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Rutland, Vt., June 29, 1918.

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

My Dear Doctor:-

I have just received a copy of the Middlebury Register of the 20th inst. and note the full account of your splendid and most remarkable success in securing the \$400,000 endowment for our college. I have realized that you were up against, as the boys would say, "a hard task" but I felt sure of your ability to succeed in the same. Please accept my most hearty congratulations and best wishes for yourself, your family and the college; also please find enclosed my check for \$1,000, the amount of my gift for this noble cause; and now be assured that we will all do the best we can for the Class of 1922.

Yours most respectfully,

(Enclosure)

July 1, 1918.

Hon. John A. Mead,

Rutland, Vt.

My dear Governor Mead:

I thank you very much for your kind letter and your check for \$1,000 in payment of your subscription to the Liberty Endowment Fund of Middlebury College. You are very generous in your approval of my endeavors and I feel that I am receiving credit for more than belongs to me personally. We have had the help of a great many friends in many places, without whose efforts we could not have succeed at all. The returns the last week or ten days have surprised me, being altogether beyond my expectations. Most of the subscriptions have been small, but the total is over the top of the suggested goal, with a gratifying margin for safety. Of course this cannot be published, but I can say to you that it is fortunate that we have a little margin, as many of the subscriptions run over three years, in which time a good many things may happen, especially during a period of war.

I cannot begin to tell you of the expressions of good will that are flowing in to me from every side. I am sure our college never had so many friends, nor stood so well in the hearts of the people. If I mistake not, the after results of this endeavor will be very helpful to the dear old college.

Again let me thank you for standing by me so helpfully and giving me the privilege of ringing the Dextology in announcement of the success of our endeavor.

Faithfully yours,

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