not arrived, please let me know, and we will instigate further search to this end.

Yours very sincerely,

S. C. Fairley
Treas.

SCF....ACB

September 25, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Fairley;

Your letter has been received. The books were not here for the Sunday service and I had to borrow some of the books of one of the village churches to supplement our own supply. They came this morning, however, and we sang the first hymn at the chapel service. They have not been checked up but I will do so and attend to your bill.

I think I ought to subtract the amount we had to pay for the leaflets we were obliged to have printed for use the first days. I think we are going to like the book very much indeed.

Faithfully yours,

2300
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September 26, 1916.

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

Dear Mr. Thomas;

I have your letter of the 25th, and I am relieved to learn that the books have at last arrived; but also grieved at the annoyance and confusion occasioned by their tardy arrival. You have still fifty (50) copies coming to you, which we hope to ship in a day or two. There seems to be a strong demand for the book this fall and we have the James Milliken University, Ursinus College, Pratt Institute, Ferry Hall and Pillsbury Academy; besides re-orders from institutes ^{now} already using the book.

While we were, of course, not responsible for the delay in receiving the books, since they were sent just as soon as they could be received from the bindery and properly stamped, yet if you think that it is a just charge, you will of course, deduct the cost of the leaflets from our bill.

We are glad to know that you already like the Hymnal and we are positive that your interest will increase.

Mr. Pratt joins me in my kindest regards.

Yours very sincerely,

S. C. Fairley
Treas.

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Middlebury-001133

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September 30, 1916.

Rev. Harry E. Fosdick, D.D.,
Union Theological Seminary,
New York City.

My dear Doctor Fosdick;

We have just entered a beautiful new chapel. For the first time the institution has a worthy place for its daily worship and also for a Sunday service. We have vespers at five o'clock with a brief address. We have no fund for college preachers and I take most of the services, but a few of our alumni are allowing us to bring in some men from outside during the present year. Could you come for us October 29 or November 5 or 12? The compensation would be \$50.

Middlebury is reached by through car from New York on the line to Montreal, about eight hours. If you wish, a night train after the service would bring you back at seven thirty A.M.

Faithfully yours,

UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

BROADWAY AT 120TH STREET

NEW YORK

October 4th, 1916.

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

My dear President Thomas:

Thank you for your cordial letter of invitation. It would give me great pleasure to preach in your new chapel if it were possible. Every one of my Sundays, however, until the fall of 1917, is already taken and it is out of the question for me to accept the opportunity which you so kindly have offered me. With so good a reason to give in excuse I am sure that I can expect your pardon for this negative reply.

While I am writing, let me send a question to you that I had intended writing about for some time. Can you tell me something of the record of Mr. F. R. Schwartzwalder, who I believe graduated from Middlebury last year, and in whose course I was somewhat financially interested? A letter addressed to him at the college has received no answer, and I should be glad alike to know his address and to have some word as to the impression which he made in Middlebury.

With cordial good wishes always, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Frederic J. J. J. J.

*89 N. 19th St. S. D.,
Home address -*

November 22, 1916.

Mr. Henry R. French,
18 Park St.,
West Lynn, Mass.

My dear Mr. French;

It was very good of you to write me concerning the feeling of Mrs. French and yourself as to my sermon at Mount Holyoke last Sunday. Such testimonies bring fresh inspiration and courage. I always find a sympathetic audience at Mount Holyoke and the attitude of Miss Woolley encourages frank dealing with truth and the output of one's best.

If you are ever in this part of Vermont I hope you will look me up and let me show you about Middlebury College, especially our new chapel, which contains the pulpit I enjoy best of all. I shall take the liberty of sending you one or two of our college bulletins.

Faithfully yours,

September 26, 1916.

Miss Sarah Funnell,
Huntington, N. Y.

My dear Miss Funnell;

I thank you for your very kind letter and your promise to join with Miss Lusk in a subscription of one share of the Hudson Professorship. It is very kind of you and I assure you the help is appreciated. The fund has not grown very rapidly, but it grows a little now and then, and I am hoping for eventual success.

I am very pleased to hear that you have such an excellent business position and I certainly wish you all success. I know that many of our girls would like to look forward to something other than teaching and perhaps your example, and information you may be able to give them, will prove very helpful.

It is most interesting to me that you were reminded of Middlebury and of me by the hymn to which you refer. If I am not mistaken, we shall plant many more such associations in the minds of our students through the services in our beautiful new chapel. It is simply wonderful to me; the spacious and reverent room, the beautiful organ, and the effect of the choir and large body of students singing heartily. I wish much you could join us on one of the daily services - we hold them at ten o'clock now; or at a Sunday vesper service. Hepburn Hall is also glorious. We shall have much to show you when you next visit Middlebury and I know you will receive a very hearty welcome, not the least in this home.

Faithfully yours,

1116
January 6, 1915.

Hon. F. L. Greene,
365 House Office Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Colonel Greene;

I received your good letter of January 3 and have given the desired directions to the Register. It is very congenial to me to extend notice of favorable words concerning you, as I am sure you know.

I am grateful for your kind words, but I am sure you overestimate. I am simply a plain, honest, Vermonter, with enough common sense to get along tolerably well, and fool enough to think that what ought to be done can be done. I confess it is great joy to see things go as they are going just now in Middlebury College. Governor Mead's new chapel is most beautiful and now it has a chime of bells that bring the angels a little oftener to this valley.

I congratulate you too on your magnificent opportunity of being at the heart of things in the greatest days the world has known for many a generation. You have a great opportunity and I know you realize it.

Faithfully yours,

January 17, 1916.

Mr. W. W. Gay,

157 West 105th St.,

New York City.

My dear Mr. Gay;

I have received your note and thank you for the payment of \$10 toward your subscription of \$50 to the Hudson Fund. This fund is not growing very rapidly but it has made a sufficient start to give me encouragement that some time we shall be able to complete it. I hope the time may come when I may again work at it vigorously.

I suppose of course I shall see you at the dinner the evening of the 28th. I shall have a good report to make concerning progress during the year and shall confess enthusiasm for the latest additions to our plant, the Mead Chapel and the Hepburn Dormitory.

With best wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

2384

November 21, 1916.

Rev. Charles O. Gill,
104 North 3rd St.,
Columbus, Ohio,

My dear Gill:

I have your letter of November 17th concerning the meeting of the Commission on Church and Country Life at St. Louis. As I have already written Doctor Macfarland it will be impossible for me to attend the meeting. I am very sorry and fear I am of very little help to you.

Things are going increasingly well at Middlebury and my time seems to be more occupied than ever with strictly college work. When you next come to Vermont I shall want to show you our beautiful new chapel as well as a fine dormitory and commons for boys.

Faithfully yours,

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April 17, 1916.

Rev. Charles E. Hesselgrave, D.D.,
South Manchester, Conn.

My dear Hesselgrave;

I am glad you have written me about some supply work. I have no doubt there will be opportunities, although you realize that Vermont churches are slow in making arrangements very far ahead. I will bear the matter in mind and will at once communicate with one or two.

I had not heard concerning Mr. Raymond of Proctor. I am quite sure they would be very sorry to lose him there, but I can appreciate also that it might be a good thing for him to try his powers in a different field.

I felt that I struck up quite a friendship with Father McGurk. He was certainly a delightful traveling companion and very kind to little children. My trip south was the first real vacation of any length I have had during eight years and I greatly enjoyed it.

I suppose Doctor Collins will arrange for chapel service in the new chapel. I am sure it will be a delightful privilege to conduct a service in that building. It grows on me as a most dignified and impressive place for reverent worship.

Faithfully yours,

November 9, 1916.

Mr. L. P. Hinds,
First National Bank,
Concord, N. H.

My dear Mr. Hinds;

I thank you very much for the neat and convenient memorandum pad, which I shall be very pleased to place on my desk. I lost something similar on the Texas border last summer and this will make a very pleasing substitute.

I remember your kind letter of about a year ago. You may be interested to know that I was never so happy in my college work as this year. Our new chapel gives me an instrument with which to reach our students such as I have never had before. It is an impressive building, with an atmosphere of reverence, and the daily service, which I conduct, as well as the special service Sunday, gives me a more intimate contact with the students than I have ever enjoyed. There seems to be quite a different atmosphere about the entire college. We have also an excellent new dormitory, something we very much needed. These, with other recent additions to our facilities place the college on quite a different footing. There is still much to be done, especially on the financial side, before we reach the firm establishment which is my ambition.

Again thanking you for your kind thought,
I am

Faithfully yours,

September 27, 1916.

Rev. George E. Hoar, D.D.,
Newton Theological Seminary,
Newton, Mass.

My dear Doctor Hoar;

Mr. Whittemore tells me that you are to be in Middlebury on Sunday, November 19, to speak at a Sunday evening service. I would be very glad indeed if you would also be willing to speak at our college vesper service at five o'clock. Perhaps Mr. Whittemore has told you that we have a beautiful new chapel and that much interest is taken in the service there. Since the attendance is required, I am very careful to close the service within forty-five minutes, which gives fifteen minutes for the sermon.

I should be very glad to have you visit our town and college and see something of our work.

Faithfully yours,

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September 25, 1916.

Rev. C. K. Hoyt, D.D.,
Auburn, N. Y.

My dear Professor Hoyt;

I was away during the summer on duty as Chaplain of the First Vermont Infantry in Texas, and have only recently returned to my college work. I find your letter of August 15th and the photograph of my father, for which I thank you sincerely. I had seen this photograph, but had no copy so well preserved. I am sure you will know that I deeply appreciate your kind thought. A likeness of my father at a later period hangs in my study and is a constant inspiration. I wish he might have lived to see something of my work here, especially the new chapel which we are just entering. It is a beautiful building of the old meeting house type, but with impressive and reverent interior. I feel that it gives me an opportunity to do much more for our students than I could under the old conditions.

Faithfully yours,

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September 28, 1916.

Mr. James M. Hubbard,
9 Massachusetts Ave.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Hubbard;

Notwithstanding your prohibition I want to acknowledge your kind letter. My address was printed with the thought that it would interest our alumni and the parents of the students, but I am very glad to learn that you and Mrs. Hubbard took pains to read it.

I want to tell you how much I am enjoying our beautiful new chapel. It is a most reverent room and the singing of the students in its wide spaces is most effective. I am very sure that a reverent service conducted daily in such a chapel will tend to impart dignity, thoughtfulness, and a sense for the finer things to all who participate. Your suggestion of a prayer for teachers is excellent. There is one in the Presbyterian book of common order, published under the editorship of Doctor Henry Van Dyke, with official sanction, some years ago.

Faithfully yours,

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January 18, 1916.

Professor Arthur L. Janes,
60 Herkimer St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Janes;

I thank you for your interesting letter and am pleased with your spirit of co-operation. We would be glad to do anything we could for the student in whom you are interested, but a scholarship is out of the question. We have only a very limited amount for girls outside of Vermont, and assignments are never made to Freshman girls.

You may perhaps point out to her that our charges are quite moderate and that general expenses here are also modest.

We could admit the young lady on a certificate for 14 points including required subjects from Erasmus Hall high school. A diploma of graduation is not necessary, although desirable. I have no doubt if she has done certificate grade work in all courses except Music and Drawing, she would be able to meet the standards of our Admission Committee.

If you would like to know as to this point exactly, if you will fill out tentatively the enclosed certificate, I can give a more definite answer, or if you will have it filled out officially, if it is

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not too early, I can communicate the official decision of the Committee on Admission.

You will see some very pleasing changes on your next visit here. The new chapel is proving a most beautiful and impressive structure and the Hepburn dormitory is simply immense. The last item is that Mr. Hepburn proposes to decorate the club rooms of the Commons building with his magnificent trophies from his various hunting expeditions, including some of the finest specimens of big game that have ever been collected.

I am always glad to hear from you and wish you would write me more often.

Faithfully yours,

June 3, 1916.

Rev. B. M. Kent,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Kent;

We are to dedicate the new Head Memorial Chapel Sunday, June 13, the service beginning at 4 P.M. The sermon will be preached by Dean Charles R. Brown of Yale Divinity School. I hope we can have representatives of different churches have some part in the service, and I would be very glad indeed if you could be here and would be willing to let me assign you some part. We think we have a most beautiful chapel and I expect an impressive service of dedication.

May I thank you for your kind reference to Middlebury College in your published report some weeks ago? Some time I want the chance for a friendly argument with you as to whether we are a Congregational institution.

Faithfully yours,

June 23, 1916.

Mr. Arthur B. King,
Westhampton Beach, N. Y.

My dear Mr. King;

I want you to know of the great Commencement we had and the enthusiasm and feeling of confidence on the part of our alumni. I am sure the college never felt itself so strong as just now. You are coming to us on a very promising morning.

Of course there was great satisfaction over Hepburn Hall and the alumni were surprised at the extent of the structures and the excellence of its facilities despite all my previous descriptions. But I am sure the great impression was made by the interior of the new chapel. It is certainly most impressive and the services there, especially with the fine organ and large choir, made a deep impression upon all.

My other purpose in this letter is to call your attention to Edward T. Maul, 273 E. 7th St., Brooklyn. Mr. Wiley may have written you of him. I am just promising him a scholarship of \$60 and the letters I have received concerning him seem to indicate that it would be desirable to make an effort to secure him. I wish you could look him up.

I think Mr. Wiley and I had better go over the list and see if there is anything else you can do for us before coming north. Perhaps I had better send you these letters, which you will kindly return.

Faithfully yours,