

MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT, FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1915.

## SUCCESSFUL COMMENCEMENT.

Large Attendance and Enthusiastic Gatherings.  
Sixty-nine Members in Graduating Class.  
Ex-Governor Mead Presents a  
Chime of Bells.

LARGEST CLASS GRADUATED	CHIME OF BELLS
<p><b>Professor Wright Honored for 30 Years of Service. Darwin P. Kingsley and Rev. John W. Chapman, '79, Among the Recipients.</b></p> <p>The old Congregational church was taxed to its capacity Wednesday morning for the culminating exercises of the 115th Commencement of Middlebury College. Trustees, Faculty, and candidates for honorary degrees made a body of about fifty on the platform. The procession from the campus was the longest since the centennial of 1900 and nearly the entire body of the church had to be reserved for alumni and members of the graduating class.</p> <p>The day was cool and the exercises were most enjoyable. The program was excellent, the subjects of the speakers being interesting to all.</p> <p>The bestowal of the degree of Doctor of Letters upon Professor Charles B. Wright, who completes this year thirty years of service as a teacher of English Literature at Middlebury, was a surprise to him and to nearly every one present. In conferring the degree President Thomas spoke as follows:</p> <p>"Thirty years ago by invitation of President Hamlin you left the company of the first students of Johns Hopkins University to begin your work as a teacher at Middlebury College. A large fraction of our living graduates have been your pupils. They have learned from you to think clearly, to express</p>	<p><b>An Additional Gift from the Donor of the Mead Memorial Chapel.</b></p> <p>A pleasant surprise of Alumni Day was the announcement of the gift of ex-Governor and Mrs. John A. Mead of a chime of bells for the new Mead Memorial chapel. The letter in which he made the gift was read at Bread Loaf Tuesday and was greeted with prolonged applause. Dr. Mead testified to his great satisfaction in making the gift and urged others to do what they could for the college during their lifetime. His letter was as follows:—</p> <p>"There is one matter in connection with the new chapel which has not yet been determined, that of a bell. I have been considering this subject carefully for some time and I feel it would be very appropriate to have a chime of bells, distinctive from anything in the village and of sufficient compass to sound out over the campus and village the beautiful hymns associated with Christian worship. I feel that such a chime would convey a helpful message to a great many who would never come within the walls of the chapel, as well as to successive generations of students, and become in time one of the most hallowed memories of Middlebury College. If acceptable to the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Mead and I would be pleased to add a chime of bells to our gift of the Mead Memorial Chapel."</p>

## CHIME OF BELLS PURCHASED.

Ex-Governor John A. Mead of Rutland has signed a contract for the construction of a chime of bells to be placed in the tower of the Mead Memorial chapel. The chimes will be cast by Meneely & Co. of Watervliet, N. Y., a firm of many years successful experience. There will be eleven bells, the largest weighing 2500 pounds and the smallest 275 pounds. Any ordinary church tune or secular air can be played on the chime. Each bell will have an inscription of presentation by Governor and Mrs. Mead, with a stanza of Tennyson, —

“Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.”