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Proctor, May 16, 1914.

Dear Doctor 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 Head 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 O. Partridge

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Burlington, May 16, 1914.

My dear President Thomas;

I most heartily give my voice in favor of the acceptance of Doctor Read's offer to build a chapel for Middlebury College and of the appointment of the Building Committee suggested by him.

I congratulate you and the college on this good fortune, especially on account of its coming just now when the clouds seemed for a while to be darkening the future. This will show conclusively that Middlebury College has friends of means and influence whose faith in the institution has not been shaken by recent criticism. I trust that this will prove to be but a drop before the shower.

Yours very truly,

Rufus C. Flagg

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North Bennington, May 16, 1914.

My dear Mr. President;

I am just in receipt of your letter of the 15th instant enclosing a copy of Dr. Mead's letter to you in which latter letter the Doctor proposes to give the college a chapel building, and you ask me to join in authorizing the acceptance of Governor Mead's proposition and the approval of the appointment of the building committee suggested by him.

I gladly give my assent to both propositions and congratulate heartily both the college and Governor Mead upon this gift of the Governor and its acceptance by the college.

I am, as ever,

Faithfully yours,

J. G. McCullough

STATE OF VERMONT
CHAMBERS OF SUPERIOR JUDGE
AND CHANCELLOR

Vergennes, Vt., May 16, 1914.

Dear Doctor Thomas:--- Hurrah for Dr. Mead! I have just written him thanking him and telling him he has become one of the immortals.

You did not spend me the book which your firm ~~shot~~ would make a good standard for the Bailey book.

Yours very truly,

James L. Irish

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Middlebury, May 17, 1914.

My dear Dr. Thomas;

Returning from Detroit I find yours of 15th inst. relative to the proposal of Dr. Mead to erect a chapel. You have my assurance herewith of my official acceptance of this generous gift, and of my high appreciation of the generosity of the giver. I approve the selection of the building committee mentioned and the suggestion that the architecture should be wisely chosen by the best architects available to furnish a beautiful design.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Stewart

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My dear Dr. Thomas;

You are certainly to be congratulated in the gift of Governor John A. Mead. This chapel will satisfy a much needed addition to the equipment of Middlebury College and its acceptance is most heartily approved.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Weeks.

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Mr John C. Neal,
Rutland Vt.

My dear Mr Neal,

Your intentions and
many of them for the school at
Middlebury College. This is a most
worthy reminder of your great capacity
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. My honorable public career
is certainly glorified by the act. May the
Heavenly Father in whom we believe, preserve your
life many years. Sincerely yours
J. E. Weeks

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Manchester, Vt., May 18, 1914.

Dear Thomas;

I am more than glad to learn of the very generous and timely offer of Dr. Lead and of course I vote to accept it and also heartily approve of the committee he has suggested. It is much better to have a good committee of three than a larger number as you can all get together at any time and know exactly what is wanted. I had been hoping that Governor Lead would do something generous for the college as I understand he is abundantly able, and this is a more fitting gift for a memorial than a dormitory would have been though that also is badly needed and will come in time. The outlook for the college is greatly different than it was fifty or even ten years ago.

With great respect, I am

Truly yours,

D. K. Simonds.

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New York, May 18, 1914.

My dear Dr. Thomas;

I am in receipt of your favor of the 15th, enclosing copy of Governor Mead's letter.

It is truly a generous offer on the part of the Governor, alike creditable to his respect for his forebears, his love for his Alma Mater and his kindly disposition to do a good, noble and gracious act to the entire community.

Of course I concur with you in granting his request, in accepting the gift, and appointing the building committee named by him for the purpose of carrying the proposal into execution.

Very truly yours,

A. B. Hepburn



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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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New York, May 19, 1914.

My dear Doctor Thomas;

I received in due course your letter of recent date enclosing copy of Governor Mead's letter in which he proposes to donate to the college \$60,000 for the cost of a new Memorial chapel to be erected upon the college grounds. I can readily appreciate the pleasure and satisfaction which this ^{sift} affords you, and which is, I am sure, keenly shared by the trustees and every other friend of the college; and I beg to extend my most cordial congratulations. I most heartily favor the acceptance of Governor Mead's proposition, and the appointment of the building committee which he suggests.

I shall be glad to do anything in my power to promote the movement for the desired fund of \$500,000 although I am not at all sure that I can obtain any large subscriptions.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

William H. Porter

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Boston, May 19, 1914.

My dear President Thomas;

Your letter of the 14th instant brought great joy. I am taking the liberty of writing directly to Governor Mead with reference to his gift, expressing appreciation and satisfaction. It is a noble gift. I want to congratulate you upon securing it. It is better in many respects, I think, than to go out with a personal appeal to the alumni and friends of the college.

I wish I could do more in helping start this \$500,000 addition to the assets of the college. This building, with the \$10,000 that you already have, makes a good start. I suppose you can expect one-fourth from the Education Fund, which will make about \$375,000 to raise.

I am planning to be at the commencement this summer.

Hastily but very faithfully yours,

James L. Barton

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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,

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Brookline, Mass. May 22, 1914.

My dear Thomas;

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I can't tell you how pleased I was and am at the news that Governor Mead 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 fifty years!

Were I in his place as to means and 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 shall grace the room.

Convey to him, please, my personal thanks for his generous plans. Of course the trustees will allow him his way, and will be everlastingly grateful to him in taking it.

Most cordially yours,

Erainerd Kellogg.

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New York, May 22, 1914.

Rev. John W. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Doctor Thomas;

On my return from Battle Creek this morning I found your letter announcing the gift of Governor Head to Middlebury College as a chapel. I am very much pleased and gratified to think that such a gift is about to be made and I shall certainly co-operate in every way that Governor Head desires. To that end I give my consent that the building committee which he suggests be named.

With sincere good wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

George M. Wright

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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

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RE: HEAD CHAPEL

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Burlington, Vt. May 23, 1914.

My dear Doctor Thomas;

I had quite forgotten that your letter to the trustees required an answer, But you know what I would say. The conditions of the glorious gift are very easy, it seems to me.

Is Dr. Pritchett trying to conciliate Vermonters with his article in the Independent?

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Yours faithfully,

J. W. Abernethy

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Vichy, May 25, 1914.

My dear Dr. Thomas;

Your letters of the 12th and 15th came this morning together with enclosures which I greatly enjoyed reading.

Assuredly do I consent to the acceptance of Governor Mead's glorious gift of a chapel for Middlebury College and to the appointment of the special committee to control its erection. I trust that this committee will secure a design as perfect in form and adaptation as the chapel at Williams College. You have doubtless seen this.

Those papers you have sent me make me very happy. I rejoice at what the trustees and alumni have done and I am glad to see that you have, in the sporting phrase, got your "second wind" and that you are carrying on the work with good courage. I believe that still greater things are coming to Middlebury under your administration. I am fully persuaded that the report of the Carnegie investigators will not in the end harm Middlebury. It has called the attention of the people of the state to the condition of the schools and set them to thinking. In late years little attention has been paid to education. More must now be given.

Yours truly,

Henry H. Vail

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Esplanade - Marienbad, June 6

Pres. John M. Thomas,
Middlebury, Vt.

My dear Pres. Thomas;

I have just received here your letter of May 15th with the enclosed letter of Governor Mead. I congratulate you heartily on this fine gift which will be a beautiful memorial and a most needed and welcome addition to our buildings. If I knew his address I would write Governor Mead a letter of thanks. His most interesting letter with its details of early history should be framed and hung in the chapel - and also put in the box of the corner stone.

With renewed congratulations,

Yours truly,

M. Allen Starr

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Rev. John M. Thomas, D. D.,
President Middlebury College,
Middlebury, Vermont.

My dear Dr. Thomas:

I am this morning in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. which has been forwarded to me at my country home, to which point I was removed a week ago today.

I thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and know you will be pleased to learn that I have been convalescing rapidly. Fortunately I have not had the ravenous appetite which in most cases seems to be incidental to recovery from Typhoid Fever.

It has been a matter of sincere regret that I have been compelled to be absent from Middlebury at this particular Commencement Season. It would have been a great pleasure if I could have expressed personally to Gov. Mead my appreciation of his munificence in the gift which he has recently made to the College for a Chapel. I have felt for years that the one building which the College most needed is that which Gov. Mead has undertaken to erect. I feel that it should be located on the most prominent site and that, architecturally, it should be the most attractive of all the buildings of the College.

I believe that Gov. Mead will fully accord with this idea as I know that he feels, as I am sure we all do, that it ought to be the most attractive memorial erected on the College Campus.

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Rev. J. M. T. #2.

Of one thing I am sure the Governor may rest assured, and that is the co-operation of all of the Trustees in his effort and desire to make this building in every respect such as he has outlined.

Will you please express to him my appreciation of what he has done and what he is doing for the College?

With best regards, I am

Most sincerely yours,

James M. Gifford