

JUNE 25, 1914.

GROUND FOR CHAPEL BROKEN

GIFT OF EX-GOV. J. A. MEAD TO MIDDLEBURY.

Gov. Mead Also Makes Gift of Corner Stone—His Duty To Continue the Work Begun By His Ancestors.

The exercises of commencement week at Middlebury Tuesday centered largely in the ceremony of breaking ground for the Mead memorial chapel, the gift of Former Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland.

A scripture lesson, from the first copy of the Bible brought into the Otter Creek valley, was read. Former President Ezra Brainerd offered the prayer.

Ex-Gov. Mead broke ground for the new chapel and made the presentation of the corner stone. A copy of the Bible was placed in the stone by John Abner Mead Husman of Rutland, grandson of the donor.

In his address at the breaking of ground Gov. Mead said:

"These relations, with many others which I will not rehearse, make it especially my duty to continue the noble work which these ancestors inaugurated on the first evening of their arrival in this valley, and thus the thought of being able financially, and of being permitted physically, to erect this chapel has been the source of sincere pleasure to me for the last few months. As I strive to discern the future, I am strengthened, yes, assured, by the many promises of Holy Writ, that the acts of this day performed under such favorable auspices, will be a source of great pleasure to my family, to my friends, and to myself, and I trust it will be "the bread cast upon the waters" which will return to many thousands who will succeed us as members of this college, and through their influence and teaching will remain a blessing to many others living in distant lands and during generations yet to come,—and other thousands who will never know when or where the sacred seed was planted, which grew so abundantly and comforted them—and theirs with sacred blessings, and which can only spring from one source."

Rev. James L. Barton, DD., LL. D., of Boston, also a graduate of the college and a member of the board of trustees, delivered an address in accepting the gift from former Gov. Mead. Prof. Charles B. Wright delivered the address in behalf of the student body. The exercises closed with benediction by Rev. Arthur H. Bradford of Rutland.

Mead Memorial Chapel.

The festivities of commencement week centered largely in the ceremony of breaking ground for the Mead memorial chapel at 2:00 p. m., the gift of former Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland. The exercises of laying the corner stone were very impressive.

A scripture lesson, from the first copy of the Bible brought into the Otter Valley, was read. Former President Ezra Brainerd offered the prayer.

Ex-Gov. Mead then broke ground for the new chapel and made a presentation of the corner stone. A copy of the Bible was placed in the stone by John Abner Mead Hinsman of Rutland, grandson of the donor.

The acceptance of the gift in behalf of the trustees was by Rev. James L. Barton. Prof. Charles B. Wright delivered the address in behalf of the faculty. Homer J. Vail, '14, gave the address in behalf of the student body. The exercises closed with benediction by Rev. Arthur H. Bradford of Rutland.

At 4:00 o'clock came the ball game between the Chinese University of Hawaii and Middlebury, resulting in a score of 7 to 2 in favor of Middlebury.

THREE-YEAR-OLD PARTICIPATES.

Ex-Gov. Mead's Grandson Helps to Break Ground for Mead Memorial.

An interesting episode in connection with the ceremonies of breaking ground for the Mead Memorial chapel at Middlebury last week was the placing in the corner stone of a copper box, hermetically sealed, by John Abner Mead Hinsman, three-year-old grandson of the donor. This box contained a copy of the Holy Bible, a national silk flag, copies of the Rutland Daily Herald of June 16, 1914, Rutland Evening News of June 25, 1914, and the Middlebury College Campus of June 20, 1914, containing descriptive articles upon the nature and offering of the gift, and also a program of the Middlebury college commencement exercises for 1914, the speech of former Gov. Mead upon the auspicious occasion and the cards of the family, Dr. and Mrs. John Abner Mead, Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Hinsman and John Abner Mead Hinsman.

In the ceremony of breaking the sod for the foundation of the edifice, ex-Gov. Mead, assisted by his grandson, who, with a spade the handle of which was decorated with blue and white ribbon, the colors of the college, worked with a will amid the applause of the audience.