

January 4, 1917.

Hon. John A. Mead,
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor Mead;

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

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

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

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

Faithfully yours,

Rutland, Vt., Jan. 2, 1917.

Doctor John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

I received your favor of Dec. 30th in due season and in the same envelope the President's report, covering the last few years. All of this I have read with special interest and I am sure it will be pleasant reading to many of the alumni and friends of our college. Surely the growth of the same was agreeable in every way and the prophecy as to the future, reaching the number of five to six hundred, is what we shall all look forward to with special pleasure.

The additions to the grounds and buildings of the college are certainly most satisfactory and if another seven years could only equal that of the last, our friends would all realize that Middlebury, to use the expression of the street, was surely "on the map." Mr. Hepburn's dormitory must be a stimulus certainly to our students and I appreciate very fully the necessity of another one or two buildings at a very early date. "The reception building," I should think, would be a pleasant factor for some of our moneyed friends to consider, and what an addition it would be; and another to be called the "Vermont Hall" surely would be of special attraction and benefit to our students.

Your suggestion of condition of gifts with "the annuity condition" I can but feel will be attractive to just such people as Doctor Boardman, and in fact I have another in mind this moment and only wish that we had given him earlier attention. I refer to Doctor Henry Walker of New York. He is surely a man of quite large means, has no kith or kin, and why could he not be made interested in Middlebury? I have

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The report which you have just made to the alumni, it seems to me, points more strongly than ever to the need of more of this very class of men.

With very kindest regards, believe me,

Yours most respectfully,

J. C. McCard



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

Rutland, Vt., Jan. 5, 1917.

Doctor John M. Thomas,

Middlebury, Vt.

My Dear Friend:-

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

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

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large means.

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

Yours most respectfully,

J. M. T.



THOMAS W. ROGERS,
GENERAL
CONTRACTOR

Brandon, Vt. Jan 20th 1917.

John M. Thomas
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Sir:-

I must say that I am disappointed in not receiving a Check from you before this as I asked you for it on the 10th Inst, I must advise you again that I must have a check, It has been six months since the Chapel was completed, I think I have waited more than a reasonable time now.

Very truly yours.

Thomas W. Rogers

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January 22, 1917.

Mr. Thomas W. Rogers,
Brandon, Vermont.

My dear Mr. Rogers;

I have received your letter of January 20th and admit that the chapel account should have been closed. When we received your final statement we at once communicated with Doctor Mead. He replied that he was leaving on a trip for the west and could not attend to the matter until after his return. We have not heard from him. No doubt you should have the money and I will ask Mr. Fletcher to send you a check, advancing the amount from our general funds and trusting to Doctor Mead to reimburse us later.

Faithfully yours,