

Rev, Dr. John M. Thomas, LL. D.,

President of Middlebury College.

My Dear President Thomas:-

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myself to make the necessary contracts for such a structure and to supervise the erection of the same, and I will then bind myself and my estate to provide the necessary means for its erection and completion in accordance with the suggestions of this letter and with the contracts to be made by your committee.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John D. Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Respectfully,".

Rutland, Vt.  
May 11, 1914.

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE  
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE  
MIDDLEBURY, VT.

May 15, 1914.

To the Trustees of Middlebury College:-

Your associate, Governor John A. Mead, has made it possible for me to make an announcement which will bring you all great satisfaction and encouragement, as it gives me the keenest pleasure. I enclose a copy of his letter to me signed May 11th which assures the erection of an appropriate and beautiful chapel for Middlebury College.

I have testified many times to the great need of such a building and the large possibilities for good in connection with it. We have all felt for many years that it was one of the most urgent needs of the college, and those who have been closest in touch with the daily life of the institution have felt the need most earnestly.

A chapel is not an income producing building and its erection should be accompanied by an endeavor to increase our endowment and secure a men's dormitory which would yield a revenue and provide for our increased student body. I very much hope that the General Education Board will now look with favor upon our application for a grant towards a fund of \$500,000, towards which we now have a good start in the \$10,000 recently contributed by Governor McCullough and the amount suggested by Governor Mead for the erection of a chapel. I will greatly appreciate the assistance of any of you toward this end and trust I may have your co-operation in promoting the movement which has been so well begun.

Faithfully yours,



P.S. May I hear from you immediately as to whether you will authorize the acceptance of Governor Mead's proposition and the appointment of the Building Committee which he suggests?

FRANK C. PARTRIDGE

PROCTOR, VT.

May 16, 1914.

President John M. Thomas,  
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Your good news is received and I am delighted that your dream of a new chapel is to be realized. It is a generous and beautiful thing for Governor Mead to do and of course I agree, as one of the Trustees, to the acceptance of his proposition and the appointment of the building committee which he suggests.

Faithfully yours,

*Frank C. Partridge*

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*(I have written to him -)*

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*Mr. John S. Mead,  
Rutland Vt.*

*My dear Gov. Mead,*

*Congratulations and many of them for the splendid gift to Middlebury College. This is a most worthy reminder of your great loyalty to this Institution, and one that can and will be instrumental in great good to the student-body as long as time lasts. I almost envy your future, for who can foretell how many boys and girls will receive inspiration for the better things of life by reason of this meeting place. Your honorable public career is certainly glorified by the act. May the Heavenly Father in whom we believe preserve your life many years. Sincerely J. E. Weeks*

*May 17, 1914*

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Chairman of the Board

May 18, 1914.

Hon. John Abner Mead,  
Rutland, Vermont.

My dear Governor:

I am gladdened beyond expression by the receipt of a letter from President Thomas this morning, enclosing copy of your letter to him.

It is a splendid, well-considered and generous action on your part. It shows you possess that love for Alma Mater, which is one of the greatest charms of college life, the essence of college spirit; it shows your respect and reverence for your forebears, which is one of the highest qualifications a man may possess, and it shows, also, your disposition to do a good and useful act for the community in which you live and the State which you honor and which has bestowed its highest honor upon you. Congratulations and thanks.

Sincerely yours,

*A. Barton Hepburn*

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May 19, 1914.

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,

6 Regent Circle, Brookline, Mass.,

May 22, 1914

My dear Thomas,

I can't tell you how pleased I was & am at the news that Governor Mear wishes to build a chapel on the College grounds. I had not thought that he dreamed of it.

And how fitting that it should be at the semi-centennial of his graduation - showing that his love for his College has not waned but waxed during the 50 years.

Now I in his place as to means & attachment to the Institution, no one else should be allowed to contribute a penny to the purchase of even the Cushions for the seats, the Bible for the desk, or for the organ or piano that should grace the room.

Convey to him, please, my personal thanks for his generous plans. Of course the Trustees will allow him his way, & will <sup>be</sup> everlastingly grateful to him in taking it.

Most Cordially Yrs,

Brainard Kellogg



Middlebury, May 23, 1914.

My dear Mr. President;

Replying formally to the welcome news contained in your message of the 15th, I wish to concur in the acceptance of the "Mead Memorial Chapel."

It is a splendid gift, and will be especially welcome to you, who have so long desired it. I congratulate you upon once more receiving the fruits of casting your bread upon the waters.

I trust that the General Education Board will now look with favor upon your application for a grant toward a new fund, on contemplating this new evidence of the substantial and loyal support of our alumni.

Cordially yours,

John A. Fletcher

1914

Degrees

Voted to confer the Degree of M.S.  
(in course) upon  
Margaret Farmworth Sheldon

New Instructors.

Voted to approve the Prudents appointments of instructors as follows:-  
Llewellyn R. Perkins, Mathematics \$1,200.-  
Miss Marion Spaulding, Home Economics \$1,100.-

Mead Chapel.

The following resolution, introduced by Dr. Brownell, on motion of Dr. Barton & Prof. Kellogg, was adopted by a rising vote:-

"Whereas our esteemed colleague, the Honorable John Abner Mead of the Class of 1864, has signified to President Thomas his desire, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation, to erect a Chapel for Middlebury College, and his readiness to furnish the sum of from fifty thousand to sixty thousand dollars for the erection of such an edifice;

Resolved that the President and Fellows of Middlebury College, hereby accept of this munificent benefaction with sincere gratitude to both Dr & Mrs Mead and their family for their deep interest in the religious welfare of the College, so impressively manifested by this provision of a suitable place for divine worship.

Resolved that the Trustees through the Committee nominated by Dr Mead will use their best endeavors to secure the erection of a dignified and substantial structure, in harmony with the other buildings of the College, and such as will meet the approval of the donor."

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Dr Mead made fitting response to this resolution. His letter of presentation follows in full:

Rev. Dr. John M. Thomas, L. L. D.  
President of Middlebury College,  
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rise from the highest point on its campus as a symbol of the position, most prominent in every respect, which Christian character and religious faith should always maintain in its work for our youth.

I have in mind the furnishing of from \$50,000. - to \$60,000. - for the erection of such a structure, and I hereby suggest that the Trustees of the College consider appropriate plans for its erection which shall meet with my approval, and that said Board appoint a Building Committee at once, consisting of President Thomas, former President Brainerd and myself to make the necessary contracts for such a structure and to supervise the erection of the same, and I will then bind myself and my estate to provide the necessary means for its erection and completion in accordance with the suggestions of this letter and with the contracts to be made by your committee.

Respectfully,

(signed) John Edwin Mead "

{ Rutland, Vt.  
May 11, 1914. }

On motion of Mr Partridge, seconded by Dr Abernethy, the Building Committee for the Mead Chapel was elected as above, Arms Thomas, Brainerd, Mead and Weeks.

Mr Collins of the architectural firm of Allen & Collins then appeared before the Board with tentative plans for the new Chapel, which were discussed at length.

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## EX-GOV. MEAD GIVES COLLEGE A CHAPEL

President Thomas of Middlebury Announces Offer of \$60,000 for Memorial.

### TO BE OF WHITE MARBLE

Former Vermont Chief Executive Commemorates 50th Anniversary of His Graduation.

(Special to the Free Press.)

Middlebury, May 15.—President John M. Thomas announced this evening at a meeting at the graduation the gift of a \$60,000 memorial chapel by ex-governor John A. Mead of Bristol, to be called the Mead Memorial chapel. The memorial chapel announcement was greeted with great enthusiasm. The gift of the money for the chapel was made during the celebration of President Thomas.

President Thomas in making the announcement read ex-governor Mead's letter which was present. He said it would be a gift of great service to the college, giving a place of worship and service such as the college has never had.

Ex-Governor Mead was cheered by the students. It is the intention of the college that the chapel will be of white marble. Plans have already been prepared by Allen, dean of the college. The chapel will be erected in harmony with the architecture of the other college buildings. The building is to be of white marble and the dimensions 60 by 120 feet with a gable roof. It is hoped that the cornerstone may be laid at some convenient time next year and that the building will be finished by commencement in 1917.

In making ex-governor Mead's address there were speeches by ex-President Ezra Ripley, ex-governor Mead's classmate at Middlebury College, Professor Vernon C. Merriman, and the Rev. Arthur H. Bradford of Bristol, pastor of ex-governor Mead's church, the First Congregational.

Dr. Bradford, an Intermediate President of the Vermont State Conference of the Y. M. C. A., announced the usual service, singing 23, 100, 1. Many cheering and shouting. The bells were struck and the college when it left, to be read after the service, commencing to the subject name of ex-governor Mead's gift to the college.

**GOVERNOR MEAD'S LETTER.**  
The Mead's letter to President Thomas offering the gift was as follows:  
Dear Mr. John M. Thomas, etc., etc.  
President of Middlebury College.  
By your President, Thomas.—In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the graduation from Middlebury College and in recognition of the arduous labors of my beloved father in the development of this college, I desire to make a gift to you of a place of worship for the college, the same to be known as the Mead Memorial chapel. I have in mind a dignified and substantial structure in harmony with the other buildings of the college and representative of the magnitude and amount of the gift. The building is to be of white marble and the dimensions 60 by 120 feet with a gable roof. It is hoped that the cornerstone may be laid at some convenient time next year and that the building will be finished by commencement in 1917.

In my great-grandfather, the great uncle father of this valley, who brought the first copy of the holy bible here, the unknown wilderness, and the first Christian service of the Vermont government of this town, which was held in the first meeting house, I have been my hope and prayer that I might be able and honored to build for the college a suitable place for divine worship and that it might be the highest point in the college as a memorial of the position of my great-grandfather in the history of this valley and the State of Vermont now always best remembered.

I have to thank the forbearance of from \$60,000 for the erection of such a structure, and I heartily suggest that you should accept of this gift as a memorial chapel for its erection which will surely be with my approval, and that you should appoint a building committee at once, to conduct the President Thomas, former Governor Bradford and myself, to make the necessary arrangements for such a building and to supervise the erection of the same, and to provide the necessary means

for the erection and completion in accordance with the suggestions of this letter and with the committee to be made by your committee.

**JOHN ANNEAL MEAD.**  
"DON'T CARE TALKER."  
Introduced to the students by President Thomas, former Governor Mead said in part:  
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"I had no more to say than to tell the 'young' to which I have given more and more thought as I have made my way through the world. I don't know the reason. They're weary of small matters, they're weary of success, they're weary of poverty, and lastly, but by all means not least, they're weary of my expressions. Don't take any heed. I mean to cover the skin of not following in the footsteps of the men

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May 18th to 23rd.

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# EX-GOV. MEAD GIVES COLLEGE A CHAPEL

(Continued from page one.)

accompanying break down in health, and abstinence from the use of liquor. The speaker said he did not mean to have his hearers understand he meant to slight the small matters and he did believe that constant worry after the best efforts had been expended was needless and useless.

"Never since I left the regular army service at the close of the Civil War have I used alcoholic beverages in any form," continued Dr. Mead, "and on this subject I could quote you instance after instance where I have prospered because my brain was alive and not befuddled with liquor or the result of excessive smoking."

In closing former Governor Mead said that in his opinion a boy born with a silver spoon in his mouth was oftentimes saddled with a drawback that in a majority of cases proved disastrous. Men and animals are born lazy and if there is not something to strive for, generally there is little gained.

Dr. Mead also referred to the habit of working day by day, doing all that needed doing and a little more, and he said there should never be despair of ultimate success.

Frequently during his address Dr. Mead told amusing stories to illustrate his point and his own life story was referred to at intervals during the hour's talk.

PRICE THREE CENTS

### EX-GOV. MEAD GIVES MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE \$50,000 FOR CHAPEL

Program is to Lay the Corner  
Stone on June 23, at  
Commencement.

#### DONOR GRADUATED, CLASS 1864

President John M. Thomas at Assembly of Faculty and Student Body Announces Gift and Reads Letter From Dr. Mead—Donor Speaks of His Interest in Alma Mater—New Building to Be of Marble 100 by 58 Feet—Will Seat 700 Persons.

(Special to The Herald.)

Middlebury, May 15.—Middlebury college's chapel, which has stood on the corner of the institution for 73 years is to pass and in its place is to be erected a structure of marble, in cost about \$50,000, the funds for which to build it being a gift from Dr. John A. Mead of Rutland, who graduated from Middlebury 50 years ago this year. The announcement of the gift came as a complete surprise this evening when President John M. Thomas read a letter from Dr. Mead, at an assembly of the faculty and student body in the McCullough gymnasium, called by the president. The purpose of assembling the faculty and students at this time was to announce and when President Thomas made the announcement the enthusiasm became contagious. Dr. Mead, who was present, was overwhelmed with thanks from scores of men and women, past and present students of the institution.

To Seat 700 Persons.

The new chapel, the corner stone of which will probably be laid on Tuesday, June 23, during Commencement week, will be located on the highest part of the campus, west of the present chapel. The building, colonial in style, built of marble will be about 28 by 100 feet and will seat 700 persons. There will be a balcony in the rear overlooking the main floor. Allen & Collins, Boston architects, have submitted plans to President Thomas, Dr. Mead and the former president, Ezra Brainerd, who will act as the building committee. A house, built in the building will contain the following inscription: "Mead Memorial Chapel, Erected in 1914, by John Abner Mead of the Class of 1864."

President Thomas called the assembly to order and read Dr. Mead's letter. The president spoke briefly in expressing his appreciation of the gift and dwelt upon the significance of such a building in upbuilding college life. President Thomas said that Dr. Mead's gift was the largest received during the first year of the present president's administration.

Dr. Mead's Letter.

He read the following letter from Dr. Mead:

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Respectfully,  
JOHN ABNER MEAD

Dr. Mead was introduced by President Thomas and for several minutes was unable to make himself heard owing to the cheering, which gave the characteristic "hoop cheer," which was the "Mead cheer."

Other Gifts Long Chanted.

Introduced to the students by President Thomas, former Gov. Mead said in part:—

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MAY 16, 1914.

### EX-GOV. MEAD GIVES MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE \$60,000 FOR CHAPEL

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"And so there comes to mind five 'don'ts' to which I have given more and more thought as I have made my way and these are: 'don't follow the crowd'; second, 'don't worry over small matters'; third, 'don't despair of success'; fourth, 'don't fear poverty'; and lastly but by all means not least, 'don't use liquor.'

**Dr. Mead Gives Advice.**  
"By my expression, 'don't follow the crowd,' I mean to convey the idea of not following in the footsteps of the majority of people. Be original and think out problems for yourself. I know of an experience which may more easily explain my point. My uncle was a prosperous farmer, one of the wealthiest in his section. For a time all the farmers about him raised sheep and sold the wool and at this time he was turning his money into butter and cheese from a young herd of cattle. Soon his neighbors came to him and said: 'Wool is cheap and "cheese and butter" are expensive and we want to trade sheep for cows.' A deal with many was consummated and soon all the farmers about were producing cheese and butter and he had all the sheep so the price of wool went sky high. Then they all came back and traded again, he realizing the harvest and this was continued till Frank, his Blanchard was considered one of the wealthiest farmers in Vermont and he started life with a farm heavily mortgaged. By not following the crowd he became wealthy. And during my experience I have ever kept in mind the fundamental principle followed by Mr. Blanchard."

**Do Not Worry.**  
Former Gov. Mead then took up the question of "worrying over small things," which he claimed often led to the loss of sleep and appetite and the accompanying breakdown in the health. The speaker said he did not mean to have his hearers understand he meant to elicit the small matters and he did believe that constant worry after the best efforts had been expended was needless and useless.

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**"Midd" Among Leaders.**  
Dr. Mead then referred to the advantages enjoyed by the students of Middlebury college; of the special advantages of being under the leadership of President Thomas, who has wrought such wonderful changes in that institution; and who stands today among the leaders in educational life, not only in Vermont but in New England. He felt they should fully appreciate these benefits and that they should govern themselves that they would be an honor to their "Alma Mater" and to their state. He told them they might attain to any honor they might aspire. If they were willing to make the effort they should succeed in their ambition. Frequently during his address Dr. Mead told amusing stories to illustrate suggestions he had made in his address.

Prof. Vernon C. Harrington, speaking for the faculty and student body extended the thanks of both to Dr. Mead. Rev. Arthur H. Bradford, pastor of the Congregational church of Rutland, congratulated the college on receiving such an appropriate gift. President Thomas announced that the "varsity" team had today defeated Colgate university thereby increasing the enthusiasm of the occasion.



**DR. MEAD'S GIFT TO MIDDLE-  
BURY COLLEGE.**

Middlebury college and its faculty, its students and alumni, are to be congratulated on the handsome gift proposed by Dr. John Abner Mead of this city, former governor of Vermont, the details of which appear in The Herald's news-columns this morning. The gift of a chapel, in which the eternal Truth may be taught, and devoted to the sacred purposes of divine worship, is an admirable expression of active piety and reflects creditably upon its donor.

The figure set upon the gift insures a building of substantial and enduring character, and the traditions of the college, no less than the dignified style of its architecture, would seem to insure a chapel that will speedily take its place among the institutional buildings of a campus which traces back a glorious history through 114 years of useful life.

It is peculiarly fitting that Dr. Mead should thus recognize Middlebury college, an institution so peculiarly a part of his native state and his personal environment, for the reason that, as he sets forth in his letter of gift, his great-great-grandfather was the first white settler in the Otter Creek valley, and brought the Bible, in all its sublime and uplifting beauty, to the peaceful Indians of the wilderness.

The college, too, which has made for itself an enduring name and place in Vermont's institutions of education and uplift, must feel, through its faculty and student body, a peculiar pleasure in accepting the Mead Memorial chapel as an expression of native patriotism and appreciation from a citizen who has been honored with the highest executive office in the gift of his state.

The Herald, for its readers, heartily joins in the sincere approbation and praise which this gift will justly inspire.

# THE MIDDLEBURY CAMPUS

Vol. X.

THE MIDDLEBURY CAMPUS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1914.

## A NEW CHAPEL.

Ex-Governor John A. Mead will Celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary of His Graduation by Erecting a Chapel for Middlebury College. Announcement Received with Enthusiasm at Assembly of Faculty and Students May 15. Plans are Underway.

There was an atmosphere of expectation and curiosity about the college campus last Friday. President Thomas had invited the Faculty and students to assemble in the McCullough gymnasium in the evening, without announcing the object of the gathering, except that "it would be worth their while to be there." And it was! The "gym" was filled at the appointed time, at least fifty men finding "standing room only." The college hand seemed to increase the expectancy of some announcement that would call for enthusiasm. Ex-President Brainerd and Ex-Governor Mead, '64, accompanied the president to the platform. The audience was not kept waiting long, for President Thomas soon brought out a manuscript from his pocket, and during a hushed approval which every one could sense, read the following letter from Dr. Mead:

Rev. Dr. John M. Thomas, LL.D.,  
President of Middlebury College.

My Dear President Thomas:

In commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of my graduation from Middlebury College, and in recognition of the gracious kindness of my heavenly Father to me throughout my life, I desire to erect a chapel to serve as a place of worship for the college, the same to be known as the "Mead Memorial Chapel." I have in mind a dignified and substantial structure, in harmony with the other buildings of the college, and expressive of the simplicity and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the State of Vermont have always been distinguished.

It was my great-great-grandfather, the first white settler of this valley, who brought the first copy of the Holy Bible into this unbroken wilderness, and it was his wife, my great-great-grandmother, who gathered her large family about her in an Indian wigwam for the first Christian service of the Vermont pioneers of this immediate region. With this memory ever present, it has been my hope and prayer that I might be able and permitted to build for this college a suitable place for divine worship and that it might rise from the highest point on its campus as a symbol of the position, most prominent in every respect, which Christian character and religious faith should always maintain in its work for our youth.

I have in mind the furnishing of from \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the erection of such a structure, and I hereby suggest that the Trustees of the college secure appropriate plans for its erection which shall meet with my approval, and that said Board appoint a Building Commit-

tee at once, consisting of President Thomas, former President Brainerd, and myself to make the necessary contracts for such a structure and to supervise the erection of the same, and I will then bind myself and estate to provide the necessary means for its erection and completion in accordance with the suggestions of this letter and with the contracts to be made by your committee.

Respectfully,

JOHN ABNER MEAD.

There could be no question of the hearty gratification which this letter evoked from all present. Cheer-leader Dade took the platform and the "long Middlebury" resounded for Middlebury's latest benefactor. Every one felt that a gift of great significance and importance had come at a most opportune moment, and as the donor spoke of his love for the college and feeling of gratitude towards her, of his early struggles to secure an education and his strong desire to see the work of the college perpetuated, the meaning of the gift became clearer to all.

Governor Mead spoke with deep feeling of his life while a student at Middlebury and of some of his experiences in the Union army while he was still enrolled as a member of the Class of 1864. He said that President Thomas had urged him to state some of the principles and maxims which had governed his life and by which he had attained success. These he summarized under "Five Don'ts,"

1. Don't follow the crowd. Think for yourself. Get out of the beaten path. Success in business depends upon the courage to follow your independent judgment. Do more than others. Work harder than any other man in the shop.
2. Don't worry about the smaller things of life, nor the large ones either. Fight your hardest and leave the results with God.
3. Don't use liquor or tobacco, in any form or in any amount.
4. Don't despair of success in life. You can accomplish what you wish. You have nothing in the world to be afraid of but yourselves.
5. Don't be afraid of poverty and don't be discouraged if you have a hard time to get a start. It is not the man who has the most at the beginning who succeeds best, but the man who is willing to work the hardest and who early learns to overcome obstacles.

At the close of his address Governor Mead was cheered long and heartily. President Thomas spoke briefly of the importance of a chapel in the work of a college, and said that in visiting other colleges and noting their beautiful

chapel he had often longed for one for Middlebury. He said he hoped it would be the most commanding object on the campus, a building in harmony with the other buildings of the college.

Ex-President Brainerd was introduced by President Thomas as a wise and considerate friend, always loyal in his support, and generous and kind, in counsel. He was received with a cheer and spoke effectively of the value the new chapel would have for the college and the place which religious faith should play in all earnest life. Brief remarks were also made by Professor Harrington and Rev. Arthur H. Bradford, Governor Mead's pastor in Rutland.

In closing the meeting President Thomas said that the corner stone of the "Mead Memorial Chapel" would be laid at Commencement, and that the exercises would be one of the features of Alumni Day, June 23.

And so Middlebury starts out on the road of progress once more, or rather continues steadily to advance despite discouragements and apparent setbacks. After the completion of the General Education Board fund of \$200,000 and the Carnegie report, it looked as if progress was at an end for a time, and that the college would be forced to battle to keep even. Governor Mead has changed all that. His gift will inspire every friend of Middlebury to courage and optimism and every one will believe that still other gifts and yet more notable advances are to be the order of the day.

### Student Government Election.

The annual meeting for the election of officers of the Student Government Association was held on Monday afternoon, May 18. The results of the election were as follows: President, Ruth Kendall; vice-president, Margaret Mills; secretary, Harriet Myers; treasurer, Josephine Tracy.

St. Louis, Mo., May 17.—Bankers in this part of the country are waiting eagerly for the new Federal reserve banking system to go into effect, and they feel confident it will result in a general quickening of business, according to J. B. Jennings of Moberly, President of the Missouri Bankers' Association, who arrived here to attend the State convention of bankers tomorrow.

### R. P. I. Track Meet.

On the 23rd Middlebury will meet R. P. I. in a track meet. With "Casey" and other veterans back in the line-up we hope to win. Anyhow, we will give them a good fight.

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## Gift for Middlebury College.

Ex-Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland, who graduated from Middlebury 50 years ago this year, has donated \$60,000 with which to build a new college chapel of marble to take the place of the old institution which was built 78 years ago. The new chapel, the corner stone of which will probably be laid on Tuesday, June 23, during Commencement week will be colonial in design and will seat 700 persons. A bronze tablet in the building will contain the following inscription: Mead Memorial Chapel, Erected in 1914 by John Abner Mead of the class of 1864. A building committee consisting of President Thomas, former President Brainerd and Gov. Mead was named.

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### EX-GOV. MEAD GIVES \$60,000

THIS SUM FOR NEW CHAPEL AT MIDDLEBURY.

Commemorates Fiftieth Anniversary of His Graduation and Memorial Also to His Ancestors Who Brought First Bible Into Otter Creek Valley. At an assembly of the faculty and student body of Middlebury college in McCullough gymnasium last Friday evening President Thomas announced that ex-Gov. John A. Mead of Rutland had signified his intention of giving to the college a chapel to cost about \$60,000.

The chapel is to be erected on the ridge west of what is called the "old campus." It will be 50 feet higher than the present chapel. Plans have been prepared by Allen Y. Collins of Boston. The chapel will be colonial, in harmony with the architecture of the other college buildings. The material will be white finished marble, and the dimensions 60 by 120 feet, with a spire over 100 feet high. It is hoped that the cornerstone may be laid at commencement this year and that the building will be finished by commencement in 1915. A bronze tablet in the building will contain the following inscription: "Mead Memorial Chapel, Erected in 1914, by John Abner Mead of the Class of 1864."

President Thomas, after reading Dr. Mead's letter, spoke briefly in expressing his appreciation of the gift and dwelt upon the significance of such a building in upbuilding college life. President Thomas said that Dr. Mead's gift was the largest received during the five years of the present president's administration.

#### GOVERNOR MEAD'S LETTER.

Dr. Mead's letter to President Thomas offering the gift was as follows:

Rev. John M. Thomas, LL. D., President of Middlebury College.

My Dear President Thomas—In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of my graduation from Middlebury College, and in recognition of the gracious kindness of my heavenly Father to me throughout my life, I desire to erect a chapel to serve as a place of worship for the college, the same to be known as the Mead Memorial chapel. I have in mind a dignified and substantial structure in harmony with the other buildings of the college, and expressive of the simplicity and strength of character for which the inhabitants of this valley and the State of Vermont have always been distinguished.

It was my great-great-grandfather, the first white settler of this valley, who brought the first copy of the holy Bible into this unworked wilderness and it was his wife, my great-great-grandmother, who gathered her large family about her in an Indian wigwam for the first Christian service of the Vermont province of this immediate region. With this memory ever present, it has been my hope and prayer that I might be able and permitted to build for this college a suitable place for divine worship and that it might rise from the highest point on its campus as a symbol of the position, most prominent in every respect, which Christian character and religious faith should always maintain in its work for our youth.

I have in mind the furnishing of from \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the erection of such a structure, and I hereby suggest that the trustees of the college secure appropriate plans for its erection which shall meet with my approval, and that said board appoint a building committee at once to consist of President Thomas, former President Brainerd and myself, to make the necessary contracts for such a building and to supervise the erection of the same, and I will then bind myself and my estate to provide the necessary means for its erection and completion in accordance with the suggestions of this letter and with the contracts to be made by your committee. Respectfully,

John Abner Mead.

"DON'T USE LIQUOR."  
Introduced to the students by President Thomas, former Governor Mead said in part:

"When asked by Dr. Thomas to have in mind a few words for the students of this beloved Vermont institution, I was at a loss to know just what line would be most interesting as well

as partially instructive to you and I so suggested to the president of this college. He said, "Why don't you tell them some of your ideas of getting on in the world? You started with nothing and have made a success in your business and political life, and why not drop the young men and young women a few suggestions according to your ways and methods?"

"And so there comes to mind five 'don't's' to which I have given more and more thought as I have made my way. These are: 'Don't follow the crowd'; second, 'Don't worry over small matters'; third, 'Don't despair of success'; fourth, 'Don't fear poverty'; and lastly, but by all means not least, 'Don't use liquor.'"

"By my expression 'Don't follow the crowd' I mean to convey the idea of not following in the footsteps of the majority of people, be original and think out problems for yourself."

"Take my own case. The Howe Scale company was bankrupt four times previous to 1880 and nobody wanted to buy the stock. I saw a chance, bought in the stock and to-day it is probably the greatest scale company in the world."

Gov. Mead then took up the question of worrying over small things, which, he asserted, often led to the loss of sleep and appetite and the accompanying break down in health, and abstinence from the use of liquor. The speaker said he did not mean to have his hearers understand he meant to slight the small matters, but he did believe the constant worry after the best efforts had been expended was needless and useless.

"Never since I left the regular army service at the close of the Civil war have I used alcoholic beverages in any form," continued Dr. Mead, "and on this subject I could quote you instance after instance where I have prospered because my brain was alive and not befuddled with liquor or the result of excessive smoking."

#### DETECTIVE SERVICE.

Attorney-General Will Soon Issue a Statement.

Attorney-General Brown sends the following letter to the press regarding the recent showing of expenses in connection with his office and the payment of large sums for detective service:

To the Editor:  
In view of the one sided and unfair statements that have appeared in certain newspapers of this state, regarding the expenses of "detective service," I deem it best to prepare and publish for the information of the people of the state, a complete statement of the detective service which has been used, showing each item of expense in each county, the purpose for which the money was expended and the result obtained. In other words, it is my purpose to have both sides of the account before the people so they may judge of it upon full information.

It can be readily understood that the preparation of such a statement involves considerable work and will take some little time inasmuch as it is necessary to obtain from the state's attorney of each county a full report of the criminal proceedings in each county. This statement is now being prepared and will be completed and placed before the people as soon as possible, without interfering with the performance of the duties of my office.

I trust that this statement will be of assistance to the people of this state in determining the question which seems now to be squarely raised, as to whether or not the crime shall be commercialized in this state, in other words, whether the proper, efficient and successful prosecution of the higher crimes shall be made to depend upon the question of what it may cost. In the meantime, all that the legal department of the state asks is that the people suspend judgment in this matter until full information can be furnished them so that they may know the exact purpose for which money has been expended and the net result of such expenditure. Very respectfully yours,

R. E. Brown, Attorney-General.

#### EAST PANTON.

Mrs. Richard Harnebe is visiting at John Rivers'.

Henry St. John returned from the middle west about a week ago.

Miss Jennie Russett, Miss Mary Dumart and Peter Rowett of Minerville, N. Y., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rivers.

If anyone thought the report of the Carnegie Foundation sounded the knell of Middlebury college, they have another guess coming. Only two weeks ago we reported a gift of \$10,000 from former Gov. McCullough to help keep the gymnasium going and now comes former Gov. Mead with a magnificent gift of \$60,000 for a memorial chapel. It is particularly appropriate that Gov. Mead, whose ancestors brought the first Bible and held the first Christian religious service in Otter creek valley, should erect this house of worship in Middlebury, thereby proving his Christian spirit and his love for his alma mater. Every friend of Middlebury will rejoice in its good fortune and join in gratitude to the man who makes this latest and much needed addition to the campus possible.