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

My dear Governor Mead:-

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

I remain, my dear Governor Mead,

Yours most gratefully and faithfully,