THE PORTICO, MEAD MEMORIAL CHAPEL
College Opens for Its 128th Year

"FRESHMAN WEEK" INTRODUCED

SELF-EDUCATION KEY-NOTE OF PRESIDENT MOODY'S ADDRESS

EVEN with the enrollment of the Freshman class limited this year to 111 men and 72 women, the largest student body that Middlebury has ever had gathered on September 22nd for the opening exercises in the Mead Memorial Chapel. The 355 men and 298 women, who make up the total of 653 students, tax the capacity of the college plant and force to the front the question whether the college can or ought to expand any further without a general enlargement of its plant and facilities.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

In the opening address, Dr. Moody stressed "self-education" as the real method by which knowledge is acquired with the student himself on the faculty as its principal member. His address, replete with good advice and excellent thoughts, was well received by the students, alumni and friends who filled Mead Memorial Chapel. Dr. Moody's address as reproduced here, in part, will prove of interest to alumni.

"This morning I would point out an omission from the Middlebury catalog. It would be a hard omission to correct mechanically. Yet each of you can do it for yourselves. When you open your catalog to the pages given to the faculty, write your own name at the head of the list, above the President and the Deans, the professors, assistant professors, and so on. For you must be your principal instructor here. It is you who will teach yourself, more than any one other person. The work you do for yourself as task-master will be better than the work you do for any other member of the faculty. And you, if you are the right sort, will experience more difficulty in satisfying yourself than you will anyone else. If you are not worthy of a place on our faculty in this way, you do not belong here at all, and you will be asked to make room for some one else just as an instructor would be invited to resign who was not interested in the education of his students.

"All this is but another way of saying that all education is self-education. If you can once get this idea firmly fixed in your mind it will mean to you as you go on with college.
suddenly reveal the limits of what is known, they begin to understand truly what education is, for one definition of education, and not by any means the worst one, is the awareness of our ignorance. The more we know, the more we become aware of what we do not know.

"Lastly, self-education, if once begun, never ceases. It has been well said that the real problem of illiteracy in this country is not with the people who cannot read but with the people who can and will not, with the people whose education has stopped. If it has stopped, it is a question if it ever began. They may have absorbed information. They may even have a degree or two. But they have never learned to exercise their intellectual curiosity, have never learned to think. Unless a man has begun in his four years in college a process of thinking and study that will be endless, he has wasted his time in going to college at all.

"It is the hope and aim of the college so to co-operate with you, whether you are seniors or freshmen, that the process will begin now, but never end. And finally and above all, it is done in full recognition of the truth that intellectual curiosity is a God given faculty and that, as Charles Kingsley once said, 'A thought is deep in proportion as it is near God.' The end and aim of all education is to put you in the right relationship with your environment, and this is not possible if the thought of God is lacking, for the Divine, whether we recognize it or not, is the greatest factor of our environment. Failure to adjust is always more than anything else due to a disregard of the intangible, and the end of all truth is to know, not things, but Him, whom to know is life eternal. It is for that reason the first act of the college year is praise and prayer. It is because of that we meet first of all in the house of God. It is that we may not lose sight of this, that day by day, while the year passes, we gather here to worship."

"Freshman Week"

THE class of 1931 was given a special introduction to Middlebury through the "Freshman Week" program which was introduced this year.

On Monday evening, a mass meeting of the class was held in the Play House and the Freshmen were given an address of welcome by President Moody in which Middlebury's distinguished record was stressed and the present policy of the college was stated.

The college curriculum was explained by Professor D. L. Robinson and the registration system, by Miss Jennie Bristol, Registrar. Professor J. S. Kingsley spoke on the orientation course for Freshmen which he conducts throughout the year, under the title "Problems of Contemporary Civilization." Fenderson, '30, assisted by an impromptu orchestra, composed of 1931 men, led the class in the singing of Middlebury songs. Dean E. J. Wiley, chairman of the faculty committee on Freshman Week, presided at the meeting. Sex hygiene lectures were given to the men on Tuesday by Dr. F. N. Seerley, Dean of the Springfield Y. M. C. A. College, and lectures on the use of the library were given by Miss Laila McNeil, Librarian, on Tuesday and Wednesday. Informal talks by Dean Burt A. Hazeltine and Dean Eleanor S. Ross were on the program for Wednesday evening and following the talks a reception was given to the men of the class at the home of President Paul D. Moody. On Thursday the opening exercises of the college year were held at 9.30 A. M. in the Mead Memorial Chapel. Professor Kingsley gave the class a psychological examination in the afternoon and a get-together of the men's college was held in the McCullough Gymnasium in the evening at which the speakers were Professor P. N. Swett, Professor H. G. Owen, President Paul D. Moody, Coach Marshall Klevenow, Carlton Simmons '28, President of the Undergraduate Organization, and Storrs Lee '28. Music was furnished by the College Band under the direction of Mr. Joseph F. Lechnyr.

Physical examinations and the taking of "Identograph" pictures filled the spare moments when Freshmen were not attending meetings or involved in the intricacies of registration.

Classes began according to the schedule at 8 o'clock Friday morning, September 23.
The tablet, beautifully cast in bronze at the Tiffany studios, has been placed on the north wall of the Old Chapel, opposite that of Senator Silas Wright, and is reproduced below.

I have a firm belief in the efficacy of such memorials. I wish that all our students might know "English in the Schools," one of the most characteristic of Hudson's essays, and perhaps this tablet, through the years, will make such acquaintance more likely. A paragraph from it shows his faith in the perennial virtue of the writings that endure:

"One of our greatest needs at this very time is more of inspiration from the past. Living too much in the present is not good either for the mind or for the heart; its tendency is to steep the soul in the transient popularities of the hour, and to vulgarize the whole man. Not that the present age is worse than former ages; it may even be better as a whole; but what is bad or worthless in an age generally dies with the age, so that only the great and good of the past touches us; while of the present we are most touched by that which is little and mean. The shriekings and jabberings of an age's folly almost always drown, for the time being, the eloquence of its wisdom; but the eloquence lives and speaks after the jabberings have gone silent, God's air refusing to propagate them. So let our youth now and then breathe and listen an hour or two in the old intellectual fatherland, where all the foul noises have long since died away, leaving the pure music to sound up full and clear."

Charles B. Wright
Faculty Round Table Discussions
By William Sargent Burrage, Ph.D.
Professor of the Greek Language and Literature

My colleague and vis-a-vis having nefariously and feloniously purloined a most fertile topic by writing on a tablet, my own feeble imitation becomes perforce a mere tabloid. Unless the editors of the News Letter accept the foregoing complaint as a good and sufficient alibi, the few remarks that follow run a chance of meeting your eye.

One of the most outstanding features of the college year has been the gratifying success that has attended the energetic and far-seeing efforts of our new Alumni Secretary. He has organized Middlebury dinners in localities where they have never been held before, and has, wherever it was possible, personally attended meetings, supplied song-sheets and banners, and guided the program of speeches and events. The good effects of his policy are bound to become increasingly evident year by year.

Another wise change that is already bearing fruit is the provision for the reunion of “college contemporaries” instead of merely members of a single class. Apparently it never occurred to anyone until recently that oftentimes our best friends did not belong to our own class but to the group that was in college when we were there. The change makes possible a far wider appeal to individual graduates than was probable under the old arrangement, and cannot fail to result in fuller attendance.

It was my good fortune to attend the alumni dinners both at Bridgeport and at Boston, and it was very enheartening to hear the new keynote that was struck at both these gatherings. This new keynote was, as voiced in the pregnant phrasing of Dean Wiley, “You are not through with Middlebury when you graduate—you thereby become only the more vitally connected with her. The college needs your continuous interest, your thoughtful judgment, your wise advice.” (The Dean did not exactly say all this, but I am sure it would have his hearty endorsement.)

One had a feeling at each of these gatherings that those assembled were as much a part of Middlebury as would have been an assembly of the entire student body in, say, the Chapel.

This brings up the entire question of the proper relation of the alumnus to his Alma Mater. The alumnus is often a shy bird, and there would seem to be good reason for such a timorous and retiring attitude on his part. To employ an old Roman slogan, in too many colleges the relationship conforms to the phrase “Panem et Circenses” (bread and circuses.) The college furnishes the circuses in the form of winning football and track teams, while the alumnus is expected to reciprocate with the “dough.” The college underrates the alumnus in supposing him to have no interest save in the muscular prowess of her sons, and the alumnus tamely accepts her verdict and howls for more of the same coarse provender. The alumnus is always regarded by the college as fair game whenever she starts out on a drive for bigger and better buildings or for the relief of delicately nurtured faculty wives from domestic slavery. No wonder the alumnus is shy—for him, unhappy biped, it is always an “open season.” So he stays away, often from shame, from reunions, or fails to send the secretary his present mailing address. Witness the long type-written list of the “Lost” that the despondent secretary sends out every year to those that might know.

Now, this sort of thing is all wrong. The college often needs, and is justified in asking for, financial help from her sons and daughters, but there are also other and better ways in which they can help her. Neither a man nor yet a college can live by bread alone. A body of intelligent and loyal alumni is the most permanent safeguard that a college possesses. Compared with them, even a Faculty is a mutable group and a group whose entire complexion may be suddenly altered by perfectly natural causes. The alumni have the

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"Enumerate Not Your Youthful Hens Before Their Incubation"

By Charles B. Warner, M.D., ’77

You’ve doubtless heard this well-known saw—
"Enumerate not your youthful hens before their incubation."

Well, ’tis this homely proverb old—
Which after contemplation
I offer now, this afternoon,
For your consideration.

There is, I’ll warrant, not one man
In all this congregation
Who can—if he’ll but speak the truth—
Deny the accusation.

That oft, when musings all alone,
When lost in meditation,
Perchance he occupies
And expatiates on the merits
While his deep voice aloud is raised
A smile illumes his haughty eye
The curtain falls—the scene is
The infant yells, and thus dispels
And lo! he in the pulpit stands
A lofty temple meets his view
He gazes at his work so fair
And thinks that as an architect
Altho the breezy buildings are
"Too thin" for occupation.

He builds a million mission schools
For Negro education.
And then declares he’ll have no more
Of Chinese emigration.
And now he’s a college prof
Of "Ultra" cultivation,
So wise that not a man can pass
His first examination.
Or, perhaps, he’s a grave M.D.,
With world-wide reputation,
Curing all ills with potent pills
Of his own preparation.
Thus ’tis with men all o’er the world
Of every rank and station,
They’re building "castles in the air"
With cherished expectation.
Alas! that they should raise their hopes
On such a frail foundation.
The slightest blow will cause, you know,
Complete annihilation.

The Editors are confident that the printing of the above stanzas will be enjoyed by Middlebury Alumni, young and old, who were not privileged to hear them when read by the author as a feature of the last Commencement Dinner. They were first written and read by the author at the graduation of his class 50 years ago. The manner in which they reflect the college life and customs of the Middlebury of a half century ago makes them of especial interest.

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TWENTY-EIGHT men reported to Coach Klevenow for preliminary football training during the week of September 12 to 17. Practice sessions were held twice daily until the opening of college September 22nd, and since that time afternoon practice only has been the order of the day.

The new Freshman coach, William Harvey Hessler, who played end on the University of Cincinnati team, has been assisting coach Klevenow with the early training and will continue to work with both varsity and freshman squads throughout the season.

The varsity squad now numbers about 35 men, and prospects for a good team are encouraging. The team will miss the services of ex-captain Wiley, guard on last year's team, and of "Bo" Willis, half-back, who will be ineligible on account of faculty ruling. Veterans from last year's team who have been working out this year are "Mike" Furbush, captain and tackle, Webber, Bedell, Palmer, Jones, Sinclair and Waugh, linemen, and Hendrix, Himman, Ransom, Gollnick and MacLaughlin, backfield men. Whittemore, who played at end last year, has been shifted to the backfield and Gruggel has been switched from backfield to end.

The team is rounding into shape more rapidly than last year and coach Klevenow expects Middlebury to make a very satisfactory showing this year. The schedule follows:

| October 1 | Williams at Williamstown |
| October 8 | M. A. C. at Middlebury |
| October 15 | Tufts at Tufts College |
| October 22 | Freshmen vs. Varsity 2nd at Middlebury |
| October 29 | Hamilton at Clinton |
| November 5 | Norwich at Middlebury |
| November 12 | Vermont at Burlington |
| November 19 | Providence at Providence |

NON-SCOUTING AGREEMENT

At the organization meeting of the Green Mountain Conference which was held in Burlington, March 1st, 1927, Vermont, Norwich and Middlebury agreed to do no scouting of each other in football games this fall. In order that Middlebury may do its part in upholding this agreement, thereby making the non-scouting project successful, the athletic authorities hereby state that no information will be sought concerning Vermont and Norwich, and respectfully request that alumni refrain from sending information concerning our Green Mountain rivals either to the athletic authorities or to the players.

The Freshman squad of 45 men reported to coach Hessler, Friday, September 23.

FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

| October 8 | Clark School at Hanover |
| October 15 | Troy Conference Academy at Middlebury |
| October 22 | Varsity 2nds. at Middlebury |
| October 29 | Vermont Freshmen at Middlebury |
| November 5 | Dartmouth Freshmen at Hanover |

Harvey William Hessler from the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, has been engaged to act as assistant in the Department of Physical Education and Athletics for next year to take the place left vacant by Mr. Herbert Riegelman. Mr. Hessler has done major work in Physical Education. He will coach Freshman football and assist with the varsity football, as well as assist in the Department of Physical Education. He played end on the University of Cincinnati team under George McLaren, who was an All-American player under Glenn Warner. He also caught on the baseball team and made his letter in track, besides playing considerable basketball on the varsity team.

Varsity Doing Its "Daily Dozen"
ALUMNÆ MEETING

EACH year, whenever and wherever the alumnae meeting is held, a fair number of those who should be present of their own option go elsewhere. Even so, there was a good attendance when the President, Miss Grace Ellis of Worcester, called the meeting to order on June 18. The usual reports and minutes were called for and given. (The Association, by the way, is handicapped by members or should-be's who forget to pay the annual fee. A debt is therefore handed down for the incoming officers to wrestle with.)

The report of the Nominating Committee led to the cordial election of these officers for the ensuing year:

President, Miss May Peabody, '06, of Englewood, N. J.
Vice-President, Mrs. Anna Fisher Metcalfe, '06, of Springfield, Mass.
Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Frances Warner, '05, of Middlebury, Vermont.

These officers, together with Miss Grace Ellis, '12, of Worcester, Mass., and Miss Madine Rogers, '20, of Barre, Vt., made up the Executive Board.

For the Alumnae Committee, working with the Trustees in the interest of the Women's College, Miss Cornish reported a degree of activity, significantly hopeful as evidenced even by the full attendance of the Committee:

Dean Eleanor S. Ross, '95.
Miss Gertrude E. Cornish, '02, Norton, Mass.
Miss Margaret French, '11, Urbana, Ill.
Miss Edith Tallmadge, '21, Albany, N. Y.

As Dean of Women, Miss Ross was asked to report or comment. She showed the work of Middlebury to be intensive now rather than extensive. She spoke of new Student Government Rules, of changes in the curriculum, and of Middlebury's ideal for women as including four phases or points: training to earn a living, home making, good citizenship, culture. Miss Ross complimented the Worcester County (Mass.) Alumnae Club—a live organization in truth—and pledged her help to any group or individual seeking to keep in touch with the college of today.

As President of the Worcester County Alumnae Association, Miss Doris Ashworth, '22, was asked to give a little account of how her section has successful work for Middlebury.

ANNUAL MEETING OF ALUMNI

At the annual meeting of the Associated Alumni several matters of special interest to all were given consideration.

The question of securing better publicity for Middlebury in the press of the country was discussed and a committee was appointed to take the matter up with the College Trustees, and express the feeling of the Association that provision should be made at once for securing more effective publicity. The committee called the attention of the Trustees to the matter and a special committee of the Board together with Mr. J. J. Fritz, Business Manager of the College, has had the matter under advisement. Mr. Rickard, the newly appointed editor of the "Middlebury Register," has been engaged for the present, at least, to take charge of college publicity and it is hoped that more satisfactory results will soon be apparent.

Professor A. W. Peach, Editor-in-Chief of the "News Letter," raised the question as to whether the publication should be continued in the same general form or whether changes in its make-up should be introduced. It seemed to be the sense of the meeting that the "News Letter" should be continued as during the past year and it was suggested and later voted that definite bills for dues including the "News Letter" subscription should be mailed to alumni at about the time that the October number of the magazine was sent out.

The problem of finding a more convenient time for the annual meeting of the association so that a more representative gathering of alumni might be on hand when important matters of alumni policy were being considered, was discussed and a special committee was appointed to take up the matter. Arrangements were later made for rearranging other events on the schedule so that the meeting can be held next year immediately after the alumni and alumnae luncheon, which it is expected will be a more convenient time for all.

The reports of the elections which had been conducted through the mail were presented by the Secretary as follows:

National President, Homer L. Skeels, '98.
District Presidents:
   Boston district, Samuel L. Abbott, '05.
   Springfield district, Henry L. Bailey, '86.
Alumni Trustee, Carl A. Mead, '91.
CAME WE? WE CAN!

We have been looking over the records of the activities of the alumni of six New England colleges, and our feelings, frankly, are a bit envious. No one can study such records without realizing how definite an asset a well-organized and interested alumni body is to a college, and how definite a source of pleasure and profit it can be to the members individually. We envy these groups their justified pride in what they have accomplished, and wonder if our own organizations cannot join the procession. And not for a moment do we believe it cannot be done. Last year saw decided gain, and we hope this year will mark even more decisive progress. The News Letter is pledged to aid the movement in every possible way, and it will live up to that pledge, if time and effort freely given will do it. Now, if you want to help, you might—ahem!—remember that little dollar that speaketh so cheerily of good faith and good will.

A CORRESPONDENCE PAGE

We are planning to reserve a page in the next issue of the News Letter for alumni and alumnae correspondence. It will be a family page and, we hope, with a family using it. Letters from Middlebury people who are doing interesting things in the far corners of the world, letters from those nearer home who have ideas they wish to offer for the good of the clan, or just family gossip will be welcome.

AROUND THE COMMENCEMENT CAMPUS

We are not as well informed or inspired—we of the feminine side of this Board of Editors—as we should be to write under this caption. We were such a little way around the Campus that impressions had to be derived on the jump.

Plainly, the alumnae like to listen to Miss Ross. Of course, it's easy! But is not the desire to know the college of today, in its significance, of more worth than the pleasure of hearing the Dean, and is it not a graceful harmony that the alumnae desire is met by the Dean's readiness? As Middlebury women, we manifest a further spirit of confidence in the progress of our able committee at work with the Trustees in the interest of the Women's College, and we welcome the aid of the Advisory Committee representing other colleges. By all means let us learn from other experiences with as much humility as adaptability.

Is there a special brand of Commencement sympathy? We incline to think so. It is too genuine ever to be gushy, and too rapid in action even to be vocal; yet it answers every statement of handicap or sorrow. Comprehension leaps forward into the years of limitation for a woman still young who has lost the sight of one eye. There's a face just learned the trick of sorrow; when the reason is known as the death of a child, how full and how instant is the understanding! Yet at a time when old joys revive, one is too wise and too kind to express any sympathy except by the quick glance of friend to friend. Why, by virtue of the grace of Commencement, one woman doesn't even twit another of still choosing the wrong hat. She holds her tongue till well on the way home.

When going into a great art gallery, we have never been able to decide which is the richer experience,—to find the treasure for which we sought out the gallery or to come suddenly upon some wonderful picture we never heard of. No more can we choose between these Commencement experiences,—to have the greetings of old friends (without which we rest on their fidelity!) or to stumble upon some near-friendly greeting vouchsafed because some one has suddenly recognized in a stranger the hall-mark of Middlebury.
COMMENCEMENT PROS AND CONS

ONCE upon a time—for this may be a fairy tale for all we know—the president of a college said that when he retired he would prefer to be the warden of a prison. When asked the reason, he replied: "The alumni never return." We hasten to say that President Moody is in no way associated with this story—even as the teller of it, although he has the gifts of a raconteur (look up this word; it means more than you think—we just did); in fact, we have been very successful with one of his stories—in places where we were sure he had never been. The point, however, of this paragraph is that, according to our count, which after three attempts added differently by one point so we gave it up, two hundred and sixty-two alumni and alumnae returned for Commencement. This was a goodly number and represents much more than numerical values—renewal of old friendships, of interest in the College, a freshening of life's contacts with cherished things, memories to take away, intangible but very much a part of a man or woman's inner happiness. The more of such memories we have, the better, say we, before the windows be darkened.

A Commencement crowd usually expects to see its home team beaten in the annual Commencement game—an alum who doesn't has our admiration, but not our respect—so we at least were not surprised at Midd's defeat by St. Lawrence. What did surprise us was the failure of the "Parade and Field Stunts" by the reunion classes to come into being. It cannot be, because of the modesty of the members of those classes, for we know too many of them personally, so it was probably some other reason. Perhaps the next set of reunion classes will carry the project through. The best leaders of such "stunts affairs" are those who were noted in their college days for their innate gift in concocting a bit of "diviltry." We can make some very satisfactory nominations from the next reunion group if properly solicited and protected.

What a blessing the Twilight Musicale is in the confusion and hurly-burly of Commencement! The reverent hush of the Chapel in which the first shadows of the coming evening gather, the character of the music, the general atmosphere of fine and lasting things, all go to make the Musicale one of the charming events of Commencement. Whatever the connection may be, we leave to a psycho-... , but we found ourselves in between numbers musing off and on the recent statements of a scientist that "science is a raft resting on bottomless ooze," and that "rational activity will never bag the moonlight. It may kill the bird; it will not collect the song."

It is always good to see the younger graduates appearing for Commencement, but it is the return of the veterans that has the greatest appeal to our interest. The class of '77 with Calvin B. Moody, James M. Gifford, and C. B. Warner, reported in strength for its fiftieth reunion. Our fiftieth reunion is still far over the hills, but we hope we shall journey back with as much interest as these members of the "Old Guard" show in the college of their youth.

The dinner at Bread Loaf Inn has been questioned in our hearing as to its value in the Commencement program. When we disappeared in the subway rush to the dining-room, we fervently hoped that some cynics who didn't believe the dinner was a popular affair came in contact with our elbows as they certainly must have with our feet. Two hundred guests were present at the dinner—so there is one answer to the query, anyway, and if the rain had not descended, perhaps all the Commencement pilgrims would have been on hand. It is by no means a small task to handle such an aggregation, and credit should go to those in charge—Mr. Arnold B. Swift, '22, resident manager, and Mrs. K. S. Holbrook, hostess. We are suspicious of amateur waitresses, as the result of a demonstration we were subjected to once of the gravitational action of a plate of ice-cream improperly manipulated, but at Bread Loaf Inn even the waitresses were capable.

Two very enjoyable features of this Commencement were the play, "Outward Bound,"—an excellent play and excellently presented but bad upon a listener with a troubled conscience, and the concert by the band and glee club Saturday even-

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ALUMNÆ "JOTTERS" APPOINTED

In response to repeated requests, we gladly publish the list of News Letter "Jotters," as they were called at the alumna meeting authorizing their service. They are responsible to the Alumnae Association and act as assistants to the Alumnae Editor. Alumnae everywhere are requested to forward notes and news of interest to one or another of these official "JOTTERS," by whom such information is prepared for publication and forwarded at the proper time to the Alumnae Editor. Cooperation with their plan will make our News Letter much more interesting to everyone.

Mrs. Dudley Baird, 2434 Prospect St., Berkeley, Cal.
Miss Anne Smith, Memorial House, Englewood, N. J.
Miss Helen M. Carrigan, 477 Irvington Ave., South Orange, N. J.
Miss Sophie Musgrove, 75 Maplewood Ave., Pittsfield, Mass.
Mrs. Frederick L. Fish, 11 Hurd Road, Belmont, Mass.
Miss Grace Ellis, 13 Francis St., Worcester, Mass.
Miss Margaret Croft, 44 Willow St., Waterbury, Conn.
Miss A. Pauline Locklin, 222 South Gill St., State College, Pa.
Miss Katherine Ball, Fiske Hall, Keene, N. H.
Miss Marion Willey, 48 Tremont St., Malden, Mass.
Miss Theodora W. Crane, Seminary St., Middlebury, Vt.

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ning. The work at Middlebury in drama and in music certainly is far above the average of the usual college attempts in such fields, and these departments contribute decidedly to the interest of Commencement.

The program as organized appealed to us as pretty satisfactory. The weak spot was the meeting of the Alumni Council and Associated Alumni, Saturday morning; only a few appeared for what should be an important conference and discussion of alumni affairs. The hour is probably too early—our own appearance was something of an accident—for men to whom the week-end has a vacation flavor. Although there has been decided progress in alumni interests during the past year, there is much to be done, and the problem of a general, well-attended meeting is due for solution. We mention the problem and leave the solution to others in order not to deprive them of the honor of finding the answer.

D. J.

SKEELS NEW ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Homer L. Skeels, '98, who was elected to the Presidency of the Associated Alumni in the ballot which was taken through the mail and reported at the alumni meeting last Commencement, was born in Swanton, Vermont, November 19, 1875, the son of Lucias William and Lucy Robah (Hastings) Skeels. He prepared for college in the Swanton High School and Burr and Burton Seminary, Manchester, Vermont, and entered college in 1894. He studied law in Swanton and Ludlow, Vermont, from 1899 to 1902, when he was admitted to the bar. Mr. Skeels was appointed and served as Executive Clerk to Governor Stickney, 1900 to 1902. He has practiced law in Ludlow, Vermont, since 1902, being a member of the firm of Stickney, Sargent and Skeels, in which firm he was associated with Attorney-General Sargent before Mr. Sargent was called by President Coolidge to Washington, D. C. Mr. Skeels has held many State offices in Vermont and is one of the leading members of the Vermont bar.

ALUMNÆ Elected MAY PEABODY, '06

May Peabody, just elected President by the Alumnae Association, has led an interesting as well as interested life. Graduating in 1906, she taught variously, in particular for nine years as head of the English Department in Englewood, N. J. Next she went overseas with the "Y" in charge of an officer's coffee house in London, and on her return spent six years in personnel work in Cornell Christian Association. Last fall, at Englewood, N. J., she became Principal of a new community school, where it is difficult to say which is finer, its spirit or its reputation.

Madeline Halford Dixon, '19, planned to sail for Africa by September 15, if her health permitted. This time it will be a mission station in Portuguese East Africa instead of Mt. Sinda for Madeline and her husband and two children.
DR. JAMES L. BARTON, elected in 1895, is the senior member of Middlebury's Board of Trustees known as "The President and Fellows of Middlebury College." Dr. Barton was born in Charlotte, Vermont, Sept. 13, 1855, the son of Jacob Varney and Hannah (Knowles) Barton. He prepared for College in Beeman Academy, New Haven, Vt. Entered Middlebury College in 1877. Graduated from Middlebury in the class of 1881 and from the Hartford Theological Seminary in 1885. He received degrees from Middlebury as follows: A.B., 1881; A.M., 1884; D.D., 1894; LL.D., 1913 and LL.D. from Oberlin in 1917 and D.D. from Dartmouth in 1920. He was ordained in 1885 and was a missionary with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions from 1885-1894. He was President of Euphrates College in 1893. He has been Foreign Secretary of the American Board since 1894-1895. He was ordained in 1885 and was a missionary with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions from 1885-1894. He was President of Euphrates College in 1893. He has been Foreign Secretary of the American Board since 1895 and Chairman of the Near East Relief since 1913. In 1895 he was Chairman of a Deputation to Japan, to India in 1901 and to China in 1907. He was Director of the Relief Commission to the Near East in 1919 and had the unusual distinction of being adviser at the Lausanne Peace Conference 1922-23.

Dr. Barton has written numerous books and articles among which were: *Daybreak in Turkey, The Missionary and His Critics, The Unfinished Task of the Christian Church, Educational Missions, Human Progress through Missions, Christian's Approach to Islam, etc.*

Dr. Barton was married to Flora E. Holmes of West Winfield, New York, on June 3, 1885. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Upsilon fraternities.

The affairs of the College have received a great amount of Dr. Barton's interest and attention. He is a regular attendant at Commencement and a popular Chapel preacher.

CARL A. MEAD, '91, who has served as Alumni Trustee for the past year, received the distinction of being re-elected to the Board of Trustees of the College in the election conducted through the mail by the Associated Alumni and reported at Commencement last June.

Mr. Mead was born in Cornwall, Vt., October 7, 1870, the son of Horace Janes and Mary Amelia (Wooster) Mead. He prepared for college in the Middlebury High School and after receiving his A. B. from Middlebury College he was a teacher of Greek and Latin in Burr and Burton Seminary, Manchester, Vt., 1891-93 and in the University School, Chicago, Illinois, 1893-95. He taught Latin and History in the Chicago Manual Training School 1895-96. Mr. Mead studied law at Harvard University 1896-98 and at Chicago 1898-99, being admitted to the bar in Illinois in 1899, and in New York in 1900.

Mr. Mead has practiced law in New York City, since 1900, and is now a member of the firm of Sherman and Sterling.

On August 6, 1910, Mr. Mead was married to Miss Ethel Ward of New York City. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Upsilon fraternities.
ALBERT DAVIS MEAD, ’90

ALBERT DAVIS MEAD of the class of 1890 is one of Middlebury’s distinguished graduates whose record is of interest to all Middlebury folk. Dr. Mead was born in Swanton, Vermont, April 15, 1869. He prepared for college in Middlebury, Vt., and after graduation at the college he studied Biology at Brown University, Clark University, and the University of Chicago. After completing his studies at the University of Chicago he travelled extensively in Europe, visiting many universities and laboratories. He received his A. M. degree from Brown University in 1891, his Ph.D. from University of Chicago in 1896 and the degree of Sc. D. from Pittsburg in 1911, Middlebury in 1916 and R. I. State College, 1927.

Dr. Mead’s thirty years of teaching have been spent at Brown University as instructor, Associate Professor, Professor and he has recently been called into the administration of the University, now holding the title of Vice-President.

The thesis written for his doctorate was an outstanding contribution to the study of embryology of invertebrate animals. It was one of the earliest studies of cell lineage as applied to embryological research.

Dr. Mead was deeply interested in marine biology and spent many summers aboard his laboratory scow in Narragansett Bay. He was chosen commissioner of the Rhode Island Shellfish Commission and in this capacity interested himself in procuring legislation for the protection, perpetuation, and sanitary marketing of the state’s oyster resource.

For many years he and his students worked in Narragansett Bay on the artificial propagation of the lobster. These investigations were fruitful and resulted practically in the establishment along the New England coast of several lobster hatcheries designed and operated by the state and federal governments. For this application of biological knowledge to the practical fisheries, Dr. Mead was granted a prize by the International Fisheries Congress meeting in Washington, D. C., in 1908.

MIDDLEBURY LOSES A FRIEND

IN the passing of Judge Frank Leslie Fish, September 7, 1927, Vermont loses one of its ablest and most distinguished citizens and Middlebury College loses one of its most valued friends and a Trustee devoted to Middlebury’s welfare.

Tireless in his devotion to the numerous public interests which claimed his time and talents throughout a busy life, Judge Fish gathered to himself honors and distinction such as few men are privileged to acquire.

Locating in Vergennes in 1892, as practising attorney, Mr. Fish became interested in public service. The office of State’s Attorney for Addison County was ably discharged from 1892 to 1900. Then followed eight years as National Bank Examiner, and a term in the Vermont Legislature.

In February, 1912, Mr. Fish was appointed a Judge of the Superior Court of Vermont, where he served fourteen years, attaining the rank of Chief Justice in 1923. Appointment to the Supreme Court Bench came in 1926, which position he occupied at the time of his death.

As a speaker, as a writer, as an historian, Judge Fish earned distinction of lasting sort. He was the Editor of the book entitled, ‘Horace Ward Bailey—Vermont’; and was in charge of the preparation of that part of Crockett’s History of Vermont which was devoted to the bench and bar of the State. He was recognized as one of the most thorough students of Vermont history of his generation.

Judge Fish is survived by his wife and three children, Mrs. W. A. Knight of New Haven, Connecticut; Frederick L. Fish of Belmont, Massachusetts; and Miss Prudence H. Fish of the Middlebury Faculty, all of whom are Middlebury alumni.
FACULTY NEWS AND NOTES

Three resignations, two sabbatical leaves, and three permanent appointments mark the changes of the Middlebury Faculty this year. The resigned members are Freshman Coach, Herbert Reigelman, who has entered business in New York City, Miss Ethel F. Littlefield of the French Department, who leaves to teach in the State Normal School at Montclair, N. J., and Miss Margarita deMayo of the Spanish Department, who goes to Vassar.

Professors Ernest C. Bryant, Baldwin Professor of Physics, and Frank W. Cady of the English Department have returned from their sabbatical leave. Professor Bryant spent the year in study at Cambridge, England, and Professor Cady was located at the University of California.

Professors Lewis J. Hathaway and Samuel E. Longwell will represent Middlebury in foreign fields this year on their sabbatical leave. Professor Hathaway will study music and travel in Europe, and Professor Longwell goes to Australia on a research study of the flora and fauna of the continent.

New instructors for the coming year will be Harvey W. Hessler, who is to act as Freshman Coach; Russell Sholes, who will take the courses of Professor Longwell in the Biology Department; Miss Sofia I. Pietri, instructor in Spanish; and Miss Marie Bideaud, Assistant Professor of French.

FACULTY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS
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power to carry the past forward into the present, to preserve ideals and policies of proven merit, and to promote sane and well-considered progress.

It is far from my province to suggest innovation, yet, as I sat at the table at Bridgeport and Boston, surrounded by thoughtful and considerate sons and daughters of Middlebury, I wondered whether such things as, say, proposed changes in college policy could anywhere be more appropriately discussed, or with a better chance of those concerned receiving fruitful suggestions.

W. S. BURRAGE

LIBRARY ADDITIONS PROGRESS

AFTER much disappointing delay in getting materials to keep a full force of workmen busy, work on the new wings to The Egbert Starr Library is at last progressing satisfactorily. Though the contract calls for the completion of the additions by February 1, 1928, even the most optimistic observer does not expect to begin occupancy before the Easter vacation and it is doubtful if the present senior class will ever make much use of the new part.

But the exterior walls are now half up and it is hoped and expected that the roof will be under construction within a month, after which time the interior work can proceed without delay caused by cold weather.

ENTERTAINMENT COURSE

Prof. Harry Goddard Owen, '23, as Chairman of the College Entertainment Committee has arranged a very attractive program for the coming season. The course includes lectures by Commander R. E. Byrd of trans-Atlantic flight fame; John Van Druten, the author of "Young Woodley"; Louis Bromfield, whose third novel, "Early Autumn," won the Pulitzer Prize; Lowell Thomas, author of "With Lawrence in Arabia"; and musical attractions, including The Hart House Quartet, a string ensemble; Ethyl Hayden, sopranos; and Madame Elly Ney, pianist. A feature of the course will be the Jean Gros Marionettes.

COMPLETE REGISTRATION FIGURES
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MIDDLEBURY TEACHERS OF VERMONT DINE

The Vermont State Teachers' Convention was held in Burlington this year and an informal dinner for Middlebury educators was held on October 13 at the Hotel Vermont. The alumni secretary arranged the meeting and members of the college department of education gave brief addresses.

BINGHAM, '99, HONORED BY SCIENTISTS

Dr. Eugene C. Bingham, '99, Professor of Chemistry at Lafayette College, sailed for Europe on July 2 as a delegate from the American Academy of Sciences and the National Research Council to the eighth congress of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry held at Warsaw on September 5, 6, and 7. He will remain in Europe for the first semester for travel and study.

TWO '27 GRADUATES TO STUDY ABROAD

Eleanor Manley and Howard Cutler, recipients of the Durron fellowships for graduate study, sailed for England on the S. S. Cedric Saturday, Sept. 22. They expect to take up their work in the University of London around the first of October, Miss Manley studying in Bedford College and Mr. Cutler in King's College.

L. W. LAWRENCE, ex-'01, CONTINUES COLLEGE COURSE AT SYRACUSE

The newspapers have recently featured pictures of a father and son who have entered Syracuse University together. The father turns out to be Lewis W. Lawrence, who attended Middlebury for a time as a member of the class of 1901, and who has decided to complete the necessary work for a degree at Syracuse.

"PREXY" THOMAS BUYS VERMONT FARMS

Dr. John M. Thomas, '90, former president of Middlebury and now president of Rutgers University, has recently purchased three farms which will make an estate of 140 acres, located in the town of Mendon on the road from Rutland to Woodstock. It is expected that the Thomas family will henceforth be summer residents of Mendon. They have recently spent their summers in Woodstock.

MURKLAND HALL

The new home of the College of Liberal Arts of the University of New Hampshire which was recently completed has been called Murkland Hall for the late Dr. Charles Murkland, Middlebury, '81, one of the first presidents of the University.

ALUMNI AT WILLIAMSTOWN

Notices were sent out from the office of the Alumni Secretary to a number of alumni within driving radius of Williamstown, Mass., and an effort made to have a large turnout of alumni at the game between Middlebury and Williams College on Saturday, October 1st. The Head Cheer Leader of the undergraduate body and the Band under the direction of Mr. Joseph F. Lechnyr were on hand to support the team. Among the alumni attending the game were:

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Stafford, '01; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lobban, '98 and '99; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bosford, '98; Donald Grulich, '24; Robert Clark, '24; Whitney B. Gorham, '25; Dr. W. M. Munroe, '22; Dr. Elbert Cole and Mrs. Cole, '15; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lane and son, '03; Mr. Stanley Wright, '19; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lane and son, '05; Mr. Stanley Wright, '19; Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Stafford, '01; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lobban, '98 and '99; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bosford, '98; Donald Grulich, '24; Robert Clark, '24; Whitney B. Gorham, '25; Dr. W. M. Munroe, '22; Dr. Elbert Cole and Mrs. Cole, '15; Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lane and son, '03; Mr. Stanley Wright, '19; H. B. Tatro, '20; "Hy" Frank, '26; E. S. Twitchell, '26; "Al" Knowles, '26; "Al" Spencer, '25; Miss Lillian Deans, '21; "Jack" Norris, '26; Paul Young, ex-'28; "Andy" Lobo, '25; Melvin Livingston, '25; Jesse Shaw, '25; A. T. Harding, '21.

"Connie" Moynihan, '27, is now teaching and coaching athletics in the Johnstown, N. Y., High School.

DR. L. W. AUSTIN, '89, AWARDED MEDAL

Dr. Louis W. Austin of the class of 1889, head of the laboratory for special radio transmission research of the U. S. Bureau of Standards in Washington, was awarded the medal of honor for 1927 by the Institute of Radio Engineers. The honor came to Dr. Austin through his pioneer work in quantitative measurement and correlation of factors involved in radio short wave transmission. The studies of Dr. Austin along the lines of the relations between atmospheric disturbances and solar activities are also said to be among the reasons for the award. Dr. Austin is considered one of the greatest authorities in the world on the subject of statics both over land and sea.

MIDDLEBURY DINNERS PLANNED

Alumni Dinners are being planned for Buffalo, N. Y., on Nov. 17; Cleveland, Ohio, on Nov. 18; and Chicago on Nov. 19. President Paul D. Moody will speak at the dinners. Special announcements giving details will be sent to those living in the various sections soon.

MIDDLEBURY REUNION IN SEATTLE

Prof. Frank W. Cady, '99, reports that he and Mrs. Cady attended a fine reunion this past summer at Fauntleroy Beach near Seattle, Wash. Amerigo Ratti, '11; "Clint" Reynolds, '12; "Foggy" Leonard, '13; and Larry Pierce, '21, brought their wives and spent the evening talking of "old times" in Middlebury.

BEGIN WORK ON NEW ATHLETIC FIELDS

The Cummings Construction Company, which is building the new wings on the Egbert Starr Library, has just been awarded the contract for the new field which is to be done on Porter Field. The job has already been started and with the special machinery which is to be used it is expected that the work will be finished within a short time.

When completed there will be a new varsity baseball diamond in the vicinity of the present freshman field and as the varsity baseball games will be held on the new field the present varsity field will be reserved for football and track athletics.

Prof. Charles Billings, '86, returned this fall to the chair of Greek and Latin, Troy Conference Academy, Poultney, Vt., from which he retired in 1919 after thirty-two years of service.

A daughter, Jeannette Kissel, was born June 3rd to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. S. Sunderland, '11.

Edward N. Gosselin, ex-'15, has recently been appointed Vice-President and General Manager of the Phoenix Horse Shoe Company, of Joliet, Ill.

Gladstone Chandler, '26, is teaching this year at Slater's College, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Edith M. Sirica, '24, is teaching Spanish and French in Mama-ronke, N. Y.

Sadie R. Posner, '24, is teaching Spanish and Latin in Port Alleghany, Pa. Her home is now in Newark, N. J.

George Lewis, '22, received his Ph. D. in Physiological Chemistry at the University of Michigan last June and is teaching at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., this year.

Philip M. Toleman, '24, is now Superintendent of the Grizzly Ridge Mine in North Columbia, Nevada County, Calif.

Orman Tucker, '27, has just entered the employ of the Vermont Marble Company, Proctor, Vt.
Personal News and Notes of the Alumni

Mr. George W. Peck, 3rd, of Rutland, Vt., Class of 1925, and Miss Eleanor Frost, '26, of Amherst, Mass., were married Saturday afternoon, October 1st, in the First Congregational Church in Amherst, Mass.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Mr. Robert H. Whitney, '22, to Natalie Fairchild Whitworth on June 23, 1927, in Bridgeport, Conn.

Miss Virginia Elizabeth Aines, '26, was married June 18, 1927, to Mr. Granville H. Luten in Hollywood, California. Her address now is 1831 North New Hampshire Ave., Hollywood, Cal.

Mr. Lester Leon Nichols, ex-'13, was married September 6, 1927, to Miss Mary MacLean in Peterborough, N. H.

Mr. Clarence Sturtivant, '25, was married August 18, 1927, to Miss Bertha Small in Penacook, N. H.

Dr. Warren L. Whitten, ex-'24, has gone to Washington, D. C., where he has entered the Walter Reed Hospital, after completing his Medical Course at the University of Vt.

Harry Jenne, '20, of Albany, N. Y., was married on September 24, 1927, to Helen V. Oliver.

Roger P. Cleveland, ex-'25, has returned to Middlebury to complete his course, after graduating from Bangor Theological Seminary.

Edward M. Reighard is now attending the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Cal., and will soon begin work as minister of young people and director of religious education in the First Church at San Francisco.

Frederick H. Bryant, '00, has been appointed Federal Judge of the Northern District of New York. For the past two or three years he has held the office of Chairman of the Republican County Committee of Franklin County.

Dr. Irving L. Cabot, '15, and Mrs. Cabot visited the college during the opening week.


Prof. Malcolm G. Wright, '20, of Girard College, Philadelphia, was the recipient for the past summer of the Jusserand traveling scholarship for study in France. He left New York on June 25th for Cherbourg and returned on August 27th.

Mr. Sanford H. Lane, '05, and family visited in town during the opening week of College.

Mr. Marshall M. Klevenow, '25, Head Coach of Football and Baseball at Middlebury, was married on June 30, 1927, to Miss Margaret Spaight in Milwaukee, Wis. Their home address is: Middlebury, Vt.


A daughter was born March 10th to Helen Kilbride, '22 (Mrs. Leo Wisell).

Ruth E. Cann, '19, has been appointed House Manager of the American Women's Club, 61 rue Boissiere, Paris.

Elizabeth Conlon, '21, is employed in the New York City Public Library.

Grace Kingsley Undorf, '21, is living in Hartford, Conn.

'16—A son, William Warner, was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Metcalfe of Springfield, Mass., on September 27, 1927.

"Hank" Potter, '26, is coaching athletics at Upsala College, Kenilworth, N. J.


William C. Browne, '25, is now located with Stone & Webster, Inc., 49 Federal St., Boston, Mass.

Miss Evelyn Houghton, '23, was married to Mr. Barney A. Wetherby of Tinmouth, Vt., July 5th, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Wetherby are now living at Tinmouth.

Miss Bertha Kelly, ex-'23, was married to Mr. Willis Waite of Middlebury, Vt., September 4, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Waite are now living at 121 South Main St., Middlebury, Vt.

Miss Ruth Bryant, '18, of New York City, is visiting her parents, Professor and Mrs. E. C. Bryant, on Storrs Avenue.

Willard Whitney, '27, has recently entered the employ of the New York Telephone Company in New York City. His address is 3 West 74th Street, New York City.

Professor and Mrs. E. C. Bryant, '91, have bought the Edgerton House on South Street and have just let the contract for alterations to the Cummings Construction Co., which is building the new wing on the Egbert Starr Library.

Estelle Foote, '20, who carries around with her own Middlebury degree an M.D. from U. V. M., has been this last year an intern at the Memorial Hospital at Worcester, Mass.