"As Otter's Liquid Waters Glide"
A DISCUSSION as to the best story or anecdote told during Commencement finally resulted in the conviction that Dr. Archer Hubert's explanation of the cause of the formation of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado merited first prize. His succinct solution of a problem that has puzzled the geologists for decades merits immortality. He stated that the reason is as follows: a Scotchman lost a golf ball in a gopher hole; the reason, therefore, for the formation of the Grand Canyon is perfectly obvious and logical. ** Some one will now arise and ask: "Have you heard my last Scotch joke?" And we reply promptly: "We hope so!" ** Recent Commencements seem to be drawing more and more alumni and alumnae back to the Hill. No doubt the week-end Commencement helps, but we have an idea that the new momentum among the graduates has a bit to do with it; and this momentum in turn we trace to the fine work of Alumni Secretary Wiley, supported by the college administration. We noticed, also, Miss Myra Bagley, '10, active and interested in the good cause. ** The '09ers were a tickled group over their success in winning the attendance Cup. We noted in the class "Bill" Sanford, back after twenty years, from Iowa, Mabel Wales Holden from California, and Caroline Clark Noyes from Minnesota—long distances away, but not too far to break the old bonds of loyalty and friendship. ** What a gift it is—the gift for the apt and pregnant phrase! At the Commencement dinner, we saw Professor Wright leave his place near the head table, go to the section where the '09ers were clustered, and speak a sentence that drew marked '09 applause. What he said was simply phrased—"I want to tell '09 how much I like them!", but we wager that they will remember those few words long after more ponderous pronouncements to which they have listened are forgotten. Such a sentence is like a little thread of gold in the web of memory. ** As the Commencement crowds grow larger, it is inevitable that changes in the program must come, but we, for one, will raise a howl if any attempt is made to do away with
Alumni "Reune" as Seniors "Orale"

the Twilight Musicale. It may never be as widely popular as other events, but that hour of music under Prof. Hathaway’s skilled direction brings into the somewhat fevered, hurried hours of Commencement days a distinctive note that would be greatly missed—an hour of relaxation, of inner refreshment and outward peace. Some, alas, are like General Grant who said he knew two tunes—one was Yankee Doodle and the other wasn’t. The program, however, is varied enough to meet general approval. Being a close musical relative to the General, we greeted Frank’s “Trois Chorals” with calm disfavor, disliking the dissonances that he uses—plain discords to our untutored ear; and they sounded that way in spite of the sensitive fingers at the organ. The rest of the program was a delight—and to our mood of unrest, a benediction. We judged, as we looked around, that the elite of the Commencement crowd were there. We were there ourselves, of course.* * * We did not see the plays given by The Wig and Pen Friday night, though we heard them praised. The play that interested us was “The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife”—(nothing personal in this; we married a very intelligent girl)—but at the time of the play we were far away struggling over a Vermont mountain in a rain in an ancient car and giving a good imitation of “A Dumb Man Driving a Bum Car.” * * * There were no jams, we understand, in the business of the alumni and alumnae associations. Everything went nicely. We salute those who are managing the affairs of these associations. May they grow not a-weary! * * * The impossible happened at this Commencement: a home team won a baseball game, Usually it is the visitors, unwaried by Commencement activities, who win. By the way, “Midd” athletics are going to see some golden years unless we are badly mistaken. There seems to be widespread confidence in the coaches and the coaching system among those who know what the facts are. * * * What a comfort it was to hear Dr. Simpson’s convincing exposition of his belief that reality is not what the materialist of old has agreed that it is. The farther the scientist goes, the nearer he comes to the great Mystery where his systems of physical measurements fail because there he meets the creative spirit that is beyond measurement. We wish that apostle of physics, logic, mathematics, and materialism who used to room with us could have heard Dr. Simpson. The Doctor’s logic could have made a dent in a cranium that seemed to us, in the old days, highly impervious. * * * No, we didn’t attend the meeting of Phi Beta Kappa through an oversight of ours—that takes back quite a number of years. * * * The applause that greeted a statement made at the Commencement dinner to the effect that there was no intention to make Middlebury a “big” college rather startled us, for it tended to show that other people have caught up to us in our thinking. A veteran librarian of a “big” university, an ex-Vermont, once said to us: “Vermont is one of the last places left where a man can possess his own soul.” The analogy holds true—why not—for educational institutions. One thing we vowed, years ago, among other vows that we later unvowed—we intended to possess our own soul. So we have hung onto it through the Ford Age, and we are going to keep on hanging on; and “Midd” taught us how. May
the college teach many others! ** The informal dance after the concert, Saturday evening, made a hit with us. We dislike a "boiled" shirt, for one reason, and the music was to our liking. The old question—"Will a saxophone player go to Heaven?" and the answer: "He will, but his neighbors won’t!"—did not apply to the music which we followed for two pleasant hours. We vote for this informal dance as a regular feature of the program. ** We should not overlook one important factor in a "Midd" Commencement—the cordiality and hospitality of the town. This friendly spirit is not always evident in all communities where colleges are located. The attitude of the management of the Middlebury Inn also merits a word of praise. For instance, we led a belated group to the dining-room door for breakfast at a time when we deserved a brief word of refusal, but we were admitted and served promptly. We intend to advertise the Inn, and we are starting now. ** Glancing over these jottings, we are a bit dismayed to discover the way we had been sprinkling in the "we’s"—twenty-nine in all, which must make a record; but the truth is—we (30) didn’t ask for this job. One of the editors, Mr. Wiley, wished it on us; and we (31) did not know how to refuse a man who had given so freely and willingly of his time to help us and others to enjoy Commencement; so we (32)—that’s the next to the last one, no matter what happens to the English language. ** Another Commencement tale comes to mind. Casey was ill; a friend asked about him. The answer was: "Casey is in a bad way: they are fire-proofing him!" After that last wheeze (pun intentional), we are pretty certain that the readers of these jottings hope that "fire-proofing" will be in order for

The Jotter.
How much a little thing can symbolize! I have kept in my desk for many years the sketch here reproduced, and am minded to use it as a theme for this News Letter contribution. Three thoughts are always suggested when I take it from the drawer. It recalls, first, a beautiful friendship that the years have only strengthened, for the happy sketch of the much-married monarch is from the skilful pen of May Seely, who became Mrs. John W. Chapman in the following October, and departed with her husband for his mission in far-away Alaska. (The inferior lettering I must myself plead guilty of.) One was made for each of the little group for whom they were prepared; I wonder whether a single copy besides my own has survived "the drums and tramplings" of thirty-seven years.

It symbolizes, too, the long line of weekly winter-evening meetings with our students that stand out in the memory of Mrs. Wright and me as among the most delightful experiences of our Middlebury life. They were held almost always in our own home, although this particular one was in Battell Hall. That house, for so many years the principal dormitory for women, was built during the Kitchel administration, and was the home of three subsequent Middlebury presidents. It is a fine old property, rich in associations, and should never have passed from college ownership. All through the winter months, for a long period of years, Saturday evening was recognized as "our evening", and no one ever thought of putting on that night, any other social function in which seniors and juniors would have a part. And, for us, what ambrosial nights they were! An hour would be given to some theme for which a crowded curriculum afforded no class-room place,—a series of Browning readings for one winter, the life and work of William Morris for another; on the night in question it was Shakespeare's "Henry VIII",—and then an adjournment to the dining-room was in order. I have suspected often that the long life of that Saturday evening institution was due far more to the culinary skill of the hostess than to any literary ability of the host. A half-hour of lighter reading would follow,—"Huckleberry Finn", perhaps,—and so the evenings would end; if our students found in them half the pleasure that we did, I am glad that through so many years, we were able to enjoy them. For the time came, with the college growth and the multiplying of activities, when a feature like those Saturday (Continued on page 17)

"Henry VIII"

Why shouldn't we

"Have your mouth filled up."

Wafers Cheese Olives Cream

"Do you look for ale and cakes here, you rude rascals?"

Battell Hall. Mar. 16, '92.
Aviation

By C. S. ("Casey") Jones, '15
President, Curtiss Flying Service

Every American with foresight and imagination is interested today in aviation. Many are already engaged in some phase of flying as a vocation and more are taking it up from day to day as an avocation. Whenever I run into any of my friends who were at Middlebury when I was an undergraduate, I never have a chance to find out any of the things that I have been wanting to know, for they pigeonhole me with a thousand questions about aviation.

Just to simplify this mystery a little—which I hope will give me a chance some time to get answers to my own questions—we can all see without difficulty that aviation may be divided into a series of eras. The first, of course, was the invention of the flying machine in which the Wright brothers, Glenn H. Curtiss and a number of other immortals were the central figures. From then until the World War, the new science of flying in heavier than air craft subsisted through the medium of exhibitions.

The World War, which probably retarded the development of the airplane, next brought large numbers of persons into contact with the mechanics of flying. In the first place, airplanes designed for war uses are unsuited to private and commercial flying. Secondly, the glamor which grew up around the aviators and dubbed them "super men" created a false impression that only a limited number of human beings could learn to fly and that—at best—it would always be a highly dangerous performance.

At the end of the war, the first real start was made toward aviation on the grand scale and the movement in the beginning was modest in its proportions. For a long time the Curtiss Flying Service kept many of us wondering where the next meal was coming from, but our backers had faith which was fully as great as their vision.

Today, after all of the lean years, aviation has (Continued on page 15)
Another View of Recruiting

By Doctor Eugene C. Bingham, ’99
Professor of Chemistry, Lafayette College

Recruiting doubtless goes on in American Colleges and Universities, but I had supposed that it was always without the active support of the institution. I am therefore surprised to have a Trustee of the College advocate the practice in the College News Letter, following the vigorous appeal made at the New York Dinner, before a considerable group of Trustees and Alumni.

The argument is that "a successful athletic team is the greatest advertisement that the College can have", even if it is bought and paid for. Now the best team that money can buy will not bring any valuable reputation to the College. What is a "successful" team? I supposed that Middlebury was engaged in training young men and women for life and not in producing "winning teams". Having played football myself, I can see where the game gives certain qualities of value, but playing a clean game is vastly more important than winning in any other way.

How can a college openly advocate admitting a man to college who would not be regarded as worthy college material were it not for his real or supposed athletic prowess? Will such a man in later years be a credit to the College if he is lacking in intellect or character? In the Regulations of the College, p. 20, it is declared that "any student who is known to receive special financial assistance because of athletic ability will be declared ineligible". How does Mr. Skeels propose to square this with the advice that "real college spirit demands that every alumnus acquaint himself with some good athlete and by argument, persuasion, and assistance (italics mine) if necessary, get him to enter Middlebury"?

It will be simple for the College to deny that Mr. Skeels represents the official attitude of the College. It will also be simple for Alumni or other supposed friends of the College to pay the fathers of young men or possibly the employers of the fathers of these same young men who are good athletes and thus circumvent any rule which is likely to be framed. It will then be easy for the high-minded members of the community to refer with pride to the purity of our athletics as compared with those of our neighbors at the wicked U. V. M., etc. It might be less easy to get the mercenaries "by the Faculty", but even that would not interpose insuperable difficulties—at least up to Thanksgiving were it not for the Freshman rule. It just takes a careful technique. A good technique is the thing! Isn't there danger of hypocrisy in this whole thing? Is it possible that we are really making fine sounding rules and laws for the other fellow to which we personally refuse allegiance? A professional football team may be a desirable thing, so why not frankly discuss whether it need be connected with the College? But adopting the philosophy of Browning in the Statue and the Bust, if we must fall to the lowest ideals of sportsmanship let us at least not employ such execrable technique.

A further step in the argument for athletic advertisement is that "by means of the influence and assistance of the College the graduates meet whatever measure of success in after life which comes to them". I had supposed that the training obtained in the class-room, laboratory, and library as well as in extra-curriculum activities was intended to give the graduates the ability to make their own way in business or graduate school. I am surprised to learn that winning teams will bring success in after life even to those who sit on the grand stands. The miracle of education seems to work while you sleep, as it were. Haverford College has the enviable reputation of being exceptionally clean in athletics, of having a very small enrollment, but of having a group of carefully picked scholars from a large number of applicants. In the recent test applied by the Carnegie Foundation, Haverford College rated first among the colleges of Pennsylvania. I do not know whom Haverford College plays in athletics or whether she wins or not. The fact that Lafayette College ranked third (Continued on page 11)
The Glee Club

By H. G. Owen '23

One of the important events in the Glee Club world of '28-'29 was the decision by the New England Intercollegiate Glee Club Contest Committee to found a permanent endowment to insure the continuance of that movement which Walter Damrosch has characterized as the most important musical development of the last decade. Since 1914, when the contests were inaugurated, financial backing for the proper work of the Association has been limited and the efficiency of the organization has been curtailed. But the establishment of an endowment large enough to meet the demands of immediate necessity insures the successful continuance of a far reaching project.

At the annual New England contest held in Symphony Hall on March 1st, Middlebury received honorable mention, with a score of 248 out of 300 points. In the five years of these contests, only Wesleyan University, twice a national champion, has attained higher rank than the Middlebury Club, which has received one first place and three honorable mentions. At the particular request of the contest committee, James C. Thomson, '29, the violin soloist of the Middlebury Club, played a group of solos on the contest program, which met with appreciative attention.

The '28-'29 itinerary included three radio concerts over WEAF, WOR, and WNAC; concerts at Simmons College and at the Hotel Ten Eyck at Albany; appearances at Fort Edward and Gloversville, N. Y.; at Hingham, Stoneham and Attleboro, Mass.; at Bridgeport, Conn.; at Montclair and Bloomfield, N. J.; and at Philadelphia.

College Opens Late This Year

Registration days and Freshman Week begin on September 23. The opening exercises in Mead Memorial Chapel, with address by President Moody, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26.
THE SECOND PRIZE

We were speaking of colleges with a friend whose knowledge of American collegiate institutions is based upon long acquaintance with them; and we were discussing those finer essences that go to make colleges distinctive, aside from all matters of curriculum, endowment, plant, and so on.

"I have been watching Middlebury with keen interest," he remarked, "and my present conviction is—well, you remember the battle in which Themistocles took part. At its close, the Greek chieftains gathered to award the prizes for valor. Each chief voted the first prize to himself, but all agreed in voting the second to Themistocles.

"I should probably vote the first prize to my own college in a contest where real achievement among colleges was at stake, but for second prize I should name Middlebury."

Out of his ensuing comments, a bit too intricate for summary in the space available, we borrow one idea, in line with the reference to finer "essences," and restate it roughly. The Machine Age with its scientific background is upon us; all efforts to delay it have faded and failed; and it must be accepted. The struggle of the coming century will center in the effort of men of vision to save Man from dominance by the Machine.

In this struggle, the small college, if led by men of vision, will have a highly important spot, holding, the country over, key-positions, and furnishing leaders of a definite type for the larger universities and colleges where the conflict will undoubtedly be fiercest in view of their physical and intellectual proximity to the great centers where the forces of the Machine are reaching full tide.

We offer this crude re-statement of what seems to us an interesting point of view with the hope that it may be suggestive to readers of this editorial. We know that Middlebury's influence has been widening steadily under President Moody's leadership; and from all that we can gather that influence is not antagonistic to all worth-while things that are arising from our "machine" age. It is an influence working against those aspects of the "machine" that tend to submerge the spirit of men.

Of the outcome of the conflict we have no doubt, if we heed the warnings of some of the far-sighted thinkers of our day. There are going to be periods of discouragement for the small college when there will be no awarding of even second prizes for valor, when the emphasis will fall heavily not upon things of the spirit but upon those things that make for outward might and power. But the race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong in the inner reaches of achievement. We shall have faith with the dreamer who wrote:

"With body frail and subject to a thousand perils, with knowledge and understanding sufficient to solve but a trifling portion of the mysteries that beat in upon his life, with the universe of the far stars and the mighty sun crushing him with its greatness, man would still rise in majestic self-assertion to the victory over all things in time and space."

Chi Psi Lodge, Dedicated in June
Dramatics

By V. Spencer Goodreds
Instructor in Public Speaking and Drama

A S I attempt to convey to you some idea of the dramatic work the past season, I am wondering how vital your interest is in things dramatic at Middlebury. Perhaps, I should first ask whether you have been given an opportunity to form definite perceptions about our dramatic activity, upon which a positive interest is dependent. The last information which came to you concerning dramatics at Middlebury was in the News Letter of April last year which was written by Professor Morse, who has since left Middlebury and is now in charge of dramatic work at Tufts College. The interim up to the time of this issue is long, which in itself tends to lessen your interest because it removes any opportunity for a continuous idea of what we are doing. To insure your positive interest it would be well to keep you informed concerning the programs given during the year by an article in each issue of the News Letter, if space might be secured from your editor. This would have a more decided advantage in giving you a sense of definite continuity regarding the work in drama and would heighten the possibility of forming definite perceptions about it, than the single article appearing in the spring issue which of necessity has become a discussion in retrospect of the season’s work. This suggestion of a more occasional article is not with a view of exploiting our work but with the hope of familiarizing you with an activity which has gained almost as prominent a place in the life at Middlebury among the students as athletics—it should, therefore, occupy the same prominence among Middlebury’s alumni. Time will tell whether we can sufficiently whet your dramatic appetites to warrant a more occasional discussion of this activity as carried on here.

Concerning this year’s work, fewer plays were produced than last year because stating frankly, it was obvious that attention had to be given to the establishment of standards in production. This meant a curtailing of productions, a sacrificing of quantity for quality. Plays to be successful should not be given until they are ready. Our audience at Middlebury has become more exacting and discerning as to dramatic values and we are striving to maintain a high standard of production in their interests. We first endeavored to give them a variety of plays which would get away from the usual amateur stereotyped performances. These plays because of their nature presented production problems and we recognize that successful production can only be commensurate with our ability to handle these problems which takes time. Another objective was to give as many students as possible an opportunity for expression. This itself warrants considerable time in the training of these students to take part in the plays. Much time, therefore, has been given
to the acting or interpretation of the plays. We are pleased to learn from no less an authority than your good friend Professor Cady that the acting has improved considerably this year in terms of diction and the ability of the students to positively employ their personalities in characterizations. Valuable by-products, of course, result from these two things. The plays offered opportunity for more careful planning of costume work, scenery design and painting, lighting effects and also make-up. The laboratory work carried on in connection with these particular elements has offered worth while training for the students.

To be specific we have done four long plays of distinct variety which have been suitable pieces for creative work and we have also done eight programs of short plays. The long plays were "The Patsy", Oscar Wilde’s "The Importance of Being Earnest", a comedy of manners, "Not Herbert", a mystery play, and "The Man Who Married a Dumb Wife" by Anatole France, a most amusing play with humorous plot and situations, enlivened by some interspersed bits of music and song. Among the short plays was George M. Cohan’s "Common Clay" which was well received by the audience; Lord Dunsany’s mystery tragedy "A Night at an Inn" which was most successfully produced; a beautiful and appealing play in "Why the Chimes Rang" for our Christmas presentation. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience, mostly because of its spiritual appeal and the beauty of its combined elements. One of the most successful plays of this group was a Chinese play, beautiful in its exotic nature, enhanced by most attractive costumes and a well designed scenery background. Holworthy Hall’s "The Valiant" showed the best bit of acting throughout the season, made possible by the strength of this play. It was repeated at commencement time as a curtain raiser to our long play. Our annual drama review, known as "The Silhouette", reviews the plays of the season in a most complete way and may be subscribed to by the alumni. It will be off the press as the News Letter reaches you.

We hope sometime to give you a picture of the Playhouse, which has been completely re-decorated this year and makes a beautiful setting for our dramatic work.

I almost forgot to mention that in addition to the above plays four original plays were produced this year, having been written by students in the playwriting class. We are hopeful of encouraging results in this direction.

The department has been able to reach out this year and carry on an extension work program. Considerable aid has been given to Grange organizations and various schools in connection with their dramatic programs. An attempt will be made to carry on more work of this nature.

I trust the work will become of vital interest to you and that opportunity may present itself to see some of our productions.

ANOTHER VIEW OF RECRUITING

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among the Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, I regard as a vastly more significant thing than that it has had a football team for several years which has won more victories than most other colleges of its class. And I find that employers who take men graduating from Lafayette do not value athletic prowess any more highly than I do. Participation in athletics is fine so far as it develops health or character, but just as soon as it becomes commercialized for the benefit of any group, be it undergraduates, alumni, or tired business men, it is bad. There is plenty of opportunity for the small College in the country with its Puritan traditions, but the argument should be based on the clearer air with the opportunity to see the stars and on the hills by the gently flowing river where men can stroll and think, quietly and sanely.
The athletic year closed with Middlebury being returned State Champions in eight of the ten sports engaged in. Football and baseball were the two sport championships that went elsewhere. The teams of the Black Panther Tribe won first place in varsity Cross Country, Basketball, Hockey, Track and Field, Tennis, and Golf and in Freshman Football and Freshman Cross Country. When it is brought to mind that the Football and Baseball races were plenty close enough to be exciting, we can call it a very satisfying athletic year without resorting to the solace of post mortems or the soothing effect of the moral victory lullaby. Truly a great year. There must always be some few regrets in a year, however full of accomplished desires.

The Baseball prospects seemed good at midwinter with a goodly number of veterans back from the previous season, well scattered over the various positions. Cook, to be sure, was the only veteran pitcher who could be counted on, since Hingston's shoulder might not come around into first class shape. However, there were two freshmen of fine record that were a comfort to the fans. Then came the spring, by calendar only, and the boys stayed in the gym. The first game was imminent and so was May, still the storm god reigned supreme. The need of a cage was again so brutally demonstrated.

The season saw the realization of the hopes in the veterans and the fears that the Freshman pitchers might need more seasoning. The work of McDermott showed merit and gives a foundation on which to build the hopes of coming years. Nelson was a big help in the outfield. Spooner, a senior, was developed in one year so that he defeated M. A. C. and Tufts and lost only to Providence. No small accomplishment. Cook pitched nine of the fifteen games, and won from Upsala, Vermont, Northeastern, St. Michael's, Norwich, and St. Lawrence, losing to St. Lawrence, Brown, and Vermont. At least two of these losses were from factors unrelated to the pitcher's box. Captain Willis, Sorenson, Kelley, Anderson, Spooner, and Douglas are letter men lost by graduation and they leave a heavy burden on the shoulders of Captain-elect Franzoni, Cook, Humeston, Jacobs, Hasseltine, and Nelson. Four of these men are outfields and the remainder of next year's team must come from the large squad carried this year and the entering class in September. The season was more successful than the usual one of late and the team was a credit to the college and the coach.
BASEBALL SEASON, 1929

April 27. St. Lawrence at Canton
           Middlebury 1  
           Opponent 5  
           Cook—P.

May  4. Upsala—Home
           Cook—P.

May  9. Vermont—Home
           Cook—P.

May 11. Norwich—Home
           McDermott, Ashdown, Spooner, Hingston—P.

May 15. Brown at Providence
           Cook—P.

May 16. Rhode Island State at Kingston
           Hingston, McDermott—P.

May 17. Providence at Providence
           Spooner—P.

May 18. Northeastern at Boston
           Cook—P.

May 22. St. Michael’s at Winooksi
           Cook—P.

May 24. M. A. C.—Home
           Spooner—P.

May 27. Vermont at Burlington
           Cook—P.

May 30. Norwich at Northfield
           Cook—P.

May 31. Tufts—Home
           Spooner—P.

June  1. Clark—Home
           McDermott—P.

June 15. St. Lawrence—Home
           Cook—P.

BASEBALL LETTER MEN
Alber E. Willis, Captain
Carl G. Sorensen
Stillman F. Kelley, 2nd
Raymond S. Franzoni, Captain-elect
Paul F. Anderson
Richard J. Hameston
Warren E. Jacobs
Walter J. Nelson
Wilson H. Hasseltine
Robert B. Cook
Forrest J. Spooner
Gordon L. Douglas
Thad R. Jackson, Manager
Harvey W. Hessler, Coach.

"Gil" Smith ’29 Winning the 100-Yard Dash in the Vermont State Meet at Burlington

TRACK

The Track season further demonstrated the need of a cage. The team lost to R. P. I. for no other reason than lack of opportunity to get into condition. The boys were favored by fair and friendly winds during the next week and stepped so fast against St. Lawrence that the meet was almost devoid of interest. St. Lawrence then defeated R. P. I. on the next Saturday. These things happen in other sports and we find them unworthy of comment, but not so in Track. Vermont has a large plant including a cage, Norwich has an immense new armory, Middlebury and St. Michael’s are still "as you were". This is a theme for a lengthy article but the topic is Track. The team did well at Williams and, granted a stubbed toe or two, would have won the meet. In Track, may the professor explain, when you score, you not only tally for your own team, but you take precious counters away from the opponent. In the Green Mountain Conference Meet, the boys just followed in the groove established in former years.

"Gilly" Smith has run his last for Middlebury. Thus passes, perhaps, the greatest runner the college has ever had. When shall we see another like him? Dalton, the Captain-elect, had a good season and finished it by breaking the Conference record in the two miles with the time of 10 minutes, 4 and 6-10 seconds. Paul closed a season of hard work with a vault of 11 feet, 8 inches for a Conference record. Guarinaccia was consistently good all season in the shot and discus, failing to make a perfect score by 1-2 inch in the shot at R. P. I.
Guarnaccia Wins Shot Put—As Usual

The success of the team was due to the training and coaching they had received at the hands of Coach Brown in other years, only one freshman making his letter. With such unbroken success by Middlebury Track teams, victories might be taken for granted by some, but there must be some reason for this result, especially in the face of such unequal training facilities.

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Bagley, Holder of Middlebury Record for High Jump

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TEENNIS

The Tennis team won the State Championship and Ralph Woodbury won the state singles title in a special singles tournament held at Middlebury. This team also had very adverse conditions to work under in the early season and had to get what practice they could in the gymnasium at odd hours when the floor was
united by other activities. The need for one or more cement courts is urgent for the proper development of the sport and the use of the students in bad weather. The material this year was not exceptional and the coaches are to be commended for the results achieved. The outlook for next year seems somewhat more favorable.

SEASON'S RECORD IN TENNIS
Middlebury 1 Holy Cross 3 at Worcester.
Middlebury 2 Boston University 4 at Boston.
Middlebury 2 Clark 4 at Worcester.
Middlebury 4 Vermont 2 at Middlebury.
Middlebury 3 Vermont 3 at Burlington.
Middlebury 0 Union 6 at Schenectady.
Middlebury 0 R. P. I. 0 at Troy.
Middlebury 4 St. Michael's 0 at Winooksi.
Middlebury 4 Worcester Poly Inst. 2 at Middlebury.
Middlebury 4 N. Y. State Teachers' 2 at Middlebury.
Middlebury 6 St. Michael's 0 at Middlebury.

C. A. Adams, Coach.
E. B. Cornwall, Assistant Coach.
R. E. Woodbury, Manager.

GOLF
The Varsity Golf team played two matches at the Burlington Country Club and won both of them. They defeated Norwich, 5-1, and Vermont, 5-0. The following men took part in the matches under the leadership of Henry Weston, Captain and Manager: L. Riccio, D. Riccio, Owen, Tibone, and Sherman.

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE, 1929
September 28 Columbia at New York City.
October 3 Williams at Middlebury.
October 12 M. A. C. at Amherst.
October 19 Springfield at Springfield.
October 26 St. Lawrence at Middlebury.
November 2 Providence at Providence.
November 9 Norwich at Middlebury.
November 16 Vermont at Burlington.

AVIATION
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entered the stage of great industry. Airports, flying schools are spreading across the land from our own Green Mountains of granite to the West Coast. Great transportation lines like the Transcontinental Air Transport are getting ready to open. Every man is busy many of the day's twenty-four hours. Enthusiasm makes good the lack of trained men.

Just where aviation is going is not for us to say at present. Many problems confront the industry on every hand. Speedy transportation we know is assured by the airplane. In the past since the very dawn of history, mankind has always been quick to grasp the opportunities to travel faster and this is the best reason in the world for us to feel certain that flying will come more and more into use toward a reasonable limit.

The Curtiss Flying Service, of which I am the president, is already functioning from Coast to Coast across the country. Thirty-four schools will soon be in regular operation. Finding that many of our students wish to go through to the rating of Transport Pilot, we also have three advanced schools, really flying universities. At the same time, at each of our fields we maintain sightseeing, taxi and photographic planes as well as those for special cross country flying. So rapidly is the public taking to the air at present that actually the demand for planes exceeds the supply.

MIDDLEBURY ORCHESTRA AT SEA
Through the interest of David A. Burke, '02, Manager of the United States Lines, The Blue Bahoon Orchestra, secured an assignment for this summer on the President Harding. According to report, they are giving Middlebury much favorable publicity.
IN the death of Professor C. F. Abbott, Jermain Professor of Government and Law for the past sixteen years, Middlebury has lost one of its strongest and most admired teachers. He was a man of scholarly attainments in political and social subjects, and as a teacher his loss to the College seems irreparable.

Death came as the result of cancer, which had grown steadily worse for the past two years. He attended his classes, however, up to within a few weeks of his death; day after day he fought off his weakness that he might give yet another hour’s service to his classes. His universally recognized position as a teacher and scholar won him many admirers among students, faculty and townspeople. One of the student activities in which he was interested for many years was debating, and for a number of years he was one of the coaches of the debating teams. He was also closely connected with the problems of the College and administration, and at the time of his death was one of the members of the faculty committee on administration. He gave the best years of his life to Middlebury, and devoted himself unremittingly to the mastery and teaching of his chosen field of knowledge.

Professor Abbott was born in Suffield, Connecticut, August 24, 1868. He was the son of George and Flora (Newton) Abbott. During his early boyhood the family moved to Claremont, N. H., where he received his preparatory education. He was graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1891. On July 24, 1893, at Chicago, he married Edith W. Howard of Claremont, who survives him. He studied law at the University of Michigan Law School and received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. He was admitted to the bar in Colorado. Later he practiced law in Massachusetts and Vermont.

Early in his career he was attracted to the teaching profession, where he felt that there was greater opportunity for service. He served as an instructor in History and Civics in the English High School, Somerville, Mass., for eight years. During this time he did considerable graduate work at Harvard, receiving his M. A. degree from that institution in 1907. He then continued his studies at Harvard, at the same time serving as an instructor in Government and Law, until he was called to Middlebury in 1913, to serve as Assistant Professor of Political Science. In 1917 he was made Jermain Professor of Government and Law, occupying this chair until his death.

In Middlebury Professor Abbott always interested himself in community welfare and education. For some time he was superintendent of the church Bible school of the Congregational church. Although he gave himself unstintingly to his students, who he felt, had the first claim upon his time, he found time to devote himself to civic activities.

Professor Abbott was a member of the American Association of University Professors, Phi Beta Kappa and other learned societies. He belonged to the local Congregational church.

The entire personnel of the College paused for an hour on the Friday morning following his death to pay tribute to his memory in Mead Memorial Chapel in place of the regular chapel exercises. President Moody presided and read letters from President Hopkins of Dartmouth and from a former student, at present a lawyer. Professors Bryant and Skillings and E. N. Lawrence ‘29 spoke briefly, and Dr. Harrington offered the closing prayer.

“Ever since he has been connected with Middlebury he has enjoyed the respect and the affection of the students, both as a teacher and as a man. His high standards of scholarship, his exacting demands upon his students, equalled only by his demands upon himself, made his classroom one of the best training schools for life. His bravery in the face of his illness, his devotion to Middlebury and the best interests of his students, have given us a bright heritage and an imperishable inspiration.”

—President Moody.

“Here, on this infinitesimal speck of dust in this vast universe, we live for a mere instant in the duration of the universe. What is man? But this is not the whole truth. The very vast-
ness of these magnitudes has led me to a new
conception of the greatness of human person-
ality, and that conception has been enlarged
and strengthened by the experience of these last
months while Professor Abbott was with us.
There was a man of supreme courage, moral and
physical. As he faced death calmly during those
closing months, he had but two desires—to
spare those who ministered to his needs and to
render such services as were still in his power.”

—Professor Bryant.

“In my personal relation with him, I have
ever found him a man whose words it was well
to note. He taught more from experience than
from a text book. And what a wide experience
he had: a student in Dartmouth, Harvard and
Michigan; a lawyer in Michigan, Colorado,
Massachusetts and Vermont; in the true sense of
the word, a teacher everywhere. All who knew
him well, I am sure, could add that he ever en-
deared himself to the hearts of all about him.”

—E. N. Lawrence, ’29.

YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW
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nights became increasingly impossible. I some-
times wonder what would be thought today, if
we should endeavor to revive them—should ask
to be given the right of way for every Saturday
evening from December around through March;
the probable outcome would be the appointment
of a commission de lunatico inquirendo.

And that brings me to the final thought that
this little slip suggests. As I look at it through a
tender mist, the horizon widens and it comes to
stand for the Middlebury that used to be—for
the old order that has given place to new. Per-
haps the new order is better; we can offer much,
with our enlarged facilities, that we could not
offer then, and no one is more glad of that than
I. It should never be forgotten, though, that
in many ways the reverse is equally true, and
that the students of those earlier years could be
given much of enduring worth that cannot be
given now. At all events, we who, whether as
teachers or as pupils, were a part of that long-
ago time may be permitted to remember it with
affection, and to give to its vanished features the
tribute of a tear.

ALUMNI ELECT ROBERTS NATIONAL
PRESIDENT

The result of the ballot for alumni officers
which was conducted through the mail was
announced at the commencement meeting as
follows:

NATIONAL PRESIDENT:
Gilbert W. Roberts, ’02

N. Y. CITY DISTRICT PRESIDENT:
Allen H. Nelson, ’01

NEW HAVEN DISTRICT PRESIDENT:
Duane L. Robinson, ’03

ALBANY DISTRICT PRESIDENT:
William H. Hambley, ’04

ALUMNI TRUSTEE:
Thomas H. Noonan, ’91

PROMINENT TRUSTEE DIES

Mr. Charles M. Swift, Trustee and generous benefactor of
the College died June 21 on his yacht at his summer home at
Grose Point, Lake Champlain.
Mrs. Frances Caswell Nelson, '23, Newly-elected President of Alumnae Association

ALBANY DISTRICT DINNER

The Middlebury Club, Albany District, was organized Friday, April 26, 1929, with an attendance of forty-two.

Carroll S. White, ex-'22, took the initial step which led to the trip by chartered bus to Gloversville to hear the Glee Club concert which in turn led to this dinner-organization meeting at the Ainlee-Hewitt Restaurant, Albany.

After the dinner a permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers:

President, Carroll S. White, ex-'22
Vice President, Edith H. Tallmadge, '21
Secretary and Treasurer, Arthur M. Ottman, '17
Middlebury songs were led by Michael J. Lorenzo, '24, with Edith H. Tallmadge at the piano.

Announcement was made that plans had already been started to bring the Glee Club to the Capitol District in February, 1930, for one or more concerts. The sentiment of the group was strongly in favor of sponsoring such a plan.

Announcement was made, also, of dates when Middlebury men would participate in tennis and track meets and in baseball games in this vicinity. Preliminary programs of Junior Week and Commencement as outlined in the last News Letter were read and all those who could attend were urged to do so.

A plan was advanced to hold two big meetings a year, the dates and places of the meetings to be decided upon by the Executive Committee, and as many local "get-togethers" as could be arranged. (The fall meeting will be held in Albany, Friday evening, October 25th, at the time of the meeting of the Eastern Branch of the N. E. A.)

Several of those who came from a distance were entertained over night at the homes of various members in Albany and Troy and it is hoped that this feature will be carried out to a greater degree at future meetings.

The honor guests were Dr. and Mrs. Charles Baker Wright. One of the finest features of the evening was Dr. Wright's message and greeting.

A few games were played and the meeting closed with a Middlebury song and cheer.

Those in attendance were:

HONORARY MEMBERS

Dr. Charles Baker Wright
Mrs. Charles Baker Wright

ACTIVE MEMBERS


HUDSON: Bertha R. Collins, '02; Edith T. Jones, '24.

POUGHKEEPSIE: Isabel C. Sutherland, '25; Edward Clark.

ROUND LAKE: William Alger Bedell, ex-'84.


PITTSFIELD, MASS: Dr. Willys M. Monroe, '12; Marjorie Bates Monroe, '12; Sophie D. Musgrove, '13.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONNECTICUT ALUMNI

(Reported by Helen Prageman '23)

The Connecticut Alumni Association of Middlebury College held its annual dinner at the Hartford Women's Club May 18, 1929. The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Mr. Chester Walch '07, chairman, Faye Butterfield Healy '13, Genevieve Elmer '12, and Mildred Kienle '23. Middlebury colors and flowers effectively decorated the tables and room.

Mr. Chester Walch '07 presided and the speakers of the evening were Mr. Fiske '09, District President, Mr. Duane Robinson '03 and the Rev. Mr. Bailey '86, former graduates and President Moody and Mr. E. J. Wiley, representatives from the college. The singing of Middlebury songs brought back vivid memories of college life such as "Chipman", the "Otter" and football.

It was voted to hold the next annual meeting in Waterbury. Miss Margaret Croft '12 was elected chairman. The committee is to be chosen from the Waterbury group in the fall. Miss Helen Prageman '23 was re-appointed secretary of the association.

The following attended the dinner: Dr. Henry L. Bailey '86, Mrs. Henry L. Bailey; Mrs. Henry C. Tong '00; Miss Nellie Button '01; Mr. Henry C. Tong '01; Mr. Duane Robinson '03; Mrs. Fanny Botsford '03; Mr. Harry Fisher '03; Mr. Chester M. Walch '07; Mrs. Jessie M. Smith '08; Mr. Wilmot T. Fiske '09; Mr. Guy Wright '10, Mrs. Guy Wright; Mr. Russell Dale '11, Mrs. Russell Dale '11; Miss Margaret H. Croft '12; Miss Genevieve Elmer '12; Mr. Edward J. Ryan '12; Mr. Edgar A.
Personal News and Notes of the Alumni

David Judson Newland, '61, died on February 1, 1929, at Potsdam, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.

Frank L. Nason, ex-'81, died on September 12th, 1928, in West Haven, Conn.

Dr. Ira Clark Hill, ex-'82, died at his home in Springfield, Mass., on May 7, 1929, after a long illness.

Dr. Henry Lincoln Bailey, '86, formerly editor of the Springfield Weekly Republican, has joined the editorial staff of the Outlook and Independent. Dr. Bailey will be a liaison officer between the editorial offices in New York and the publishing plant in Springfield where the magazine is "manufactured."

Edmond R. Sturtevant, '95, died from heart attack in Houston, Texas, on April 26, 1929. Mr. Sturtevant was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Beta Kappa fraternities. After a teaching career filled with the highest promise, he entered business in 1903, connecting himself with the clay industry, and at the time of his death was Vice President of the Fraser Brick Co., of Dallas, Texas.

Richard O. Wooster, '95, has changed his residence in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to 349 26th Street.

Mr. Charles A. Munroe, '96, prominent business man of Chicago, I11., was elected in June to membership on the Board of Trustees of the College.

Rev. Luther A. Brown, '97, has been transferred to Greenwich, New York, after four years in the Gloversville, N. Y., pastorate.

Herman D. Sears, '98, has requested that his mail be sent to: Kingfisher Lake, Meco, Daviess County, Kentucky.

Dr. Audley J. Bliss, '98, has been transferred to the Methodist Church pastorate in Stanhope, N. J.

Florence C. Allen, '98, has accepted a position as teacher of Latin in the Darien, Conn., High School for the coming year. Miss Allen has had eight years' experience teaching Latin in the Brattleboro, Vt., High School and ten years' experience teaching Latin in the Greenfield, Mass., High School. For the past three years she has been Editor of the Vermont Printing Co., of Brattleboro, Vt.

Charles Whitney, '03, President of the Whitney-Ellsworth Co., Salmon brokers of Seattle, Washington, visited his former friends of the Middlebury faculty at the college on May 31st.

D. Ashley Hooker, '06, has recently changed his residence to 1340 14th Avenue, South Birmingham, Alabama.

Alice F. Raymond, '10, is a member of the statistical research staff at the Boston Psychopathic Hospital. Her home address is: 74 Fenwood Road, Boston.

Miss Carolyn D. Smiley, '12, of Winchester and Boston is making a tour around the world in the interest of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. Her aim is to make personal visits to all the missions associated with this Board, which calls for visits to France, Turkey, Africa, India, Ceylon, and Philippines, China and Japan. She will return to this country in August, 1930.

Arthur W. Harris, '12, is now located in Springfield, Mass., where he is "in the selling game." His address is: 33 Avon Place, Springfield, Mass.

William E. Greenleaf, '13, is to be assistant professor of Biology, at Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia for the coming year.

Ruth Buck, ex-13, is now Mrs. W. D. Herrstrom and is living in Akron, Ohio, at 1069 Woodward Avenue.

J. Sterling Moran, ex-'13, is employed as field representative in South Carolina for the Census Bureau of Washington, D. C. He gives his home address as: 345 Hamilton Avenue, Clarendon, Virginia.

John C. E. Voss, '14, regretted that he could not be back for Commencement to meet his friends but he said that besides teaching he does cartoons for the Brooklyn Times, which keeps him out of mischief.

A daughter, Phyllis Anne, was born to Elbert C. Cole, '15, and Ida Ainsworth Cole, ex-15, on April 6, 1929.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Drury (Vera Arnold, '16), have moved from Still River, Massachusetts, to Clarendon, Vermont.

Fred P. Lang, '17, formerly with Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., of New York City, was admitted to general partnership in the firm of Lewis & Company, Bank and Insurance Stocks, of Hartford, Conn., on June 16th, 1929. Mr. Lang is one of the managers of the new New York office in the Trinity Building, 115 Broadway.

Darrell Douglas Butterfield, '17, of Middlebury, was married to Miss Helen E. Mudgett of Burlington on April 15th, 1929. Mrs. Butterfield is a graduate of the University of Vermont in the class of 1923 and a member of the Epislon Sigma Fraternity. Mr. Butterfield is a member of the Chi Psi Fraternity at Middlebury. They are residing in Middlebury where Mr. Butterfield has a tire shop.
Personal News and Notes of the Alumni

Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Hunter, '18, are the parents of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born on May 22, 1929. Mr. Hunter is treasurer of the Winthrop Trust Co., in New London, Conn.

Miss Marion G. Elmer, '18, will succeed Mr. Ralph N. Hart, resigned, as teacher of Mathematics in the Darien, Conn., High School this coming year.

Edward W. Earle, '19, is now located at 38 Fairview Place, Hillside, N. J.

Miss Thelma R. Putnam, '19, was married on June 8th, to Mr. David F. Hoisington of Springfield, Vt. Mrs. Hoisington has been an instructor at the Springfield High School for the past two years. Mr. and Mrs. Hoisington will make their home at the late Putnam farm in Weathersfield Center, Vt.

John K. Cheesman, '20, is now located with the Cheesman Company, Silk and Rayon Yarns, at 17 Exchange Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

Mr. D. Howard Moreau, '26, of Flemington, N. J., has been reappointed to membership on the State Board of Education. Mr. Moreau is editor of The Hunterdon County Democrat.

Frederick C. Brigham, '21, is District Manager of the Cambridge Metal Weatherstrip Co., Inc., and is residing at: 46 Fairlie Street, Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. James H. Noble, '21, is Manager of The Boulevard Hotel at Miami Beach, Fla.

Rev. Julian MacLaure Bishop, '22, was instituted as Rector of the Church of the Redeemer in Watertown, N. Y., on January 27th, 1929. His address is: 263 East Main Street, Watertown, N. Y.

Mrs. Alice St. Pierre Sundin, '22, gives her present address as: 76 Hotchkiss St., Jamestown, N. Y.

Herbert C. Leach, '22, is New Jersey Sales representative for Howe Scale Company with residence at: Paterson Road, Fanwood, N. J.

A son, Richard Stilphen Hillers, was born on May 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hillers (Barbara Stilphen, '23), of Swanton, Vermont.

Dr. Cornell G. Gray, '23, was married on Saturday, June 29th, to Miss Frances B. Lewis. They called on friends in Middlebury on their wedding trip. After October 1st, they will be at home in Marietta, Pennsylvania.

Miss Louise Barnard, '25, gives her address as 1600 Cleveland Ave., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Ralph L. DeGroff, '25, was married to Miss Marion W. Day on June 4, 1929, in Baltimore, Md. Mr. and Mrs. DeGroff are living in the Carolina Apartments, Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Emile T. Holley, '25, was married to Miss Alice Eighmug on Saturday, April 6, 1929, in Fairfax, Va.

Mr. Henry Happ, Jr., '25, was married on March 24th, 1928, to Miss Edith Gessler in Yonkers, N. Y.

Ralph J. Ely, '25, is now with the Engineering Department of the Curtis Aeroplane & Motor Company, Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.

Rev. James Currie McLeod, '26, of 941 Amherst Street, Buffalo, N. Y., was ordained a member of the Presbyterian clergy on June 16th, 1929. After the ordination Mr. McLeod assumed his duties as chaplain of Alfred University. His appointment gives him the distinction of being the youngest college chaplain in the country. After graduation from Middlebury he attended Yale University School of Theology from which he graduated in 1929.

Word has been received that Constance Wright, '26, died at Tucson, Arizona, on April 21, 1929.

Dorothea M. Bliss, '26, is located at Stanhope, N. J.

The announcement has been received of the engagement of W. Ransome Rice, '26, to Miss Viola Proudfoot. Mr. Rice's present address is: 249-251 Second Street, c/o Hancock Real Estate Corporation, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Calvin Farnsworth, '26, was married on May 1st, to Miss Ruth Hathaway at the bride's home in West Boylston, Mass. They will reside at Ridgwood Farm, West Boylston.

Word has been received from William T. Hade, '26, that he is now located at: 218 West 10th Street, New York City.

George A. Thomson, '26, was graduated from the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic last June.

Paul Wolfschel, Jr., '27, is in the contracting business in Jamaica, N. Y., and is at present studying concrete construction. His address is: Hollis, L. I.

Mrs. Eric P. Jackson, '27, (Hilda Smith), will be at Grenoble, France, next year. Mr. Jackson has been awarded an American Field Service Fellowship and is to study at Grenoble University. They sailed about the first of July.

Mr. Courtland G. Whitney, '27, was married to Miss Cleone Comings, '27, of Richford, Vermont, on June 29th, at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride. Rev. J. H. Blackburn, pastor of the Richford Baptist church officiated. They are living in Richford for the summer. When school opens in the fall, Mr. Whitney will resume his duties at the Norwich Free Academy, where he has been a teacher and coach for the past years.

Mabel Dawson, ex-'27, is residing at 771 Myrtle Avenue, Bridgeport, Conn.

Mildred Senecal, '28, is now connected with the Associated Charities at Worcester, Mass.

Miss Emily A. Lobdell, '28, of Naugatuck, Conn., was married on June 22nd, 1929, to Mr. Donald C. Wood, also of Naugatuck. Mr. Wood is a graduate of Bowdoin College.

An announcement was made on June 12th of the engagement of Katherine Butler Burris to George Roy Hinman of Larchmont, N. Y. Both Miss Burris and Mr. Hinman are graduates in the class of 1928.

Word has been received of the engagement of Mr. Lloyd Chester Harris, ex-'28, of South Hadley, Mass., and Patchogue, L. I., to Miss Aurelia L. Haines of Stockton, N. J. The wedding will take place in August.