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The "Gay Nineties" at Middlebury

So much is said about the "Gay Nineties" now-a-days that those who did not have the privilege of being in college during that period are wont to wonder what Middlebury was like at that time.

We have discussed the matter with several of the "Old Grads" of the nineties and have heard many most interesting tales but we are not at liberty to pass on to readers of the News Letter some of the most thrilling details. We have, however, been able to secure some interesting material not considered too personal for our use.

The file of Kaleidoscopes contains a fund of information on the customs and conditions of the time, from which a whole volume might well be written. The editors evidently had our interests in mind as is indicated in the following typical statement taken from the preface of the '94 Kaleidoscope: "We have endeavored to sketch for the student a true picture of his college surroundings; we would recall to the alumnus the happy days and scenes of his college life and would give to him and all others a correct idea of our college as she is today."

The following Prologue from the same volume, is particularly appropriate:

In dear old Midd, there comes and goes
As time unceasing onward flows
A student band, whose pilgrimage
To learning's shrine from age to age
Full many a happy scene well knows.

Those shifting scenes, those passing shows,
This little volume would disclose;
They have been writ on History's page
In dear old Midd.

Praise or condemn its verse, its prose,
As you are friends, as you are foes;
But do not doubt its mimic stage
Is true to nature in the age
When '94 were belles and beaus
In dear old Midd.

The comments in the '96 Kaleidoscope on the changes in the college plant, facilities, and organization which were accomplished in the preceding year will illustrate the fact that this was the decade when Middlebury was undergoing the transformation from what would now be called primitive conditions to the age of "modern conveniences".

To quote: "During the past year our old and stately college has undergone many and extensive changes. The faculty has been altered and increased, the courses broadened, and the conveniences of the buildings greatly improved.

"We now have the long wished for chair of Modern Languages . . . . . . The course in required French and German has been improved, and a complete elective course established . . . . . All courses have been broadened and enlarged especially the languages and sciences.

"Numerous and much needed improvements have been made about the college buildings. The first and greatest is the removal of the old-fashioned wood stoves and substitution of a modern steam-heating apparatus. Both the Chapel and Painter Hall are now heated throughout by one of the largest and most complete steam-heating plants in the State. In the Chapel proper, electric lights have been placed, thereby enabling the newly-established course of lectures to take place in that building . . . . .
"The changes in Painter Hall are even more extensive than in the Chapel building. The reading room has been remodeled and enlarged. On the second floor a convenient locker-room for the gymnasium has been finished off and across the hall is the bath room with all the new and modern equipments.

"The library has been newly catalogued and rearranged. Electric lights have also been placed in position, thereby enabling a more extended use of the library during the winter months.

"Many other improvements have been made which add greatly to the beauty of the college and the facilities for instruction; all of which go to prove that our old and honored institution is not merely a relic of antiquity, but a modern and prosperous college."

A careful perusal of the records of the time as revealed in the rather boastful class histories, poems and prose articles depicting the prowess and achievements of various groups and individuals shows a rather curious interest in the upkeep of the chapel and its appurtenances.

The class of '93 is credited with securing new seats for the chapel though the accompanying drawing of the burning of the old seats suggests that they used heroic measures to accomplish that end. According to their historian:

"It is not our purpose to boast of success in class contests or athletics nor yet of our musical talent, which brought forth a Glee Club unequalled in the history of 'Old Midd'. The evidence that we have been will remain when we are scattered. Of a Caesar and his work in Rome it was said that he found it brick and left it marble; of '93 it will be told that they found it boards and left it cushions; they found it smoke and left it fresco."

The class of '91 seemed to be chiefly concerned about the condition of the chapel dome and members now distinguished risked their lives and the valuable contributions that they are now making to society to scale that "dizzy height" and paint the dome at night. Their class poet has sung their praises in the following stirring lines:

The midnight hour had come at last,
As through the college campus passed
Two Sophs, with firm intent to write
Upon the chapel's dizzy height
"Ninety-one."

"Don't do it now," a Senior said,
"But wait till Jimmy's in his bed,
For if he sees you woe betide;"
"We'll write it now," the Sophs. replied,
"Ninety-one."
"Tis dang'rous at this gloomy hour,
The Senior said, "to paint the tower."
"We're going to paint it all the same,
We're going to write that glorious name,
"Ninety-one."

With brush and paint-pot up they went,
Although the ladder shook and bent,
Till on the belfry's lofty dome,
Those noble figures found a home—
"Ninety-one."

At break of day, as toward the skies
The wondering students turned their eyes,
They saw with ill-concealed delight
That synonym of truth and right,
"Ninety-one."

There in the sunlight, bright and clear,
That magic number did appear;
And all the students were agreed
The class that's bound to take the lead
Is "Ninety-one."

One of the chief delights of that decade was apparently the class supper. The adventures that attended the holding thereof and the attempts of rival classes to detract from its success were the subjects of many pages of prose and poetry. A brief extract from the account of one of these functions will be of interest: "The Freshmen complain that we caused them considerable trouble when they had their class feed. The previous night one of their number furnished us with a copy of their menu; we had more printed, and painted the town red with them. They are still puzzling their brains to find out which one of their number turned traitor. They desired to wear plug hats to their banquet. They wore them—when we had trampled them under our feet. But many of them also wore black eyes and sore heads. (A footnote says—and so did the Sophs.) They were so hungry when they arrived at the hotel and ate so heartily that the proprietor charged them for six extra plates."

The series of processes which changed the typical Freshman of the nineties into the graduate of that time is pseudo—scientifically described in the following statement by one who has since become a distinguished scientist:

**A Chemical Reaction**

Pour a little FrbESH into a stone flask (see cut), containing some caustic quadrates of Al GeB A and a small square root of F (digamma). If not sufficiently dry, warm by chapel stove to drive out the remaining moisture. Add carefully a large quantity of SOPH-HORbN N at midnight. Reaction takes place with brisk effervescence, and FrbESH YEL Lin' passes off: which being soluble in H2O, must be caught in a blanket by downward dry displacement. It is then in the form of an amorphous powder, which has an unpleasant odor and greenish reflections. In this state it is extremely soft, malleable, and ductile, and is often of great service to upper classmen. Now pour the whole into a test-tube containing a sanguine solution of CaNerUSH; the impurities will be precipitated. Filter through a dried mixture of LaTiN+ TrbG OnombET FrbY. Only about one-half will get through. The filtrate will be pure SOPHOMO RbE. If more is needed pass the residue through a CONDITiON. If exposed to sunlight during vacation it will rapidly deliquesce and be ready for further reaction. Treat with large quantities of HOR bSE and cigarettes, moisten with C H3 OH; filter through examinates of PL UT US and FRbENCH. One
will be surprised to see how little gets through the filter, but another application of CONDITION will produce a sufficient amount. Gently add a minute quantity of MOUSTACHE and allow to remain undisturbed during the third year. We then have a solid which may be expressed by the formula SENIOR. Dissolve in strong bi philosophate of Psychology; wash in Hopkins' solution of the "Law of Love"; add a diploma and we have a caustic compound that will reduce all known substances, especially a bank deposit.

The fact that athletics and other organized student activities had not been given the prominence in the nineties that they now enjoy probably accounts for the fact that the students of those days had so much time at their disposal for the so-called pranks of their generation. Baseball had been established at Middlebury for some years but the schedules were rather limited and it was not till the Fall of 1893 that football was introduced.

Our space does not permit a lengthy statement on the athletics of the nineties but there has been so much discussion about the unfinished game between U. V. M. and Middlebury which was played at Vergennes in 1894 that we are sure that readers of the News Letter will be interested to see the picture of the team and the line-up which was as follows:

C. E. FITZPATRICK, Captain
E. L. CUSHMAN, Manager

C. A. Munroe, f.c.           H. E. Foster, Lt.
B. L. Hayden, f.t.           H. L. Skeels, I.e.
E. G. Fullam, t.g.           G. R. Riggs, q.b.
C. A. Hubbard, c.            C. W. Prentiss, r.h.b.
J. E. Goodman, I.e.          C. E. Fitzpatrick, I.h.b.
W. S. Grant, I.b.

Substitutes
R. L. Rice, G. D. Scott, T. D. Wells, I. H. LAFLEUR

The Varsity Foot Ball Team—Season of 1894
A Sabbatical Year

By Ernest Calvin Bryant, S. B., Sc. D.
Baldwin Professor of Physics

This Editor has a jaunty way of calling over the telephone and demanding a one-page account of a whole year's experience accompanied by the latest photograph of the writer. The latest photograph was taken for police registration in England. Here is the Rogues' Gallery masterpiece! A condensed summary of the most important events of our trip follows:

Holland was our first objective, since Mrs. Bryant was a delegate to the meeting of the International Federation of University Women at Amsterdam. We stopped at The Hague and at Leyden on the way. In Leyden we visited the Cryogenic Laboratory where Kamerlingh Onnes obtained the lowest temperature yet reached, 460 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. Even a Vermont winter has not yet equaled that. Dr. Keesom, the present Director of the Laboratory, showed us the apparatus used by Onnes, and also the apparatus with which he had just succeeded in solidifying helium, the last gas to be thus subdued. While in Amsterdam I visited the laboratory of Dr. Zeeman with its unique equipment for the magnetic separation of spectrum lines, and also the diamond works where some of the Russian crown jewels were being recut. We brought none of them home with us.

The meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science at Oxford followed the Amsterdam conference so closely that we were obliged to go from Amsterdam to London by airplane. How wonderfully circumstances sometimes force one to do what he is crazy to do! A three hours' flight, 100 miles an hour, 2000 feet up in the air, was certainly one of the high spots of the year. We are ready for any invitation "Lindy" may offer. After the meeting of the British Association we went to Geneva, via Paris, Lausanne, Zermatt and Chamonix. There we spent four weeks attending lectures at the School of International Studies. The Assembly of the League of Nations was in session during the latter half of that time, and we spent many hours in attendance there and at the various committee meetings. We were present at several sessions of the special commission to consider the United States reservations to the World Court, and we were fortunate in being present at the meeting when Germany was elected to membership in the League, and at the election of the members of the Council.

Leaving Geneva, we made a leisurely return to England by way of Montreux, Interlaken, Lucerne, Basle and Paris. The days at Zermatt under the shadow of the Matterhorn and at Interlaken with the trip to Jungfrauoch are a treasured memory.

We went directly to Cambridge and began our work at the University, where Mrs. Bryant devoted her time to the study of History and I worked in the Cavendish Laboratory and at the Solar Physics Observatory. It was a great delight to renew the friendships made thirteen years before and to resume work at this famous laboratory. Nobel Prizes have been awarded to four men still connected with it, Sir J. J. Thomson, Sir Ernest Rutherford, Dr. F. W. Aston and Prof. C. T. R. Wilson. No other laboratory in the world has been equally honored. A great celebration was held on December 18th in honor of the 70th birthday of Sir J. J. Thomson. He was Director of the Laboratory at the time of my first year there and has been Master of Trinity College since 1919. I had the rare privilege of reading the manuscripts from which Sir Isaac Newton delivered his lectures during the years 1667-'86. They are written in Latin and by his own hand. Every lecture was the result of his own research, and no lecture was given twice. There was quite a thrill in reading his own ex-

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Faculty Round Table Discussions

By Frank William Cady, A. M., B. Litt. (oxon)
Professor of English

In the issue of the News Letter for last May, Professor Bur- rage discussed briefly the formation of the Dean’s list and the institution of the student curriculum committee. Since that time the college has made definite progress along both these lines. The Dean’s list has been instituted for the two lower classes and the two upper classes have been given the privilege of unlimited cuts. At the same time the student curriculum committee has been definitely at work upon proposals which will, we all hope, avoid fault-finding and present clear-cut, constructive criticism of the curriculum.

The tendency of these advances is away from the severe paternalism which has here-to-fore characterized the attitude of the faculty toward the students. In the faculty itself are found, of course, two groups: those who “view with alarm” and those who “view with hope”. I must classify myself with the latter. One great difficulty in making these changes is to be found in the faculty itself. We have always believed that our responsibility to the students extended, not alone to instruction, but also to policing them while they did their assigned work. We took them step by step through our courses and closed the record with an examination, and we gave them little freedom for individual initiative on the way. This new arrangement puts the responsibility for doing their work definitely up to the students. The plan provides that serious and continued delinquency shall be reported to the deans and corrected through them. It is no longer expected that the teacher shall worry himself about these matters, but that the student shall have the privilege of exercising all needful anxiety about passing his courses. Yet, anyone able to appreciate the conscientious work done by the faculty in these days will understand the extreme difficulty which every member finds in relinquishing this responsibility.

However eager we are in theory to surrender to the student all anxiety about his individual success, it is so complete a change in our view-point that it will take time for us to change our habits. I believe the success of the experiment depends fully as much upon faculty forbearance as it does upon an increased student responsibility.

For years there have been two generalized faculty complaints regarding our students. The first is of their lack of initiative, the second of their blasé attitude toward instruction. Both are due in large part, it seems to me, to the excessive paternalism which has characterized our educational practice. No student who feels himself watched over every moment of his life by elderly and, as he sometimes feels, carping advisers, is going to exercise much initiative of his own. He is compelled to play safe and is led thereby to take a cynical attitude toward educational effort on his behalf. If he does show any enthusiasms, any desire, it may be, to wander in interesting by-paths of learning, he is fearful lest his interest be discovered and he be cautioned against excess. He becomes quite callous to the whole thing and cloaks his disappointment with an air of indifference. He seems to say: “I can’t do what I desire for myself; I defy you to do with me what you desire”. He is mistaken, of course; there is no more idealized and disinterestedly selfless paternalism than the eager desire of our faculty to lead out their students into true intellectual independence. We are just beginning to realize, however, that paternalism stifles independence at its source, and so are commencing a change looking toward greater student freedom. It is our earnest expectation that the removal of faculty espionage will gradually reveal to our students that both faculty and students are seekers together after truth; and that, as a consequence.

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The Athletic Situation

By A. M. Brown, Director of Athletics

The Undefeated Hockey Team in Action

Hockey

With a squad of 20 players including all but one of last year’s championship team reporting daily for practice, prospects look bright for another successful hockey season this winter. The loss of Finnegan, star goalie, will be felt but Melbye who played at goal in some of the games last year is developing rapidly and it is hoped will be able to take Finnegan’s place.

The team has been handicapped somewhat on account of weather conditions and the opening game with Hamilton was called off because of no ice. Amherst was defeated by a score of 2 to 1 on January 12 after two overtime periods. The team lost to Brown in a close contest the following evening, in the Providence Arena, score 6-5.

The schedule this year is the most ambitious which the college has ever attempted and is indicative of the growing popularity of the sport at Middlebury.

Basketball

The basketball season opened rather inauspiciously during the Christmas recess. The team lost to St. Stephen’s, Manhattan and Temple, in hard fought games, but succeeded in overcoming Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute by a score of 29-22 in the final game of the trip.

On the recent trip, the team lost three games (Harvard, Holy Cross, and Brown). In the Brown game Middlebury was barely nosed out in the last few minutes of play by a score of 31 to 30.

The squad is composed very largely of seasoned material and Coach Hargreaves expects them to give a good account of themselves in the remaining games on the schedule and to be in the running for the Green Mountain College Conference Championship.

Intra-mural Sports

The winter programme of intra-mural sports was ushered in this week with the playing of ten games of a thirty-six game basketball schedule.

Competition among the eight fraternities and the non-fraternity group is becoming keener each year and some of the games are almost of varsity calibre.

The fall golf tournament was won by D. U. with D. K. E. runner up. K. D. R. and A. S. P. came through to the finals in tennis but due to poor weather these finals were postponed until spring.

There are now seven different sports on the intra-mural programme, tennis and golf having been added last fall. The Sage Society donates cups for each sport and a trophy of trophies to the organization winning most points throughout the year. The trophy of trophies is now in possession of K. D. R. for having secured most points last June.

The New Athletic Field

Ground was broken last fall for a new athletic field when the college engaged the Cummings Construction Company to level some of the land adjacent to the present Freshman Football Field and put it into condition for the development of several baseball and football fields.

This work which was begun in October will be completed this spring and will give the college a new varsity baseball field, an intra-mural baseball field, and two new football fields, one for varsity practice and one for intra-mural games. In the future Porter Field will be free for varsity football (games only) and track and
field sports and much of the congestion which has always been experienced when the baseball and track teams have been compelled to use the same field will be eliminated.

Besides the advantages named, the athletic department will be able to plan a more extensive programme of intra-mural fall and spring sports and give a greater number of students an opportunity of engaging in healthful competitive games. The next athletic development and one which is of vital importance should be the construction of a cage, gymnasium and swimming pool.

ELBA A. HENRY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Elba A. Henry, former Assistant Editor of the Rutland Herald has been secured by the college to take charge of publicity and will have the title of Director of Public Relations. Mr. Henry who has been employed on the Rutland Herald for the past three years began his duties in his new capacity on January 2. Mr. Henry was born in Montreal, Canada, and received his A. B. from McGill University in 1914. He is a member of Delta Delta fraternity. He served with the McGill Medical Corps until 1918. He was employed for two years as textile chemist after his graduation from New Bedford Textile school in 1923. He came to the Rutland Herald in 1923 where he has since been employed as feature writer, reporter and, for the last two years, as assistant editor. He has had several short stories published in various magazines. Mr. Henry has given the "News Letter" the following statement on the present publicity situation at Middlebury:

"During the first two weeks under the new plan of college publicity we have been able to get before the public of New England and New York a gross of approximately 10,180 lines. This is the sum of all the items appearing and of course duplicates many times. The net lineage would be difficult of estimation as the make-up of various papers differs widely."

"In sending out news dispatches to the various daily and weekly papers of the state it is not necessary to hold stories to any definite length. Practically all of the papers are glad to get the news of college events and handle them regardless of space consumed."

"With the metropolitan dailies of New York and Boston the situation is radically different and news must be summarized as much as possible. An event which would rate 200 lines in nearly any one of the state papers would be cut to as many words before it would be used by papers in this classification."

"Due to the proximity of colleges to the cities where the greater number of large dailies are published, it is difficult for a college as remote as Middlebury to gain space with anything other than important athletic events or items of more than usual interest."

"While the first weeks of the new plan show encouraging results, they should not be taken as a standard of what may be accomplished. It should be distinctly understood that it takes an appreciable length of time to establish contacts and build up confidence on the part of editors. In any effort of this sort they are quite likely to fight shy of anything that may appear as an effort to 'graft space.' Once this attitude is overcome, and it can be accomplished only by maintaining a high standard of news dispatches, sending out only those of distinct news value, the work of the office of public relations will assume a much more important place in the college with the result that Middlebury activities will receive their proper recognition. Keeping away from trivialities and inconsequential college events and maintaining this high news standard will eventually guarantee 'Middlebury news' as 'live copy' to use the term employed in newspaper offices."
Darkness and Wild Waters

A Sketch of Flood Days in a Vermont Village

By One Who "Was There"

It was almost unbelievable. Safe and snug in this cozy New England valley, I had read with keen sympathy of the flood disasters in the Mississippi River regions, of earthquakes in California (not with keen sympathy because I have known too many California boosters), and here I was—one of about twenty men, seated in the candle-lit dusk of the village Armory, trying to decide what should be done.

That afternoon, I had seen a river, over which in happier hours I had cast a reflective trout fly, become a seething, raging, restless mass of swirling waters, soaring over banks, over streets, up to the upper stories of houses. I had heard imprisoned families calling for aid, had watched men in a boat and a canoe battling desperately against the torrent in attempts at rescue, had seen barns and houses from up the valley sailing down to destruction, dead horses and dead hogs sliding by, automobiles vanish. Then darkness had come over the village as a result of power lines destroyed; then a tremendous silence as far as the outer world was concerned as the roads and bridges went to pieces, telegraph and telephone wires went down in wreckage; then I had looked on with amazement as the dark fingers of the flood tore a stone-arched railroad bridge to pieces. And with wild reports of death and destruction in neighboring towns, brought in by weary men who had left their automobiles on vanishing highways and fled to the hills, had come certain evidence that the railroad tracks had gone for miles up and down the valley—and that information had been the last straw.

So we sat in the dusk and pondered the situation. There was now the question of food. With the first news of the destroyed roads, men with more regard for themselves than others, had rushed in cars to our stores and filled their automobiles with supplies, intending to save their own precious hides if the rest of us starved. We remembered the sights we had seen, the entangled efforts of those in authority working at cross-purposes in spite of themselves; and, last of all, we realized that with no means of securing aid from the outside world for days and perhaps weeks, this little Vermont village had its own battle to fight—alone.

Then out of the dusk came the word—"Martial Law!" In the group was a tall, slim officer of the National Guard, an overseas veteran, in whom the whole community had confidence, and upon him the burden of leadership dropped. Within an hour, thereafter, the first steps had been taken without argument—under martial law gentlemen of an argumentative type are given short shrift—that began to bring order out of chaos; and by the dawn of the next day, the long, stiff struggle to "win through" was on its way.

As this is merely a sketch, written at the request, by the way, of an editor of the News Letter, of certain phases of the flood disaster in the state, no details will be given; a few of the high lights must serve. In Northfield, the Norwich University radio station, 1-YD, was out of commission because of a lack of electric power, but a gasoline engine, borrowed of a farmer, supplied that, and a message telling the story of the catastrophe was flashed on the air. Amusing now, but tragic then was the reception of the first despatches. A raging flood in Vermont that was destroying and slaying—impossible! Somebody was using the air to spread a hoax! In such odd moods, in many places, were the first messages received. The officer in charge at 1-YD tore his hair figuratively and swore—also, figuratively; but finally the truth went home.

About two days after the flood began, an airplane winged its way over the flooded valleys and towns; and after its return to its home port, things began to happen in the way of plans for relief work. Back in the hills, in the meantime, the New York express train, "The Ambassador," was located at Roxbury, Vermont, where it had stopped when the engineer, feeling the tracks "soften" under him, as he expressed it, had decided he had better linger with all his passengers safe. Footsore and weary men from little communities over the mountains came in, asking for
aid; and to one of these little villages a pack train went over the hills—the roads had vanished. From larger towns came reports of loss of life and astounding property damage.

Crowded days of effective planning and prolonged labor brought results. Roads of a kind were patched up, wires were strung, and communications were established. Mud by the ton was shovelled from cellars and from the lower stories of dwelling-houses. The Red Cross finally appeared and began its excellent relief work. Trucks came with supplies of food. The death lists grew less in number, but left in the end some of the saddest tales in the history of any Vermont calamity—members of families separated and drowned, children lost and never seen again, and the lieutenant governor of the state drowned almost in sight of his home.

As one looks back on them, the flood days have something of the suggestion of a nightmare in the sudden, overwhelming onset of the disaster and the wild days that followed. Vermont communities have fought their way back with a sturdiness characteristic of Vermont, but it will be many moons before the state has fully recovered and before some of us forget the sound of angry waters pounding and roaring down our valleys. When the full story of the flood is told, it will be an amazing tale of destructive waters faced with courage and with heroism; and if in the end Vermont may emerge out of the ruin with new vision, having learned in tribulation to work with loyal co-operation in a common cause, there will be some compensations, at least, that will brighten unhappy memories until they are “a tale that is told.”

READING SUGGESTIONS FROM THE FACULTY

Feeling that members of the alumni body with limited time at their disposal would appreciate suggestions from their former teachers and friends on the faculty as regards worthwhile books, it was decided to include such suggestions in the “News Letter” and to include in the January number, books suggested by the President and the first ten faculty members in order in the catalogue list. Requests were accordingly sent to the President and faculty members concerned that they suggest the title and author of the book read by them in the last month or six weeks which they consider most worth reading. One or two have suggested more than one book. The suggestions received are as follows:

Paul D. Moody
“Napoleon” by Emil Ludwig.
“That Man Heine” by Lewis Browne.
“Trader Horn” by Lewis & Horn.

Ernest C. Bryant
“From Immigrant to Inventor” by M. I. Pupin, (“I would rather suggest a book which I read, when it first appeared and which I regularly advise my students to read”. E.C.B.)

William S. Barrage
“A Worker in Souls” (Biography of the Evangelist, Dwight L. Moody) by Gamaliel Bradford.

Everett Skillings
“German After-War Problems” by Kuno Francke.

Vernon C. Harrington
“Science and the Modern World” by A. N. Whitehead.

Duane L. Robinson
“Grass” by Merian C. Cooper.

Frank W. Cady
“The Revolts in the Desert” by T. E. Lawrence.

Charles F. Abbott
“Marching On” by John Boyd.

“Congress: An Explanation” by Robert Luce.

“Personality in Politics” by W. B. Munro.

Edgar J. Wiley
“The Changing College” by Ernest Hatch Wilkins.

Eleanor S. Ross
“That Man Heine” by Lewis Browne.

“Our Times—America Finding Herself” by Mark Sullivan.

Arthur M. Brown
“Six years in the Malay Jungle” by Carveth Wells.
Nearly four-fifths of the million dollars pledged in the endowment campaign of 1923 has been paid to the college. Subscriptions totaling $207,866 remain unpaid while $44,228 offered by the General Education Board is yet available, providing three times that amount is paid in subscriptions before July 1, 1928.

This, in substance, is the report recently made public by Treasurer John A. Fletcher on the status of the fund.

Subscriptions made in the period from 1921 to 1923, mainly in the campaign in the spring of the latter year, totaled $1,047,259.59, the report shows. Of this amount $250,000 was a fund given by A. Barton Hepburn, while a second $250,000 represented the amount offered by the General Education Board on the condition that enough more be pledged to bring the total to $1,000,000 and that it be collected before July 1, 1928.

Alumni and friends have paid, to date, $589,393.03, this including the Hepburn fund. With the $205,771.19 given thus far by the General Education Board, the total payments are $795,164.22. (January 17, 1928, $801,000).

Mr. Fletcher's figures show that 2100 persons made subscriptions, including the one of $250,000, seventeen of $5,000 or more, 23 of $1,000 to $5,000 and 2019 of less than $1,000 each. At present, 1296 pledges remain unpaid in whole or in part. Most of these are among the smaller subscriptions, only 25 pledges being outstanding with unpaid balances of more than $275. Eighteen of these are not yet due. The balance of the pledges, 1271, are for $261 or less, averaging $149.

The statement by Mr. Fletcher concerning the status of the fund, together with a tabulation, follow:

"After the Great War, and in contemplation of the greatly increased cost of living, it became daily more apparent that the college must have an increased endowment, especially for the purpose of paying the members of the faculty a larger and more adequate salary. To this end a subscription was instituted, the first payment theron being made in 1921, and to which, in 1923, over two thousand of the alumni and friends of the college responded. The General Education Board also lent its support to the movement with a conditional pledge of $250,000. The time set for the completion of the fund was July 1, 1928.

"Subscriptions have been paid in sufficient amounts since 1923, a requisition has been made upon the General Education Board and it has made remittances pro rata, that is $1 on its pledge for every $3 received on subscriptions. The Board has made altogether 13 remittances.

"A brief tabulation follows showing the story and status of the fund:

**Subscription of 1921-23**

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THE NEW YEAR GREETING

THE Old College sent out to her alumni a New Year’s greeting as gracious as it was informing. Of this card one correspondent writes, “I have seen it on more than one mantel in the last few days.” A home-like welcome suits a word from home! To the Old College, for all the new years, we gratefully pledge our loyal service.

M. G. H.

PUBLICITY

In another column, readers of the “News Letter” will find a statement on the arrangement which has just gone into effect for providing better publicity for Middlebury.

We are sure that Professor W. E. Davison, ’13, deserves great credit and the appreciation of the alumni body for the time and effort that he gave so generously in supervising the work of the Press Club for several years past. When he was handicapped by lack of adequate help and facilities and unable, for that reason, to develop the publicity work to the point which he desired, it is likely that few thought to express appreciation for the excellent work which was accomplished under those trying conditions, and brought forth only criticism because more extensive publicity was not secured.

The arrangement suggested at the June meeting of the Alumni and entered into last September, namely that of having the Middlebury Register Company’s organization handle the publicity, was found to be impractical as the “Register” staff had too many duties which came ahead of college publicity work.

The decision to secure a trained newspaper man and have him devote his entire time to the problem of keeping Middlebury properly represented in the public press is unquestionably one of the wisest moves which the trustees have made in recent years. Failure to have a trained man on the ground, with adequate contacts established with the leading papers, has lost Middlebury much valuable publicity in the past when important events have occurred. The college is to be congratulated on the securing of Mr. Henry as Director of Public Relations and we look for better times ahead.

COMMENCEMENT PLANS

Plans are already under way for making the commencement program more interesting and enjoyable for the alumni who return. Mr. Homer L. Skeels, ’98, National President of the Associated Alumni, has appointed a special committee on commencement reunions with E. R. Brown of the class of ’93, as chairman. The committee includes the following representatives of the various reunion classes:

'68, George Ellis
’73, Clarence E. Blake
’78, Rev. Julius W. Atwood
’83, James B. O’Neill
’88, Eugene E. Howe
'93, E. R. Brown, Chairman

'98, Joseph A. Peck
’03, D. L. Robinson
’08, W. R. Wheeler
’13, D. S. Atwood
‘18, R. D. Dake
’23, E. S. Kalin

The office of the National Secretary of the Associated Alumni will cooperate with the class reunion committees in sending out notices, form letters, etc., from the class committees to the members of the various classes and has already sent out such a letter from Dr. Dale S. Atwood to the members of the class of 1913.

The Commencement dates are Saturday, June 16, Sunday, June 17, and Monday, June 18th. The college is especially fortunate in having secured Dr. Michael I. Pupin, distinguished scientist, as commencement speaker. The commencement program will be announced in detail in the next number of the “News Letter”.
"Meet Our Trustees"

Dr. M. Allen Starr was elected in 1898 to membership in Middlebury's Board of Trustees known as "The President and Fellows of Middlebury College". Dr. Starr was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 16, 1854, the son of Egbert and C. Augusta (Allen) Starr. He graduated at Princeton in 1876; the College of Physicians and Surgeons Columbia, 1880, and studied at the University of Berlin from 1876-77; Heidelberg 1882; Vienna and Paris 1882-83. He was a lecturer on diseases of the mind and nervous system, Columbia University 1887-89 and Professor of the same from 1889-1909; of Neurology 1903-1917 and has been Emeritus Professor of the diseases of the mind and nervous system at Columbia since 1917. His specialties in Neurology have been surgery of the brain and spinal cord, and nervous diseases. Dr. Starr has been Editor of the "Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases" and "The Psychological Review" and President of the New York Neurological Society and of the Americal Neurological Association, and he is a member of the New York Medical and Surgical Society; New York Practitioners' Society; fellow of New York Academy. He is a Foreign member of the following organizations: London Neurological Soc., Neurologische Gesellschaft, Vienna Neurologische Gesellschaft; Cor. member Societe de Neurologie de Paris; Society of Pyschiatry. Consulting physician, Presbyterian and St. Mary's Hospitals. U. S. delegate Charcot Centennial, Paris, 1926. Member American Association for advancement of Science. Emeritus member American Physicians; member of Psychological Association. Dr. Starr has received the following degrees: A. B., Princeton, 1876; A. M., Princeton, 1879; M. D., Columbia, 1880; Ph. D., Princeton, 1884; LL. D., Princeton, 1889; Sc. D., Columbia, 1904.

Dr. Starr has taken a special interest in the Egbert Starr Library which was given to the College by his father and has contributed generously from time to time toward its maintenance. In 1916, he installed a third floor and set of stacks in the stack room of the Library at a cost of approximately $5,000. The share which he has offered to bear in the expense of the present enlargement of the Library will approximate $30,000. Middlebury is indeed fortunate in having such a distinguished scientist as a member of her Board of Trustees and Dr. Starr's recent benefactions make Middlebury again indebted to a family which was largely responsible for enabling the college to survive the difficult days of its first century of existence.

ALUMNI TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

THE alumni of Region No. 1 will have an opportunity to elect one of their number to the Board of Trustees of the College this year and the nominating committee, which in accordance with the constitution, includes the National President, National Secretary, and the Presidents of the three districts of the region concerned, have nominated the following men:

H. F. Lake, '99, Concord, N. H.

Mr. Skeels' nomination was made over his protest, as being National President and on the nominating committee, he thought it unethical to have his name included. The other members of the Committee, however, were unanimous in feeling that his objections should be over-ruled. The balloting for alumni trustee will be conducted by mail when other alumni officers are (Continued on page 19)
Distinguished Alumni

At the close of a distinguished career it is quite impossible to separate the influences of heredity and environment, but both were certainly united in making a naturalist of Frank Hall Knowlton. His ancestors were of that sterling old Vermont stock which originally settled that region. He was born at Brandon, Vt., on September 2, 1860. At Middlebury College where he arrived in due season he came under the influence of Ezra Brainerd and Henry M. Seely, those distinguished naturalists who taught all the sciences and collaborated on the difficult problems of geologic research among the older rocks of that region. Their influence on the lad can not be doubted.

Knowlton’s earliest interests were ornithology and botany and he retained these undiminished through life. In his early days in the West for the Geological Survey he collected recent birds and plants as well as fossil plants. The wonderfully isolated lignites of Brandon, unique in all New England, with their great variety of curious Eocene fossil fruits, must also have early stimulated his imagination and he returned to their study in his later years. In 1884 Middlebury gave him the B. S. and three years later the M. S. degree. (Hon. Sc. D., 1921).

Knowlton came to Washington in 1884 in connection with the preparation of the U. S. National Museum exhibit for the Cotton Cen-
tennial Exposition at New Orleans remaining afterward at the museum on a slender salary, first as assistant curator. When Lester F. Ward was placed in charge of paleobotany by Major Powell, then director of the survey, Knowlton was made one of his assistants being employed in collecting fossil plants in the summers and studying the anatomy of fossil woods during the winters, his first work of this kind being on the woods and lignites of the Potomac formation. In 1894 he was appointed assistant paleontologist on the U. S. Geological Survey, and in 1907 he was advanced to the rank of geologist.

For nine of his earlier years in Washington he was professor of botany in Columbian (now George Washington) University, from which he received the Ph. D. degree in 1896. In 1897 he founded The Plant World and was its editor for seven years. Official salaries were low and Knowlton was forced to do a vast amount of routine botanical work at that time for the Century, Standard and Webster’s dictionaries and for the Jewish encyclopedia.

Knowlton’s youthful interest in ornithology culminated in “Birds of the World,” published by Holt in the American Nature Series in 1909, a great up-to-date work of 873 pages, 236 illustrations and 16 colored plates, eloquent of that insight with which he had followed the expanding knowledge in all the phases of avian study. Throughout these earlier years Knowlton was active in the meetings of the various scientific societies in Washington and held office in many of them. He was elected a fellow of the Geological Society of America in 1889, and was a charter member of the Paleontological Society and one of its first vice-presidents, serving as president in 1917. In 1921 his youthful alma mater conferred on him the degree of Sc.D.

As he came more fully into his powers a long series of memoirs on Mesozoic and Cenozoic floras flowed from his ever-active pen, and each winter season he reported on literally hundreds of collections of fossil plants made by the various survey field parties. Nor was this all—many ambitious works were partly completed and had to be laid aside because of more urgent duties, remaining unfinished.

Knowlton’s health was never robust and only
his great love for his work can account for an industry that was the marvel of all who knew him. It is too soon to attempt an evaluation of his contributions to science, but no one can gainsay that his keen chronologic sense has served in large measure to remove the prejudices with which his predecessors had handicapped paleobotanical studies.

For many years the Knowltons lived at Laurel, Maryland, and he was never happier than working in his garden or dispensing hospitality to his many scientific friends. A few years ago they moved to Ballston, Virginia—an easier journey from the museum. Knowlton’s interests were broad—all phases of human activities—scientific, religious, political—were the themes of the lunch hour. He held decided opinions and was forthright in his likes and dislikes, but a kindlier spirit never lived, and he was never too busy or too ill to counsel and help his colleagues.

In 1913 we spent a memorable summer in the Rocky Mountain states, and Knowlton did not again go into the field until the past summer. This year he made a trip to the Pacific coast, collecting a large amount of material from the Puget group and the Spokane lake beds. The summer had been unusually good, but in November his chronic enemy, asthma, necessitated his remaining at home, as it had so often in the past, so that neither family nor friends were prepared for the end which came suddenly on November twenty-second, and was due to heart failure. He is survived by a sister, his devoted wife, and two grown children—a son and a daughter.

E. W. B.


THE GLEE CLUB SEASON

THE Middlebury College Glee Club is at present enjoying the fruits of last year’s victory, when it won the championship of New England. It has been somewhat difficult in the past to secure engagements in the larger centers not only because of the disadvantage of Middlebury’s geographical situation, but also because of the intense competition for concerts. However, the 1928 Glee Club schedule was filled over three months before the date of the first concert and requests are still coming in. The Club opens its season with concerts at Rutland, Brattleboro, Greenfield and Northfield on the first four days of February. On the 23rd of February, the Club will sing in Worcester, following that concert with appearances in Boston, Wakefield, Concord and Claremont. On March 14th the Club leaves for a tour which includes Bridgeport, Conn., East Orange, Atlantic City, N. J., and Albany, New York.

FACULTY ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS
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of this revelation, the students will begin to confess openly and spontaneously the interest in their studies which most of them sincerely feel, and also to exercise that renewed and eager initiative in intellectual pursuits which is the real joy of the educative process. This will be accomplished, I am certain, when the students are convinced that the faculty are themselves tired of their self-imposed attitude of being taskmasters and desire to assume, whole-heartedly, the place of guides in intellectual discovery. The student mortality will necessarily be higher, for this new discipline puts his scholastic position entirely in the student’s own hands; but the average of attainment among those who remain will be constantly increasing because a true standard of student competition in intellectual attainment will be aroused.

It is in these terms that I, at least, express the hope aroused in me by the striking innovations with which we are at present experimenting.
Alumni Dinners Popular

MANY alumni of Middlebury were brought into closer touch with the college through the dinners which were held in Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago and Washington on November 17, 18, 19 and 21. President Moody and E. J. Wiley, Secretary of the Associated Alumni, spoke at all of these dinners which were arranged through the co-operation of local committees and the alumni office at the college.

One of the outstanding features of the gatherings was the enthusiasm of both old and new graduates over these opportunities to get together and hear about Middlebury, talk over old times and sing the college songs. What these dinners mean to some of the Middlebury people who are located at a distance from the college is demonstrated by the effort made by many to attend the gatherings, Charles E. Hale of the class of 1872, a Civil War veteran, coming all the way from Logansport, Indiana, to attend the dinner in Chicago.

The Western New York dinner was held at the Hotel Touraine in Buffalo and Judge Thomas H. Noonan, '91, acted as toastmaster. In addition to Dr. Moody and Mr. Wiley, who spoke at all of the dinners, speeches were made by Robert L. Rice, '98, F. A. Hughes, '02, Captain Mellen, Principal of the Lafayette High School and recipient of an honorary A. M. from Middlebury, and by Prof. Raymond McFarland, formerly of the Department of Secondary Education at Middlebury.

"Goph" Law, '21, received an expression of appreciation for the efficient manner in which he had completed the arrangements.

Those attending the Buffalo dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Abbott, '14; S. B. Botsford, '00; J. L. Cadwell, '10; Miss Gladys J. Cook, '16; Miss Inez C. Cook, '09; F. A. Hughes, '02; L. B. Law, '21; T. H. Noonan, '91; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rice, '98; W. R. Rice, '26; R. V. Ricker, '17; L. W. Runyan, ex-'23; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Taylor, '05; J. H. White, '24; Miss McLeod, sister of "Jimmie" McLeod, '26; Prof. and Mrs. Raymond McFarland and Captain Mellen.

The dinner of Ohio alumni was held at the Hotel Cleveland in Cleveland, with "Phil" Ferguson, '16, of Akron, presiding. Colonel Frank Scott of the Bread Loaf summer colony and President of the Warner Swasey Co., of Cleveland was a guest of honor and expressed his high regard for Middlebury. D. Hadyn Parry, ex-'24, and "Betty" Ferguson, ex-'27, played the college songs. Impromptu speeches were made by F. H. Carpenter, '20, who made the arrangements for the dinner, Miss Blanche Verder, '95, and Ralph Sincerbox, '20, who happened to be in Cleveland at the time. After the program was concluded a number of questions as to the policy of the college with regard to athletics, etc., were put to President Moody and an extended discussion followed after which the group voted to send a letter to all Ohio people who were not present at this dinner and urge their presence at the next year's gathering.

Among those present at the Cleveland dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Brown, '01; F. H. Carpenter, '20; G. N. Christian, '20; Elizabeth Ferguson, ex-'27; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Ferguson, '16; D. T. France, ex-'17; A. L. Grant, '20; J. S. Jackson, '26; C. R. Lee, '17; Mr. and Mrs. D. Haydn Parry, ex-'26; R. P. Valentine, '21; Miss Blanche A. Verder, '95; G. T. Whitmore, Jr., '21; C. H. Wright, '16, and R. Sincerbox, '20.

Don A. Belden, '19, of Akron and Robert P. Valentine of Cleveland were elected as a committee of arrangements for next year's dinner.

The Hotel LaSalle in Chicago was the scene of the dinner of the Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin alumni and R. F. Hunt, '10, as toastmaster, cheer leader and song leader kept enthusiasm at a high pitch. Impromptu speeches were made by Rev. N. R. Nichols, '66; C. E. Hale, '72; B. W. Sherman, '90; W. L. Barnum, '07; Mrs. W. M. Fuller, '01; W. E. B. Barnes, '11; James S. Hunt, '23, and Miss Mary Moody, ex-'28. Others attending the dinner were: Miss Margaret Chatfield, '18; Mr. W. M. Fuller; Miss Amelia Hausman, '03; John W. Hollister, ex-'93; Mrs. Robert F. Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Mead, '19; Hiram D. Moor, '11; Mrs. B. W. Sherman; I. E. Winslow, '08; Mr. and Mrs. R.
H. Staples, Jr., ’25; Mrs. W. E. Barnes, ’10, and Mr. George M. Groves and son.

There was so much enthusiasm over the meeting that it was voted to hold another dinner in the spring.

The alumni of Washington, D. C., dined at the University Club in Washington and the meeting was of special interest because of the number of nationally prominent people who were present. Dr. George R. Wales, ’87, Civil Service Commissioner, presided. Others present were Honorable Ezra Brainerd, Member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Mrs. Brainerd; Dr. Husband, Commissioner of Immigration; Colonel Joseph Fairbanks; Dr. John C. Scofield, ’80, Chief Clerk of the War Department; Colonel John T. Axton, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army and Mrs. Axton and Miss Matilda Axton, ’23; Doctor C. Ford Langworthy, ’87, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture; Miss Alice E. Casey, ’11; Mr. Frederick J. Bailey, ’01; C. T. Day, ’15; Rev. John R. Duffield, ’02; Dr. E. M. Parker, ’81; Dr. A. W. Shea, ex-’17 and Mrs. Shea; Miss Anna B. Sheldon, ’13; Dr. D. M. Shewbrooks, ’09 and Mrs. Shewbrooks; Mrs. May B. Taylor, ’96; Dr. Warren Whitten, ex-’24; Royal A. Wray, ex-’12; Mrs. Albert E. Miller, ’10, and Mr. Miller; and Prof. "Dutchy" Henckels, Mrs. Henckels and Miss Henckels.

Following the dinner those present were invited to attend a showing of moving pictures of the Vermont flood area which were exhibited by the Vermont society at a meeting in the building of the Department of the Interior.

RUTLAND DINNER FEBRUARY 4

Following the plan inaugurated last year, the Middlebury alumni in the vicinity of Rutland, Vt., are to hold an informal dinner at 7 P. M., Saturday, February 4, at the Hotel Berwick in Rutland. The basketball game between Norwich University and Middlebury which is to be played that evening in the Armory will provide a special feature for those attending the dinner. All Middlebury people are invited to come and bring their friends, but reservations should be in the hands of Charles F. Ryan, care of Fenton, Wing & Morse, Rutland, Vt., by Feb. 2.

The following committee is in charge of the arrangements:

Charles F. Ryan, ’26, Chairman.
Mrs. Edith Johnson, ’09.
Dr. Stewart Ross, ’10.
Miss Ruth Clark, ’19.
Charles Howard, ’22.
Miss Ruth Quigley, ’24.

A program of short after-dinner speeches and music is being arranged.

NOTES FROM THE WORCESTER COUNTY ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

The annual business meeting of this Association was held November 19, 1927, at the home of Pauline and Eunice Smith.

Elections:—President, Doris Ashworth, ’22.
Vice-President, Mae Guerin, ’14.
Secretary, Elsa Holmstrom, ’29.
Treasurer, Margaret Mahoney, ’24.
Advisory Committee; Sarah Scoles Lobban ’99, of Webster.
Pauline Smith, ’06, of Worcester.
Grace Ellis, ’06, of Worcester.
Rachel Patey Pinney, ’12, of Worcester.

Program mapped out:

1927 December 28, Christmas party for undergraduates in Worcester for the holidays.
1928 January 27, Supper at Greys.
February 17, Visit to Whittall’s Rug Factory, followed by supper at Greys.
March—Sale to raise money for pledge to endowment fund.
April 4, Benefit bridge party.
April—Dinner party with Miss Ross as guest of honor.
May—Theatre party, Boston.
June—Picnic, Leicester.

Further reports show the Worcester group as running true to form. The Christmas party was a genuine success for 20 of the 18 alumnae and 20 of the 31 undergraduates gathered with Pauline and Marjorie Cross. It also appears that various members sent in about $30.00 to the flood relief fund, about at the time they were working extra hard to sell Christmas cards in favor of the endowment pledge. Worcester is ever alert!

"KEN" GORHAM STAGES REUNION IN NEW YORK

"Ken" Gorham, 1918, who resides in Middlebury and is doing a flourishing business wholesaling sausage and home cured ham to all parts of the U. S., attended the Army and Navy game held in New York City at which time he assembled many of the "old" boys for a "Good Old Middlebury Get-together." Some of the boys present were "Sid" Pollard, ’18, "Stan" Wright, ’18, "Ted" Lang, ’17, "Pat" Keefe, ’16, H. Fitzpatrick, ’20, "Ike" Hufbauer, ’20, "Rosie" Harrison, ’17, "Art" Vaught, ’17, and "Brick" Cowles, ’17.

"Ken" says: "We wish the undergraduates might have heard us sing and cheer. I believe it would have set a good example for them in the games to come this Spring and next Fall. The Middlebury spirit certainly was there in every respect and everyone promised to be back next June sixteenth if Vermont State will promise no flood at that time."
A SABBATICAL YEAR

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planation of the law of gravitation as he gave it to his students. The Bi-centenary of Newton's death was celebrated at Grantham, March 19 and 20. The addresses were given in the very room where Newton sat as a scholar. On one of the window sills is I Newton, carved in letters big and deep. We went to his home, Woolsthorpe Manor, and were shown the room where he was born, the study he partitioned off for his work, and a descendant of the apple tree from which fell the famous apple that started him on his discovery of the law of gravitation.

The spring vacation was spent in Paris. The main features of this trip were the visits with Prof. Langevin who showed me some of his work with ultrasonic sound waves, with Mme. Curie at the Radium Institute, at Paris Observatory where I met Prof. H. E. Wells '94 and Mrs. Wells, at the Observatory at Meudon, and at the International Bureau of Weights and Measures in Sevres. Those of my readers who patiently learned the definitions of meter and kilogram may be interested to know that I stood within a few feet of those sacred objects. Once in ten years the massive vault where they repose is opened and the men in charge satisfy themselves that the meter and the kilogram are still there.

The spring was spent partly in travel in England and partly at the Solar Physics Observatory, making the apparatus I was to use at the eclipse. From June 8 to June 30 we were at Aal, Norway, with the Cambridge Observatory Eclipse Expedition, setting up and adjusting our instruments. It was a fascinating experience, but the important day of days was rainy and no observations of the eclipse were possible. My problem was an interferometer photograph of the corona, something tried only once before, and then without success. From July 3 to July 16 we were on the yacht Prins Olaf sailing through the Norwegian fjords to North Cape and back. It was a trip of marvelous beauty, through waters of deepest green or blue, between mountains rising a mile or more right out of the sea, the sun above the horizon even at midnight for five days, and with the warmest temperature, up beyond the Arctic Circle, that we had experienced since leaving New York.

During the year we spent many pleasant hours with Robert M. Collins '89 at Bournemouth. Following a long service in the Orient, Mr. Collins was for many years the head of the Associated Press in England, where he rendered invaluable service during the war. I know of no alumnus of Middlebury who has carried more important responsibilities than he, and there is none with a keener affection for the old town and college.

It was a wonderful year, rich with unusual experiences and opportunities, but we are glad to be home again among dear friends and the scenes we love so well.

ALUMNI TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS

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voted upon, between March first and May first. Names of other candidates resident in region one may be added to the ballot providing this is requested over the written signature of at least twenty-five Alumni qualified to vote. Such names must be duly filed with the National Secretary within thirty days from the date of publication of the names selected by the nominating committee.

KLOCK, '23, WINS PRIZE

First prize in the first annual National Industrial Advertiser's Association Research Award, founded by A. W. Shaw in behalf of the Shaw Publications was won by Edwin Julian Klock, '23, and Fred R. Davis of the General Electric Co., of Schenectady, N. Y. The first prize was $500.00. The winning market survey was prepared by Mr. Klock and Mr. Davis for "The Faneville Co., of Manchester, Illinois". The introduction stated the purpose of the survey and the problem. The market was sub-divided into location and classes of business constituting the market, other main divisions discussed being channels of distribution, methods of securing agents, advertising and publicity and use of salesmen.

PROF. McFARLAND WRITES ANOTHER BOOK

Raymond McFarland formerly Professor at Middlebury College and later Principal of Vermont Academy has just completed a new novel, "The Sea Panther" which is being published by Frederick A. Stokes Co. Mr. McFarland lives in East Aurora, N. Y., and is connected with the Art Metal Shop of Buffalo.

THE 1929 KALEIDOSCOPE

The 1929 Kaleidoscope will soon go to press and will contain many new features. Alumni desiring to secure copies should communicate with D. F. ("Speed") Howe, Hepburn Hall, Middlebury, Vermont.
FOREFATHERS' DAY IN MIDDLEBURY

"GLEANINGS FROM FOREFATHERS," by Professor Charles B. Wright (The Middlebury Historical Society, Middlebury, Vt.). They have been celebrating Forefathers' Day in Middlebury for eighty-five years now, and one may safely call it their habit. Considering the ways of Vermont, they are likely to keep it up indefinitely. It seems also their habit to ask Prof. Charles B. Wright of Middlebury College to be toastmaster, or to give the address, or to write a poem, or otherwise to illumine the occasion with the bright gleams of his mind and spirit. Dr. Wright has made a little book of his various offerings. The capital cent table book it is. There are, of course, unfortunate people who have never seen the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains from Middlebury College, and who would not understand the deep-rooted neighborliness of the Champlain Valley, or what it means to have the governor there, or a Vermontian's passion to eat Vermont turkey and fixings with others or daughters of the Green Mountain State. Such as these may miss the qualities in Dr. Wright's book, native to the soil and the season, but your true Vermont will tap this book like a maple tree, and get a sweet and generous run. For Wright has a way (Homer possessed the same gift) of making literature out of memories and neighborliness and noble traditions. If one should want to know what Forefathers' Day has meant, and means still in New England, this book is highly recommended.—By Gains Glenn Atkins.

SAMUEL B. BOTSFORD '00 HONORED

Owing to drastic changes in the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, made last winter, Samuel B. Botsford, '00, was requested by the banking and large business interests of that city to become General Manager. He was President of the Chamber several years ago and has served on its most important committees continuously for the last fifteen years. Mr. Botsford stays at the head of his law firm, which has recently added two men to its membership, but is obliged to give much of his time to the Chamber and to a Development Committee, which represents the Niagara area. This is an international committee representing all the committees on the Niagara frontier, headed by the President of the Niagara Falls power development companies. Mr. Botsford is secretary and treasurer of the committee which has offices in the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

QUOTED FROM THE FORBES MAGAZINE, NOV. 1927

"The measure of a man is not the number of his servants but in the number of people whom he serves.—Dr. Paul D. Moody, President of Middlebury College."

Judge Thomas H. Noonan, '91, has been assigned to hold a trial term, Part 6, in New York County for two weeks beginning January 23, 1928.

Miss Harriette H. Steele, '95, has recently been appointed Director of the Girls' School of the Armenian School at Samokov, Bulgaria.

Egbert C. Hadley, '90, Ballistic Engineer of the Remington Arms Co., is Chairman of the Technical Committee of the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturer's Institute.

Edward Payson Crane, '27, who took a very active part in dramatics in college has entered upon a career in dramatics having taken part in "The Barker" and "The Brass Ring" and is now playing a minor role in "Marcos' Millions," the new play by Eugene O'Neil being presented by the Theatre Guild in New York City.

A LETTER FROM G. D. MACQUIVEY, '06

Associated Alumni of Middlebury, Middlebury, Vermont.

Dear Friends:

Included please find my check for $1.00 Associated Alumni dues for 1927-8. I enjoy receiving the News Letter very much. Am glad there is such a Periodical to keep the Old Timers in touch with current activities of the College and let us know where and what some of the graduates are doing.

We are a long way from Middlebury but still the Old College draws us together occasionally. Some of us recently had a picnic in a pretty spot in Hagerman Valley, about twelve miles from Wendell. It was a typical Western setting, surrounded by irrigation ditches lined with tall poplar trees, through which one could see a back-ground of lava-rock and sage-brush. Those present with their families were: B. M. Coolidge, '88, of Gooding; W. H. Eldredge, '91, and Mrs. Grace Buttolph Eldridge, '38, of Twin Falls; D. F. Clark, '01, and Mrs. M. E. B. Clark, ex-'02, also of Twin Falls; G. D. MacQuivey, '06, Edward H. Martin and Carl S. Martin, '09, and Mrs. Mildred Martin Howard, '19, of Wendell.

There was an article in a recent issue of the News Letter regarding an effort being made to get more publicity for Middlebury through the press. I am sure the western alumni hope these efforts are fruitful, especially during football and baseball season, for it is very seldom we are able to find in our Western Sunday papers an account of Middlebury's Saturday score. They print a lot of Eastern Normal and Prep Schools but seldom mention Middlebury.

Yours very truly,

G. D. MACQUIVEY.

Wendell, Idaho, November 16, 1927.

TRAVELS AND TRAVELERS

Homer L. Skeels, '98, National President of the Associated Alumni, has just returned from a trip to the Pacific Coast where he spent the Christmas holidays.

Ruth Collins, '02, sent her Christmas greetings under French stamps—Toulouse this time.

Margaret Brown, '24, and Helen Lingham, '24, this last summer visited England, Scotland, France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Holland.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Floyd A. Mitchell (Marion Tilden Mitchell, '22) with their little daughter, Marilyn, are sailing from Brooklyn on March seventh for Hawaii, where Lieutenant Mitchell has been assigned to three years' Foreign Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Shephard (Margaret Billings, '22) have been abroad since their marriage last September and are now in London. Mr. Shephard is attending Leather's College.

Mabel R. Benedict, '26, left Chatham, N. J., on January 16, starting for a four-months' cruise around the world.

Howard Carter, '27, who is now a student at the University of London, started on a vacation trip to France and Belgium on Wednesday, December 21. He visited Paris and other places of interest, including the battlefields of the World War.

Esther Langwill, '23, after studying last summer in Paris, is now teaching French in Oneonta, New York.

Mr. William H. Edmunds, '17, and Mrs. Edmunds have just returned to their home in Burlington, Vt., from their honeymoon trip to Bermuda.
Personal News and Notes of the Alumni

Ray L. ("Pick") Fisher, '10, is Assistant Professor in the Theory and Practice of Athletic Coaching and Baseball Coach at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Miss Grace L. Pennock, ex-'12, has a teaching fellowship this year at Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa.

The marriage of Ina Butler, ex-'28, and William E. Long, '25, took place December 28, in West Somerville, Mass. Mr. and Mrs. Long are now living in Oneonta, New York.

Rev. Frank B. Hyde, '84, is now preaching in Benson, Vermont.

Hiram D. Moor, '11, Assistant Professor of Bacteriology at the Oklahoma Medical School is on leave and is studying at the Rush Medical School in Chicago and is teaching at the Illinois Medical School.

A. George Osteyee, '21, is teaching in the Madison, N. J., High School and doing graduate work in education at Columbia University.

Dr. Junius E. Mead, '90, is now pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Johnstown, New York.


R. L. DeGroff, '23, is now associated with Mackubin-Goodrich & Co., bankers, Baltimore, Maryland.

Guy Coolidge, '20, who has taught at Hobart College is in France and is a student at the Sorbonne.

R. A. Stevens, '09, is Northeastern Sales Manager for the Russ Mfg. Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, and is located in Boston.


Dr. James L. Lovejoy, '01, is now practicing medicine in Boundbrook, N. J.

Gordon Brokenshire, '25, is now studying for the ministry in Yale Divinity School.

Linwood B. "Gopher" Law, '21, who for the past six years has been connected with Curtis N. Andrews, wholesale Radiolas and Victrolas, as Manager of the Radio Department, has resigned his position to go with the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Mary Towle Snyder, '97, of Cuba, N. Y., is spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. James F. Taylor, '05, is Superintendent of Schools at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

John H. White, '24, is Athletic Director and Instructor at the Lancaster, N. Y., High School.

Paul G. Sears, ex-'23, is now designer and Assistant Superintendent of the Acme Worsted Mills at Jamestown, N. Y. His brother, Roy R. Sears, '17, is connected with the Frigidaire Co., at Springfield, Mass.

Maurice F. Lee, alias "Moce", '21, has gone from Niagara Falls, N. Y., to New Kensington, Pa., where he is employed as a Chemist.

Miss Inez C. Cook, '09, of 716 Ashland Avenue, Buffalo, is teaching in the Kenmore, N. Y., High School.

Rev. Curtis C. Gove, the last living graduate of the class of '74, advises that he is "still going strong". He lives at 22 Thomas Ave., Batavia, N. Y.

Rowland V. Ricker, '17, is employed by the National Aniline and Chemical Co., at Buffalo, N. Y.

Lloyd W. "Dit" Runyan, ex-'23, is still in the insurance business at Buffalo.

Harold W. Haskins, '11, who was principal of Bradford Academy, Bradford, Vermont, from 1920 to 1927 is instructor in the Bentley School of Accounting and Finance, Boston, Mass.

Doris Ashworth, '22, President of the Worcester County Alumnae is accountant of the M. J. Whittall Association, Worcester, Mass.

Ada Wells, '10, after receiving an M. S. S. from Smith in 1927, is Councilor for the West Middle District of Hartford City Schools, (Conn.)

Helen Field, '24, is head of the French department in the Shrewsbury, (Mass.) High Schools.

Middlebury has two heads of departments in the David Hale Fanning Trade School, Worcester,—Marion Janes, '24, and Ruth Cowles, '24.

Madeline N. Macdonald, '22, was married on July 12, 1927, to Frederic P. Clark, Dartmouth, '22. Mr. and Mrs. Clark live at 29 Outlook Road, Swampscott, Mass.

Florine Parker Stratton, '14, has recently joined the Worcester colony. Her husband is now pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church.

"Mike" Carboy, '25, is associated with an accounting firm in New York City.

"Topsy" Bolton, '22, is teaching in the Passaic High School, where W. E. McMaster, '20, is also holding forth.

Van Hoven, '26, is residing in Rutherford, N. J., and working for the Telephone Company in Brooklyn.

"Red" Frederickson, '25, and his wife Dorothy Johnson Frederickson of the same class are living at 455 Ocean Ave, Brooklyn, N. Y.

"Al" Quackenbush, '24, is employed by an insurance company in New York City as an adjustment agent.

"Milt" Eggen, '26, has been forced by illness to repair to his home in New Britain, Conn.

Lillian Ranquist, '25, is teaching in the High School at Freeport, L. I., and Marion Wolcott, '25, is also there.

"Billy" Walsh, '24, is still firmly entrenched as the consulting oracle for all taking Spanish in the High School at Hempstead, L. I.
Personal News and Notes of the Alumni

A daughter, Joan Marie, was born on April 16, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar L. Lord. Mr. Lord is Middlebury '20, and Hazel Doody Lord, Middlebury '18.

Pauline Cross, '27, is teaching Home Economics at the Andover Street School, Worcester, Mass.

Elsa Holmstrom, '20, teaches in the North High School, Worcester, Mass. But her engagement has been announced to Mr. Julius Kroeko, Jr., a graduate of M. A. C.

Gertrude Bryant, '21, is teaching History and the Bible at Country Life Academy, Star, North Carolina. This is an agricultural school, patterned after the Danish institutions of similar purpose.

Gunhild Elfstrom, '27, is a teacher of Latin and German in Scotia, N. Y.

Doris K. Upton, '24, was married on July 16, 1927, to Clifford Kirkpatrick. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick are living at 416 Preston Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

John Viele, '09, is teaching in Maple Valley, Washington.

Marion Frizelle, '11, is assistant manager of the Aloha Restaurant, 28 West 46th Street, New York City.

Anna Lewis, '27, is a laboratory technician in New York City.

Arthur Vaughn, '17, who was with the National Advertising Company, has recently been appointed head of the department of accounts.

A daughter, Charletta Benchley, was born on July 16, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. Latham B. Gray, of Oriskany Falls, N. Y. Mrs. Gray was Margaret Dickinson, '22.

Katherine Ball, '17, is studying library administration at Columbia this year.

Along lines of transportation problems, D. Philip Locklin, '20, is a frequent contributor to various journals. His doctorate (U. of Ill.) bears fruit. Read his thesis now in the Middlebury College Library.

Dr. Robert H. Hill, '14, who graduated from the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons completed his internship in the Newark, New Jersey, City Hospital on January 1, 1928, and is practicing medicine in Newark, New Jersey.

Rev. Herbert M. Hall, '09, who was pastor of a church in Upper Jay, New York, is now located in Ellensburg Center, N. Y.

Miss Gertrude Graves, '20, was married to Mr. Robert G. Studer on June 23, 1927, and is now living in Greenfield, Mass.

Miss Lucia Goldthorp, '21, studied at the Drew Theological Seminary from September, 1926, to May, 1927, and is now Director of Religious Education in the Prospect Methodist Episcopal Church in Bristol, Connecticut.

Miss Helen C. Lingham, '24, is now head of the English Department in the Amherst, Mass., High School.

Miss Erminie Otaguy, '24, is teaching French in Rutland, Vermont.

Miss Ruth E. Wright, '23, is a Research Instructor in the Department of Government at the University of Vermont.

Ralph G. Lilly, '26, is supervising principal of the Willsboro High School, Willsboro, New York.

Milo W. Lathrop, '26, began his duties on January 5th, as teacher and coach for track in the Peekskill Military Academy, Peekskill, N. Y.

Mrs. Margaret G. Allison, '23, is now living at 46 Westland Avenue, Boston, Mass.

Mr. Carroll G. Ross, '16, was married to Miss Sarah R. Bradford of Wellesley Hills, Mass., on December 16, 1927. Mr. and Mrs. Ross are living at Crossley Hall, Mount Hermon, Mass.

Mr. Gordon A. Swan, '21, is with the New York Telephone Co., 140 West Street, New York City.

Dr. Henry L. Bailey of the Class of 1886 is the Editor of the new General Catalogue of Hartford Theological Seminary which has just been published by the Seminary.

Carl S. Kuebler, ex-'17, was admitted on January 1, 1928, to membership in the law firm of McDermott, Enright & Carpenter, Jersey City, N. J.

Elliott Francis Stearns, '27, was married to Miss Emilene A. Hunt, of Middlebury, Vermont, on December 30, 1927, and is now living in Greensboro, Vermont, where Mr. Stearns is teaching in the High School.

Dorothy Ellen Brainerd, '23, was married to Dr. Allen M. Kline on December 20, 1927, and is now living at 18 Pleasant Street, Middlebury, Vermont.

Barbara Smith, '13, of Gardner, Mass., has been giving a short series of lectures at the Boston Public Library.

Britomarte Somers, '15, was married on August 19, 1927, to Harry Potter Gibson. Address: 814 Union Street, Schenectady, N. Y.

Ruth Howland, '27, of Newark, N. J., is there associated with the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

Verse from the pen of Frances Frost Blackburn, ex-'28, has quite recently been welcomed by readers of such periodicals as Poetry and the Herald-Tribune.

Laurie Besiegel Newton, '13, is living at Great Barrington, Mass.

Charles A., '15, and Hazel Harding Fort, '17, are living at 393 Avalon Beach, Memphis, Tenn. Mr. Fort is head chemist of a forest products company.

Last season, Mildred Clark, '24, had charge of the summer health camp of the Kiwanis Club of Pittsfield, Mass.

Lucia Besiegel, '16, is on the staff of the Emma Willard School, Troy, N. Y.

On October 11, 1927, Veva Bullard, '11, was married to Edgar Powell of Littleton, New Hampshire.

Arnold B. Swift, '22, is teaching in East High School, Rochester, N. Y.
Personal News and Notes of the Alumni

Miss Clara B. Andrews, 1900, is now living in Elba, N. Y., while her sister, Mrs. Lucius C. Atwater, '06, is residing at 156 Augustine Street, Rochester, N. Y. Other Middlebury alumni in Rochester include Miss Rena C. Dumas, '22, Mrs. H. D. Godfrey, '17, Clarence E. Hamilton, '19, Mrs. J. E. Hoffmeister, ex-'25, Mrs. James Moore, '96, Arnold B. Swift, '22, Mrs. C. R. Taylor, '23, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse S. Yeaw, '21, and Frederick A. Hughes, '02. Mrs. Hughes was the Rochester representative at the Middlebury dinner held at Buffalo, November 17th.

Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop Baldwin of Rutland have announced the engagement of their daughter, Frances Gillespie Baldwin, ex-'28, to F. Wallace Patch, ex-'27, who is now on the Rutland Herald staff.

1913. A daughter, Elizabeth Ann, was born on November 12, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Van Ness, of 3120 Kingsbridge Avenue, New York City.

Charles W. Murdock, '10, is assistant Mechanical Engineer of the new Holland Vehicular Tunnell connecting New York City and New Jersey.

George E. Kimball, '06, has recently engaged in the Real Estate and Insurance business at Woodstock, Vermont.

A son, Seward Blanchard, was born on November 6th, 1927, to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Brewster. Mr. Brewster was a member of the class of 1918.

Augustus W. F. Newman, '14, of North Adams, Mass., is taking work toward his Master's degree at Williams College in the field of Chemistry.

Announcement has been received of the engagement of "Larry" Pierce, '21, to Miss Isabelle Coleman of Seattle, Wash. Mr. Pierce is employed by the Puget Sound Light & Power Co., as a research accountant.

Elbert C. Cole, '15, Ida Ainsworth Cole, ex-'13, and their two children will spend the next summer at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass. For the past three years Mr. Cole has been on the teaching staff of that institution. During the winter Mr. and Mrs. Cole reside at Williamstown, Mass., where Mr. Cole is Asst. Professor of Biology.

Amerigo Ratti, '11, is Shop Manager of the Robinson Marble & Tile Co., of Seattle, Wash.

Ralph Palmer, '11, is connected with the Purchasing Dept. of the Singer Mfg. Co., at 14 Broadway, New York City.

E. D. Drost, '24, is engaged as an estimator for a construction concern, in Chicago, Ill.


Word has been received of the birth of a son, John Conant, to Barbara Conant and Clifford A. Oakley (both of '24). All three Oakleys register from East Orange, N. J.

Harald W. Abbott, '14, has recently moved, with his family to Niagara Falls, N. Y., where he has a position with the Republic Carbon Co. He is living at 2717 Pierce Avenue.

James L. Cadwell, '10, of 345 Colvin Parkway, Buffalo, is teaching Physics in Technical High School of that city.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Batchelder of Pembroke, N. H., have been heaping honors on the house of Batchelder (In Middlebury parlance, their mother is Florence Walker, '01.) Achievement Nights have found these youngsters with 4-H Club records like these—4 seals,—one apiece; 3 gold pins,—one for each boy. The three boys also carried home in all, 8 prizes,—awards in local and state contests.

A Touch of Winter