Vermont Winter Gives Way to Spring
Reincarnation

By Elbert C. Cole, '15

FOREWORD

It is not generally known that there was any transcontinental travel as early as two hundred years ago. For that reason I have been somewhat reluctant to refer to a trip we took across the continent about 1700. Of course it may have been a little later than that—the details of a previous incarnation are often hazy especially with respect to time. On one point the reader may feel assured, transcontinental travel was not very common at that time, as I was able to observe personally. On this early trip we had little trouble with traffic jams and signal lights!

The advantages of the sabbatical leave have often been extolled; the opportunity for rest, for further study, for change of occupation, for travel. When such an opportunity fell to our lot we decided to visit again the scenes we had known so well in a previous incarnation, some two hundred years ago.

We left Pennsylvania on September 22, 1930, and turned our car westward. How changed everything was! Long ago we had made the trip by horseback through all but impassable woods. This time by an automobile over wide paved roads. The trees had been horribly thinned out. We viewed with satisfaction, however, the almost complete absence of the Indian. Battlefields are always interesting, accordingly we stopped at a large one called Gettysburg. Evidently this was not the scene of an Indian and white war, but one of the more recent events of national history in which the Indian played little if any part.

The Cumberlands, the Alleghanies, the Blue Ridge, how they made our car labor. We complained bitterly, forgetting that we had once considered a few miles a day a rapid rate. Now a hundred miles a day is too slow! When we reached the Ohio River we found it spanned by excellent bridges demanding a toll of ten cents. That was better than building a raft and floating across as we had done before, letting the horses swim behind us. Now no Indians—somehow we can't adjust ourselves to the method of travelling openly without fear of ambush.

We passed on through Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, noting with never ending surprise the great panorama of cultivated fields and great cities that had sprung up. At length we came to the Father of Waters. How simple matters were this time. Merely a tiresome trip through the noisy section of a great city, over a long bridge, and the Mississippi was behind us. The other time we had spent three days making a raft, had struggled for hours with the current and had been obliged to work desperately to reach the western shore.

Eventually we reached the site of the University of Missouri and were entertained royally by friends. Then on to the western limits of the state. There at sunset as we pitched our camp we heard the sweet singing of hundreds of meadow larks, a feathered soiree. Next morning we crossed the Kansas River and some hours later reached Manhattan the site of the state Agricultural College. There again friends came to our aid and we rested for a day.

Later we passed through Junction City, Kan-
sas, famous as the geographical center of the United States. Our interest, however, was soon shifted to watermelons and cantaloupe offered in abundance at unbelievably low prices. The old days were nothing like this! At Hays, Kansas, we had a pitiful illustration of some effects of civilization. A man gave me an old Indian powder horn made from the horn of a bison. I treasure it, for such horns are infrequent now. Who ever would have thought two hundred years ago, or even eighty years ago, that those great herds of bison would one day be wiped out of existence! Then they roamed so thickly that we had been obliged to pass far aside lest they stampede and trample us. Now, alas, not a single one in sight.

There was a threat of snow in the air, so soon after entering Colorado we turned south, following roads that, in spots, were more like the old time trails. One afternoon, just at sunset we reached the top of Raton Pass, 7800 feet above sea level. The view was breath taking. Then slowly we spiralled downward hundreds of feet and pitched in a valley in New Mexico.

The pueblos of Santa Fe were more as we remembered them from our earlier trip, 'dobe mud and oak rafters. Indians selling pottery and offering bows and arrows instead of making us the targets for the latter. Mile on mile of good road finally brought us to the border of Arizona. The next day we visited the Petrified Forest. It has not changed much in the last 200 years, except that a few more logs have weathered out of the clay and sand soil that has held them so long. In some places chips and fragments show where human vandals have sported. Now, fortunately, guards watch over the treasurers. I shall be glad to see what changes have occurred when I revisit that place during my next reincarnation, two hundred years hence.

Twenty decades ago we visited the Grand Canyon, but this time the weather was cold and rainy and we decided not to make the trip. Raining when we reached Flagstaff and snowing when we left! Lower levels the next day, however, brought warmth and sunshine. Once again sunset found us on a high range viewing the kingdoms of the earth. This time it was the Black Ridge of the Rockies. Winding for miles down steep grades, with rock walls on the left and sheer chasms on the right was exciting enough to keep the senses alert. Finally the old gold mining town, Oatman, appeared and there we camped.

The next day found us crossing the Colorado River into the Golden State. On our left were Indian mazes of unknown use and antiquity. Then on into the Mojave Desert. Gray, lifeless mountains in the distance; Joshua tree, cactus and lava block in the foreground. A grand but depressing sight, and entirely unchanged through all these years.

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"There's a four dollar excursion to Montreal this week-end. Going up to make whoopee with me?"

"Montreal? No. Trekking with a gang on to the mountain. Dern sight rather, anyway."

Typical of a Middlebury attitude that has developed during the winter is this overheard conversation.

When Mr. Battell died in 1915, he left his 35,000 acre back dooryard to the College as a source of revenue and a playground. Under the direction of Mr. Fritz, the revenue end has been skillfully managed, but not until this winter have students been generally aroused to the possibilities surrounding the mountain campus. The interest started with a bang in January following a five mile snowshoe trip to the top of Lincoln Mountain, taken by a party of thirty men and women.

On the evening of the return from Lincoln, Johnny Storm and Sam Abbott casually broached the idea of a Mountain Club. Three days later, a faculty-student meeting was held in Dean Hazeltine's room and the germ started to sprout, resulting after two weeks in the appointment by the combined men's and women's student body of a committee of investigation. Membership cards went into circulation during the last week in February. Regarding its influence already, Dean Hazeltine recently commented: "Through the newly formed Mountain Club, students are finding interest and abilities hitherto undiscovered; superficialities are forced to make way to healthy comradeship, and, for the first time, Middlebury's mountains are becoming an integral part of the campus."

As plans are outlined now, the Club is open to all students, faculty, and alumni. Depending on the response of all three of these divisions will be the future of the organization. The one big immediate aim is the construction of a central lodge to accommodate week-end
parties of undergraduates as well as returning alumni. Club activity will include all year round attractions: skiing, snowshoeing, fishing, climbing, besides minor social activities.

As in the Dartmouth Outing Club, the annual membership tax of $2.00 will entitle members to the use of the club equipment, such as knapsacks, cooking utensils, fishing tackle, and the lodge at any time as long as advanced reservations are made. Leaders in each type of mountain activity will be appointed to hold responsibility for their individual phase of the work, such as trails, cabins, and equipment. An attempt will thus be made to overcome the difficulties that have long hampered the institution of this outdoor recreation. Mrs. Vernon C. Harrington, who has probably done more trail tramping than any other Middlebury alumna agrees: "Middlebury’s Mountain Campus offers a unique opportunity to her students. Many would like to avail themselves of this opportunity but do not know how to go about it or do not have the necessary equipment. There has also been need of leaders to whom students can turn for information and assistance in the organization of hikes. The Mountain Club fills this need in both these respects."

The open membership does not mean that all students associated with the club will take every trip. The lack of definite organization will be a part of the organization. Groups within the Club will plan their own trips independent of other members. It is one ambition to take every freshman into the mountains during September and October.

We can already predict that the Mountain Club will be one of the healthiest influences that Middlebury has entertained for many years. The College needs a type of social activity other than that of dances, department club meetings, and moving picture parties. The entering Freshman is invariably impressed with the genuineness and simplicity of Middlebury’s social life; it is the only type a college distant from a metropolis can offer. The location is the greatest single asset of the institution, yet the complete use of it that the Club plans has never been known.

The town is so hemmed in by the mountains that unless they are taken in a friendly way rather than as a factor of isolation, discontent and unrest in both students and faculty is in-evitable. We have long boasted — with not too great justification — of the informal faculty-student association. In a college the size of Mid-

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After Graduation—What?

The New York Alumni Association of Middlebury College, thinking that it may be of possible help to undergraduates in search of information, has formed an Advisory Committee for this purpose. The Committee presents a program whereby any interested undergraduate or young Alumnus may have the opportunity of meeting older Alumni who have had experience in their professions and are perhaps able now to give valuable advice and suggestions in regard to the undergraduate’s future occupation. The personnel of the Committee is given below, divided into sections under general fields such as Advertising, Law, etc. Each member of the Committee has expressed his willingness to see and advise each undergraduate who comes to consult him.

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OF NEW YORK ALUMNI FOR UNDERGRADUATES

With each name appears a short statement giving college degree, year of graduation, and present business, with address.

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Those wishing to take advantage of this opportunity will please use the following plan of operation:

PLAN OF OPERATION
1. Before coming to New York write to the men in the particular fields of your interest, asking for such appointments as you may wish.
2. The member of the Committee receiving such a request will note on your letter a time that will be convenient for him and will return the letter to you in a stamped, self-addressed envelope which you will provide.

BASE YOUR LETTER OF APPLICATION ON THIS FORM
Dear-------------

I am a member of the Senior Class at Middlebury and wish to consult you relative to my work after graduation. I expect to be in New York from ------- to ------- and shall appreciate it if you will give me an interview. May I suggest, if you will favor me in this way, that you indicate the date and the hour below and return this letter in the enclosed stamped envelope.

With my sincere thanks for your kindness in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

Signed-------------

I will see you at ------- O'clock

Signed-------------

THE COST OF A YEAR AT MIDDLEBURY

IN ORDER that prospective students might be given a fairly accurate estimate of the cost of a year at Middlebury, questionnaires were sent, at the end of the academic year 1929-1930, from the office of the Director of Admissions and Personnel to all men who had been in college during the year.

In compiling the following table, the returns for each item were arranged in order from lowest to highest amounts spent and the averages taken of the lowest quarter, middle half, and highest quarter.

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* Tuition increased to $300 in September 1931.
German Returns to the High School

By W. Storrs Lee '28

Reprinted From Christian Science Monitor

The wound which the World War left upon the study of German in this country has been long in healing. The high school courses, dropped in 1916, in favor of Spanish, are only beginning now to approach the norm of pre-war days. In one state alone the 1915 German enrollment of 190,000 had dropped to 19,000 in 1922, but the study is now nearing normality.

Colleges have shown less prejudice, but inasmuch as the teaching of German in higher institutions is to a large extent dependent upon the call for teachers in schools, the law of supply and demand has cheated the colleges of a study of the language that would otherwise have been much broader.

As its popularity now gathers momentum, as the petty prejudice is realized, and travel in Germany regains its former status, college German departments are enlarging their staffs, preparing for an increasing demand.

In line with this, summer schools, designed to assist school teachers who formerly taught the language, are facing larger enrollment. It is the introduction of these new summer schools of German that is of immediate interest. Mount Holyoke has had a most successful one for several years. Western Reserve and Wisconsin have German sessions, but no segregation as at Mount Holyoke. Franklin and Marshall are laying plans for the installation of one at Lancaster similar to that in South Hadley. Middlebury College already with a reputation for her French and Spanish segregated summer sessions, has announced the reopening of a German school for
1931, with Dr. Ernst Feise of Johns Hopkins as director. At the time of his acceptance of
the position, Dr. Feise wrote:
"With the study of German regaining its old
place in our high schools and colleges, the teach-
ing of German must be raised to its pre-war
standard of efficiency. Although many of the
old teachers are returning to it from other sub-
jects which they were obliged to take up owing
to the force of circumstances they nevertheless
find that they have not been able to keep abreast
with recent developments here and abroad. The
younger candidates for newly opened positions,
on the other hand, have often had neither the
time nor the opportunities to prepare themselves
for their task as thoroughly as they would wish.
For there can be no doubt that in times of re-
valuation like ours these tasks are more difficult
to fulfill.
"In our own country the interest in things
German is becoming more and more lively and
widespread. In Germany not only social and
political changes of great moment are taking
place, new movements of art, literature, and
philosophy have sprung up, but also entirely
different methods of literary research and valua-
tion have developed in close contact with a new
outlook on life, of which our textbook-making
in this country is already beginning to take cogni-
ance.
"While travel in a foreign country is still the
best method of gaining an intimate knowledge
of its life, language, and culture, it is an un-
disputed fact that the traveller may forfeit the
expected benefits of his efforts by going abroad
unprepared. Problems can only be solved after
they have been recognized as such; answers can
be given only to him who has learned to ask.
"It is expected that the Middlebury German
School will recognize the multiplicity of these
problems with which the American teacher of
German is confronted and endeavor to con-
tribute to their solution by the method of iso-
lation and concentration."

In the realization that language teachers are
hesitant about giving over the entire summer
to intense graduate study with little recreation,
following a heavy schedule of the academic
session, Middlebury College has fostered since
1915 the vacation-education idea, combining
serious scholastic work with summer recreation.

Because of its location in the heart of the
Green Mountains, its proximity to Lake Cham-
plain and the Adirondacks, and because of its
scholastic reputation Middlebury is particularly
well adapted for this. During the past ten
years, its modern language summer schools have
received international as well as national recog-
nition.

The Middlebury idea embodies: the segregat-
ing of students pursuing a foreign language;
the concentration of the work of a student upon
a single language; exclusive use of the foreign
language inside and outside of the class room;
the housing of students apart from those using
any other language; constant practice in hear-
ing, speaking, and reading the foreign language;
instruction in small groups by native teachers;
thorough preparation of language teachers
through the mastery of the spoken and written
language and intimate knowledge of the life,
customs, institutions, literature, and history of
the country whose language is studied.

The Middlebury German School was the
pioneer of the segregated one-language sum-
mer schools in American Colleges. Founded
in 1915, the School had a flourishing existence
for three years, under the directorship of Pro-
fessor L. M. Stroebel of Vassar College. It was
discontinued in 1918, when the teaching of

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Alumni Dinners

DURING the past two months six alumni dinners have been held in eastern and western states; the associations included New York on January 30, Washington on February 3, Philadelphia February 4, Buffalo March 12, Cleveland March 13 and Chicago March 14. Favorable reports came from all of the organizations, and a number of things were adopted for the benefit of both alumni and undergraduates. Unusually good delegations of alumni turned out for the annual meetings, and in spite of the illness prevailing in the western states large numbers were present to greet the guests from the College, meet fellow alumni and alumnae, and join in reviving a Middlebury enthusiasm.

The College representatives for the New York, Washington, and Philadelphia meetings were President Paul D. Moody and Mr. Edgar J. Wiley '13, alumni secretary. Coach A. M. Brown attended the other association meetings with Mr. Wiley. In the three latter cities much interest was shown in Coach Brown's talk on "Athletics and Sportsmanship" in which he summarized the present athletic program and equipment and outlined the development of the intramural program thru which 89% of undergraduates participate in various sports. The winter edition of the Middlebury moving pictures was shown by Mr. Wiley in each place.

The meetings are reported as follows:

NEW YORK

Ninety-two men, members of the New York branch of the Middlebury College Alumni Association, gathered at the associated Fraternity Clubs Building in New York City on the evening of January 30. Edwin S. S. Sunderland '11, acted as toastmaster, and the speakers included President Paul D. Moody, Federal Judge Augustus Hand, and Dr. H. C. Robbins, of the Union Theological Seminary. The songs and cheers were led by Kenneth Anderson '25, and Richard Penderson '20, played for singing. Allen H. Nelson, '01, president of the New York Alumni Association, announced the organization of an advisory committee for the assistance of Middlebury undergraduates with vocational problems. J. Earle Parker '01, of Boston, chairman of the Alumni Fund Committee, spoke with regard to future plans for the Alumni Fund. The committee of arrangements was made up of George Hinman '28, William Fales '27, and William H. Purdy '26. Mr. Fales was elected chairman of the banquet committee for next year, and Howard Curier '27, was elected secretary of the association.

WASHINGTON

The Washington Alumni Association held its annual dinner February 3 at the University Club, with Dr. John C. Scofield '80, president of the Washington District, presiding. President Moody was the chief speaker of the evening, and Professor Charles B. Wright, who with Mrs. Wright arrived in Washington just in time for the dinner, was called upon for an after-dinner speech. Mr. Wiley showed the latest edition of the Middlebury movies, which were received with a great deal of enthusiasm. Arthur Pierce '30, led the songs and cheers, and Mrs. Webb, mother of Marion Webb '34, was drafted to play for the singing of college songs. Arrangements for the banquet were in charge of Mrs. Albert E. Miller '10.

PHILADELPHIA

The last of the three dinners was held February 4, at the Adelphia hotel in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. William Cole '22 and '24, were in charge of the banquet arrangements, and Mr. Cole was also toastmaster. President Moody was again the speaker of the evening. Elections were held and Dr. Malcolm G. Wright '20, was made president of the Philadelphia association for the coming year, with Edward Denio '29, as secretary and treasurer. A prize was given for the best anagram embodying characteristic Middlebury words, made up from a limited supply of letters given each one present at the dinner, and the winning legend was as follows: "The best Vermont college is on the Otter."

BUFFALO

At the Buffalo dinner, which was held at the Hotel Touraine, Mr. R. L. Rice, Sr. '98, acted as toastmaster par excellence. In addition to the guests from the college, he introduced as speakers, Judge Thomas H. Noonan '91, Professor Raymond McFarland and the Rev. James C. McLeod '26, who is now chaplain of Alfred University. The singing was led by "Bill" Rice '26 with "Jimmie" McLeod at the piano. Hilda Woodruff '22 was introduced as the author of a new book of poems. "Gypsy" Law '21 as usual oversaw the arrangements for the dinner in his most efficient manner.

CLEVELAND

Charles H. "Chick" Wright '16 and "Jimmie" Jackson '26 had charge of the arrangements for the dinner at Cleveland, held at the new Cleveland Club. Don Belden '19 and Guy N. Christian '20 were elected to take charge of the dinner in 1912. D. Haydn Parry ex-'24, a former editor of the Campus played for the singing of the Middlebury songs. One of the outstanding events of the evening was the appearance of Morris Johnson '29 and "Walt" Keen '30, who had attended the dinner in Buffalo the night before and had such a good time that they refused to miss any Middlebury dinner within a radius of two or three hundred miles.

CHICAGO

The Chicago dinner was held at the Palmer House with "Bob" Hunt '10 presiding. He succeeded in getting speeches, however brief, from practically everyone present. Mr. B. W. Sherman '90 read an interesting extract from the "Intercollegiate Quarterly" published about 1860. There were contributions from some fifteen or twenty eastern colleges including the one from Middlebury which was written by Mr. Sherman's father, Elijah B. Sherman '60, which proved to be a most interesting picture of the Middlebury of seventy years ago.
ALUMNI MEETING IN CAPITOL DISTRICT

The annual spring dinner of the Capitol District alumni was held on Friday evening, April 17th at 6:30 o'clock at the New Kenmore Hotel, North Pearl St., between Steuben and Columbia Streets, Albany, N. Y. Coach A. M. Brown and President P. D. Moody were the principal speakers of the evening.

Doc Peyton's famous broadcasting orchestra furnished music during the dinner and the diners had the privilege of dancing whenever they pleased.

MR. WILEY RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

As the News Letter goes to press, Mr. Wiley has been ordered by the doctors to take an absolute rest for at least six weeks. Fatigue has lowered his resistance and as a result he is for the present incapacitated by conditions which a complete let-up should remedy.

As far as possible the various duties of his office are farmed out. Professor White, already familiar with much of the admissions work, will look after that aspect of the office. President Moody will attend to some of the Alumni matters assisted by Miss Atwood, Mr. Wiley's secretary, who ably discharges the work of overseeing the office. Howard C. Seymour, '27 will have charge of the alumni office during the commencement period, and will assist in preliminary arrangements.

It is characteristic of Mr. Wiley that he has thrown himself into the work of his several offices in a way that has made inroads upon his strength. Alumni trips, with the irregularities attendant upon trains and dinners, are small rest. On the contrary, they are exceedingly tiring. When, in addition to the work of the Alumni Associations and the complicated task of siftng admission blanks, it is remembered that Mr. Wiley has put in an immense amount of labor on the whole problem of vocational guidance and placement, it will be realized that his one office handles with great efficiency, tasks which in larger institutions are handled by three whole-time men.

THE GLEE CLUB MAKES A RECORD

In the course of its radio appearances during the past five years the Middlebury Glee Club has received hundreds of letters from Alumni throughout the country expressing their delight at hearing some of the old college songs over the air. For the first time in the history of a Middlebury Glee Club, records of the Club's singing are being issued. In connection with the Columbia Phonograph Company, the Glee Club has just made a ten inch recording of "Gamaliel Painter's Cane" and the "Finlandia" of Sibelius. These two songs were chosen for recording as the result of the vote taken on the selections sung during the WGY broadcast. The records are a faithful reproduction of the Club's singing and will bring back to you recollections of the many historic occasions when you have heard "Gamaliel Painter's Cane" tap, tap, tapping down the football field. Send $1.00 to John R. Falby, Manager of the Glee Club, Middlebury, Vermont, and a record will be returned to you postpaid.

NEW VIEWBOOK PUBLISHED

Dressed in a leatherette-cellusuede cover, the new College Sketch Book came from the press this week. The brochure of thirty-two pages, 12x9 inches, replaces the former edition of the View Book, and besides the usual pictures of buildings are illustrations of practically every type of activity from Mountain Club and publications to dances and summer schools. The history of the college is briefly traced by the use of pictures and in the description of buildings. About one hundred illustrations accompany the written material.

MID-WINTER HOMECOMING

A large delegation of alumni and alumnae returned for the annual mid-winter homecoming, February 21, 22, 23. Because of poor snow and ice it was necessary to cancel several scheduled events, but the program included: Eastern Intercollegiate Track Trials, several showings of the latest edition of the Middlebury moving pictures, informal in the gymnasium, winter sports events and the Vermont hockey game.
Alumnae Page

READING LIST

IT is difficult to estimate how large a demand there is from the alumnae for reading lists, but the fact that there is any demand at all is responsible for the launching of this new venture. In each issue of the News Letter there will be a general list of fiction, biography, poetry, etc., which a committee of the alumnae considers worthwhile. While some of the titles are contemporary, the object of this plan is not in the slightest to serve as an index to modern literature, but rather to give suggestions for general reading. If anyone desires lists along specialized lines, the committee will be glad to be of service.

If these books are not easily obtainable, a plan may be devised whereby the Alumnae Association will buy some of the most outstanding ones, which can be loaned to any one desiring them, finally coming to rest in Pearsons Hall.

Any ideas as to how this new venture may be developed will be most welcome. Communications should be addressed to the Chairman, in care of the News Letter.

MARGARET MOODY, Chairman.

FICTION.


SHEPHERDS IN SACKCLOTH—Sheila Kaye-Smith—Harpers—1930—$2.50. The struggles which the rector of a small English church endures, in meeting the needs of his parish and at the same time conforming to the dictates of his conscience, form a definite pattern for this book.

DRAMA.

THE GREEN PASTURES—Marc Connelly—Farrar and Rinehart—1930—$2.00. Connelly’s “fable” of the Bible story as it appears to the negro.

POETRY.

WHITE APRIL AND OTHER POEMS—Lizette Woodworth Reese—Farrar & Rinehart—1930—$1.50. Fifty-three new poems by Miss Reese which display the same lyric quality and tender beauty of her earlier poems.

JOHN BROWN’S BODY—Stephen V. Benet—Douglas Doran—1928—$2.50. A long narrative poem of the Civil War, which has been highly praised and severely criticized but is still being widely read though published two years ago.

BIOGRAPHY.

WOLSEY—Hilaire Belloc—Lippincott—1930—$5.00. A biography in the newer manner concerning one of the most vivid characters in the history of England.

THE LIFE AND MIND OF EMILY DICKINSON—Genevieve Taggard—Knopf—1930—$4.00. The fascinating life of an elfin creature who left us in her poetry the most delicate of autobiographies, a successful interpretation of the life of a New England recluse in words of the twentieth century psychoanalysts.

THE ADAMS FAMILY—James Truslow Adams—Little, Brown—1930—$4.00. A biography not of an individual but of a family which for five generations has contributed leaders to American life.

LETTERS OF HENRY ADAMS—edited by C. Worthington Ford—Houghton Mifflin—1910—$5.00. To those who have read THE EDUCATION OF HENRY ADAMS this is a further delight—to those who have not—a charming introduction.

TRAVEL.


MISCELLANEOUS.

OUR TIMES: PRE-WAR AMERICA—Mark Sullivan—Bobbs—1930—$5.00. A book which transforms our vital memories of the early 1900’s into history, in its review of the sports, songs, fashions, etc., of that period.

AMERICA COMES OF AGE—André Siegfried—Harcourt—1927—$3.00. A penetrating survey of contemporary America—from the European point of view—by a Frenchman who knows America well.


A luncheon was given by the Worcester County Alumnae Club, February 28, at the Y. W. C. A. Miss Warner, Alumnae Secretary, spoke of the Alumnae page in the News Letter, the Loan Fund, and Admissions in the Women’s College.
"LET THE OTHERS GO TO PODUNK COLLEGE"

HOW far should the alumnus go in urging preparatory school leaders to attend his college? In the interests of the individual student, Professor Arthur J. Jones of the University of Pennsylvania, in his book entitled: "Principles of Guidance", calls a halt on the promiscuous bally-hoo program which is carried on by many college alumni boosters. He says:

"A question that deserves far more consideration than is usually given to it relates to the particular college to be selected. Colleges are not all alike in entrance requirements, in cost, in spirit, or in opportunities offered. Proximity to the home of the student must often be a controlling factor. Some students need a continuance of home influence; others need to get away from home and learn to be independent. Some need a small college; others, a large university."

"Two of the most frequent reasons for the choice of a college are that the father or mother graduated from that particular college and that some friend, possibly the teacher or the counselor, did. This is emphasized by the propaganda organized by nearly every college and spread broadcast by the alumni. 'Harverton University wants the best. Alumni, be on the lookout for good strong men; scholars, athletes. Get hold of them; send them to Harverton.' This may be entirely legitimate but the result is that Mr. Brown, an alumnus of Harverton, principal of the Jonesboro High School, picks out the best students and the finest athletes and tries to influence them to go to Harverton. Now Harverton may be a good university, but it may not be the best place for these particular boys to go. Alumni are very likely to want to send the best candidates to their own university; 'Let the others go to Podunk College.' The reasons given above are all too common, and none of them are valid. Colleges and universities do differ, in spirit, in offerings, and in suitability for certain types of young men and women. No choice should be made of a college for a student or by a student without a very careful study of the institution and of the student to determine the suitability of one for the other. The decision should be made on the basis of the needs of the student and the degree to which the institution meets these needs, and for no other reason. When two institutions are equally suitable and equally good, other reasons may enter, but in no other case."

We would have no quarrel with Professor Jones on this score for it is doubtless true that an intense loyalty to college or fraternity has often been responsible for misguided "salesmanship" which has resulted in many unhappy mismatches.

There is a real place, however, for the enthusiastic alumnus in the field of guidance. Without his aid, the small college, which is surely best adapted to meet the needs of certain individuals, would soon pass out of the picture for the great publicity programs of the huge universities hold the attention of so many high school students as to leave the small colleges almost unnoticed were it not for that group of loyal and enthusiastic alumni who are constantly pointing out the enduring things which the small colleges offer their students.

So we would say to Middlebury alumni: "Whenever you think that your college can give them what they want or ought to have, send your best to Middlebury—and Podunk College or others nearer by, may have the rest."

In its summer schools, Middlebury has one of the most valuable advertising projects among colleges in the United States. With the reopening of the German school at Bristol all of the major languages studied in high schools are now covered, and the teachers who are enrolled in the summer schools have direct contact with thousands of students.

IN accordance with the action taken at the annual meeting of the Alumnae Association last June, The News Letter introduces in this issue an Alumnae Page. For the present, this page will be devoted chiefly to lists of interesting books which the committee feels that the alumnae generally would like to have called to their attention.
BASKETBALL

MIDDLEBURY'S basketball team won seven and lost six games during the past season. Norwich won the State Championship with Middlebury in the runner-up position for the second successive year. The victory of the Cadets completes the rotation of the basketball championship of Vermont. U. V. M. had it three years ago. Middlebury then took the title away from the Cats. St. Michael's won it last year and now Norwich has its fling.

Coach Beck was faced at the outset with the extremely hard task of rebuilding the Panther court team from the ruins of the great quintets of the past two years. Captain Bullukian and Ashdown, a pair of very capable forwards, were all that was left from last season's team and around this pair, the Panther mentor had to mold his 1930-31 combine. Material was scarce in numbers and small in physical attributes. The team that Beck finally welded together was made up of midgets as compared with the rugged fives of the past few years. Nevertheless, the 1930-31 Middlebury basketball team gave a good account of itself and was not beaten overwhelmingly in but one game. Better physical power might have helped the Panther cause considerably, but lacking that power the team made a very creditable showing.

Vermont was beaten twice, both games being very close. The second contest was forced into an overtime period. St. Michael's succumbed once and won once while Norwich was victorious in both its games with the Blue.

Captain Bullukian, regular forward and Hardy, an excellent substitute, will be the only men lost by graduation this year. Coach Beck has uncovered some good material among the freshmen, most noticeable of whom is Chalmers, who has a great eye for the hoop. With Sweet, freshman star of last season back in school, things look brighter for next year.

Middlebury opened its season December 19 with Clarkson Tech furnishing the opposition on the home floor. After a close battle, the Blue emerged victorious 19 to 18.

Holy Cross and Worcester were encountered on a two day trip just prior to the Christmas holidays. The Crusaders won by a good margin in an exceedingly rough game 42 to 23. Height and physical ruggedness helped the Holy Cross team immensely in this contest. Coach Beck's team defeated Worcester Tech the following night 30 to 27. This game was extremely fast and well played with Middlebury having an edge throughout.

The team had a successful trip down into New York State shortly after the Christmas recess. New York State Teachers' College was vanquished 35 to 21 in a game which was all Middlebury from start to finish. The next night Bullukian and Ashdown went on a rampage and scored thirty-nine points between them as the Blue downed St. Stephen's 50 to 35. Middlebury ran up what looked like a commanding lead in the first half of the game with the R. P. I. quintet, but the Engineers spurted during the last half and won out 45 to 30. This game was fast and furious and the last few minutes took its toll on the Middlebury team as the superior strength and stamina of the R. P. I. team began to tell.

St. Michael's invaded the McCullough gymnasium and was forced to taste defeat by two points, the score being 24 to 22. The Mikemen had lost their captain and star forward when Slattery was forced to leave school and without their point getter, the Purple was not so strong.
Coach Beck’s five played sound basketball to win. Norwich won the annual game played at Rutland as part of the winter carnival there. The Beckmen went into the lead at the start of the game and at half time were well in the van, but the shooting of the Cadet stars, Washburn and Hartford, proved to be too much and the Blue went down to defeat, the score being 36 to 26.

Vermont was the next opponent and the Beckmen beat the Cats on the Burlington floor 28 to 24. This game was one of the most exciting contests ever staged in the Vermont gym. The lead changed hands nine times and on five occasions the count was knotted. In the last few minutes Chalmers, a freshman, sank two pretty baskets to put the game on ice.

Springfield College came to Middlebury for its annual game and as usual was victorious. The Red team was the smoothest aggregation seen in Middlebury this year and won 47 to 28. The score at half time was close and Middlebury was fighting on equal terms with the talented visitors, but with the game getting older, the Blue was unable to stand the pace and succumbed.

Middlebury invaded Winooski for a return game with St. Michael’s and after a fast and furious contest had to accept defeat by the score of 34 to 29. The Mikemen played their best game of the year to win and it was not until the final whistle that the outcome was known.

Vermont came to Middlebury for the return game with second place in the state series hanging in the balance. This contest was the most exciting one played on the local surface this year. The issue was always in doubt and if Winant had sunk his foul shot a few seconds before the end of the game, the Cats would have won. As it was, the score was tied at the end of the regular session, and an overtime period had to be played with Middlebury emerging on the long end of the score 44 to 39.

The last game of the season was with Norwich at Northfield and once more the Cadets were the victors, this time by a score of 45 to 19. The Horsemen were in great form and completely outclassed the Blue team. Hartford and Leddy led the way in this win while the Middlebury team was unable to score with any consistency.

Although losing out in the state series, the Panther quintet made a very good showing. Norwich had an extremely strong team and deserved to win the title. Middlebury did well to win second place as Vermont had a strong team and it was only by flashing great basketball that the Blue could beat them.

HOCKEY

The Middlebury hockey team rose to great heights in its first season as a major sports team and the interest shown by the student body and outsiders completely vindicates the decision made this past year to have hockey as a major sport at Middlebury.

Richard J. Phelan, in his second season as coach of the Middlebury ice squad, turned out the strongest team in the history of Panther hockey. With a wealth of material, Phelan was not bothered by a small squad which has been the nemesis of Middlebury coaches in other sports. A complete team of veterans was on hand at the start of the season and to this already strong sextet were added several excellent freshmen at mid-years.

The pucksters faced the most difficult schedule ever undertaken by a Middlebury hockey team, but won six, tied one, and lost only three. The three losses were to Brown, Princeton and Harvard and a loss to any of this trio is no disgrace as they all had great puck teams. Williams managed to tie the Blue aggregation, but no other team played was even in the same class with Phelan’s “all-stars”.

Norwich was soundly trounced twice while Vermont succumbed to the speedy Middlebury attack once. The return contest with Vermont had to be cancelled on account of poor ice.
With three victories and no defeats in the state series however, the Blue team was able to retain its Championship of Vermont for another year.

Captain Crocker, ex-captain Foote, Huntington, Chappell and Webster have played their last game for Middlebury. Their loss will be a big one, but with some very capable freshmen material, the Panther should have another strong puck team next season.

Coach Phelan’s men started their season December 19 with a win over a fairly strong Hamilton sextet. Hamilton was not so formidable as they have been in the past, but they offered some opposition and gave the Middlebury team some valuable experience under actual fire. The Blue aggregation showed in this, the very first game of the season, that they would develop into a first class sextet.

Part of Christmas vacation was spent on the ice of the McCullough rink and the Panther team was rounding into form. Brown was the first team encountered after the holidays and the Bears won out 3 to 0, but only after a hard fight. The Middlebury team flashed some real hockey and it was only superlative goal tending by the Brown net defender that kept the Blue from scoring.

Princeton was forced to the limit by the Middlebury team last year and Phelan’s men were determined to do better this season. For two periods, the Panther fought on even terms with the Tiger and at the end of the second period the score was tied at 3 to 3. Makela was having a great night and scored all the Middlebury goals. He was a constant threat to the Princeton defense and it was not until the third period that the Tigers could get away from the Blue team and win out 5 to 3.

The Blue team journeyed to Williamstown the next day and after the Williams team had scored four goals in the first thirteen minutes of play, settled down and played great hockey for the remainder of the game. Four to four was the final score and the deadlock could not be broken even with an overtime period.

To end up the most ambitious trip ever undertaken by a Middlebury puck team, the Panthers met Harvard in the Boston Arena. This game was the fourth in four days and saw the Blue sextet pretty well tired out. Harvard’s great team won 6 to 0 but the Middlebury team showed its worth. The defense worked well and the forward line showed flashes of great hockey. There was no letdown during the entire game and the Panther team won many friends by its fight.

The remainder of the season saw the Middlebury team walking roughshod over all opposition. Amherst was the first victim and fell under a third period barrage of goals on the McCullough rink by a score of 6 to 3. The game started slow, but was replete with good hockey and the third period was a gem.

Fullerton’s great goal tending kept the Middlebury team at bay during part of the Norwich game, but he could not play the game alone and was forced to let five shots get by him. The Panther attack worked smoothly and the defense kept the Norwich team well in check as the first of the state series games ended with a 5 to 0 victory.

St. Stephen’s put a weak team on the ice of the McCullough rink and the Panther team scored at will to ring up a 10 to 0 whitewash. The game was one sided and it was only a question of how high the score would mount.

Norwich came to Middlebury for the return game and received just twice as bad a licking as they took at Northfield. The Panther team was on a rampage and whistled shots into the Norwich net with reckless abandon. The Cadets missed Fullerton who had graduated and the new goalie was unable to stave off the Middlebury rush.

The games with Vermont ran into hard luck all season with snowstorms preventing the teams from playing on two occasions. When the rivals did finally get together, the ice was soft and the going bad. The poor condition of the rink hampered the speedy Middlebury attack, but the Blue team scored three goals and that was just three more than Vermont could get and the game ended in Middlebury’s favor 3 to 0.

Poor weather conditions prevented the second Middlebury-Vermont game from being played, but as the Panther team had won all its states series games, the State Championship again rests in Middlebury.

The track and baseball teams, handicapped by weather, are working hard to get into shape for competition.
An Interesting Vermont Project

As a part of the work of the Vermont Commission on Country Life authorized by the Vermont legislature, a Committee on Traditions and Ideals was organized in 1929 with appointments by Governor Weeks. The committee was given the problem of finding ways and means of preserving and fostering the particular characteristics, points of view, traditional attitudes of Vermont and its people that have made the commonwealth unique in the sisterhood of states.

Middlebury is directly associated with the work of the committee through Arthur W. Peach, '09, chairman of the committee, Professor Charles B. Wright who is a contributor to one of the important books now in preparation, and to a Middlebury alumnus, well known at Middlebury and his profession, who is one of the guarantors of the publishing fund which is making the work of the committee possible of accomplishment. Permission to mention his name has not been secured at the time of this writing.

As the first project to be undertaken, the committee, under the direction of Professor Peach as general editor has prepared four books: Vermonters: a Book of Biographies, covering the lives of sixty Vermonsters with records of distinguished achievement, edited by Walter H. Crockett of the University of Vermont; Vermont Songs and Ballads, a particularly rich collection of Vermont folk songs and ballads, edited by Helen Hartness Flanders; Vermont Verse: an Anthology, covering verse from the early days to the present, edited by Walter J. Coates, editor of Driftwind and Professor Frederick Tupper of the University of Vermont; Vermont Prose: a Miscellany, including memorable prose of various kinds drawn from historical and literary sources throughout all periods, edited by Harold G. Rugg, assistant librarian of Dartmouth College and Professor Peach. A group of loyal Vermonsters has underwritten the cost of the publishing of the books which will be issued by the Stephen Daye Press of Brattleboro under the direction of Mr. Vrest Orton, a specialist in typography. These books will be ready for distribution in June.

Specific projects to be undertaken by the committee after June include the following classified items: continuation of the study of Vermont folk material, study of ways and means of aiding in the preservation of the beauty of the state, its characteristic architecture, the publication of valuable books that have no interest for commercial publishers (one of these books is a book on old Vermont doorways), preparation of bibliographies of literary, historical, and social material, fostering the coming of artists, writers, and others in the same classification to the state, plans for enabling each community to preserve its past, relics, history, stories, etc., the teaching of Vermont history and literature, seeking to revive the village life that once was a characteristic feature of Vermont. These and other projects involve non-commercial interests of a cultural, literary, historical, and social nature.

The members of the committee in addition to those named include: Dorothy Canfield Fisher of Arlington, Zephine Humphrey of Dorset, Miss Mary Spargo of Bennington, Mrs. Bertha Oppenheim of Ferrisburg, the Rev. D. D. Shannon of Bennington, Miss Sarah Cleghorn of Manchester.

PROFESSOR WRIGHT WORKING ON BOOK OF VERSE

Word is received from Dr. Wright in Washington that, owing to his accident and work on his book of verse, he is unable to contribute his usual page to the News Letter.

Alumni wishing copies of his book should send their names, if they have not already done so, to the Alumni Office at once so that the size of the edition can be determined. The price of the book will be $1.50 plus ten cents for packing and postage. Publication date is set as early in June.

Junior Week---May 7 to 9

A COMPLETE and varied program has been arranged for the 1932 Junior Week which will come on May seventh, eighth and ninth. A committee of almost forty members under the direction of Eugene Thiele and Eleanor Benjamin is now completing the arrangements for activities which will be of interest to student and alumni alike.

Through the cooperation of the athletic department six athletic contests of unusual interest will take place during the three days. This arrangement provides that during practically all daylight hours some form of athletic activity will be in progress.

A state championship baseball game between Vermont and Middlebury will take place on Porter Field at 2:15 Thursday afternoon. Aside from the usual keen rivalry which always exists when these two colleges meet, this game should prove of unusual interest because of the closeness of recent baseball encounters. Again on Saturday afternoon the baseball team will be seen in action, this time against Norwich. "Stuffy" McInnis has recently been named as coach of this club, and thus, a new type of game can be expected from the Northfield team. Coach Hessler has already begun practice, and is molding a team about his veteran infield, all of whom were regulars last year.

Exceptionally keen track and field rivalry is promised in the meet with Colby which is scheduled for Friday at 2 o'clock. This Maine college always brings a strong array of runners, and the well-balanced Middlebury team will find real competition in this event of Junior Week.

Three tennis matches have been scheduled to complete the athletic attractions for the holidays. St. Lawrence, New York State Teachers' College, and Vermont will be met on successive days on Hepburn Courts. The Saturday match with Vermont promises to be of exceptional interest as that school has an unusually strong team and will threaten Middlebury's state honors.

The greatest social event of the week will be the Junior Prom which will be held at the Middlebury Inn on Friday evening. William Horr, chairman of the dance committee, has made arrangements for one of the most ambitious affairs ever attempted in Middlebury. Bill Murphy's Royal Arcadians of New York will furnish music and several dance innovations are being planned.

Recent announcement has been made to the effect that "The Romantic Age" by A. A. Milne will be the dramatic presentation of the Junior class at the Playhouse on Saturday evening, May 9. This comedy is especially adaptable for the talents which have been displayed in the Junior class throughout the three years of dramatic experience.

The Junior Tea will come on Saturday afternoon as has been the custom for the past few years. It is planned to make this event second in importance only to the Junior Prom. The music, which plays such an important part in all social events will be provided by a high class orchestra.

The interfraternity variety show will take place in the gymnasium on Friday evening. This has always proved to be one of the most unique attractions of Junior Week, and the fraternities have already formed plans for their presentations.

After the fraternity breakfasts on Saturday morning another new feature will take place in the form of informal miniature golf play on the Riverside Golf Course.

Besides these many attractions for the week, the usual Waubanaukee tappings, and the fraternity and sorority sings will help to complete the program. Reservations for any of the social or athletic events may be made by the alumni through Mr. Thiele, chairman of the 1932 Junior Week.

PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MAY 7

2:00 Tapping of Waubanaukee Papooses
2:15 Baseball, Vermont vs. Middlebury
3:30 Tennis, St. Lawrence vs. Middlebury
7:45 Interfraternity Variety Show

FRIDAY, MAY 8

12:00 Soph-Fresh Rope Pull
2:00 Track Colby vs. Middlebury
3:30 Tennis N. Y. State Teachers vs. Middlebury
9:00 Junior Prom

Porter Field
Porter Field
Hepburn Courts
Gym
SATURDAY, MAY 9
9:30 Fraternity Breakfasts
10:30 Miniature Golf
1:00 Baseball, Norwich vs. Middlebury
3:30 Tennis, Vermont vs. Middlebury
4:30 Junior Tea
8:00 Junior Play, "The Romantic Age"
10:30 Interfraternity Sing

SUNDAY, MAY 10
5:00 Vesper Service
7:00 Intercollege Sing

MIDDLEBURY IN WHO'S WHO

According to the 1928-29 edition of "Who's Who", Middlebury is ranked in the first third of the 506 colleges and universities whose graduates are listed. Middlebury places 128th with 23 alumni mentioned. The percentage of living Middlebury graduates in the book is 1.19, which ranks the College fifty-fourth, next to the University of Vermont. The fifteen year period between 1885 and 1900 was most productive of Who's Who men, an average of more than one each class receiving the honor. It is interesting to note that of the 28,805 biographies, only 16,433 state that the bachelor degrees were received from American institutions.

Middlebury graduates listed are:
1871—Rev. Francis B. Denio
1877—Dr. James M. Gifford
1878—Dr. Julius W. Atwood
1881—Dr. James L. Barton
ex-81—Frank C. Partridge
1885—Gerald S. Lee
1887—Dr. Charles F. Langworthy
1889—Dr. Louis W. Austin
1890—Albert D. Mead
1891—Dr. Vernon C. Harrington
1892—Alexander Macdonald
1894—Harry E. Wells
1896—Charles A. Munroe
1898—Theodore D. Wells
1899—Prof. Eugene C. Bingham
1900—Frederick H. Bryant
1903—Elbert S. Brigham
George M. Jones

COMMENCEMENT DATES
Saturday, June 13, Sunday, June 14, and Monday, June 15.

ALUMNI AWARDS

Three alumni awards of $250 each were presented in the chapel service of February 21 by J. Earle Parker, chairman of the alumni fund committee to the outstanding men in the three upper classes, Gerald Thayer '31, Witherbee, N. Y., Charles Thrasher '32, Fitchburg, Mass., and George Yeomans '33, Canton, N. Y. The awards were made on the same basis as the Rhodes Scholarships, leadership, high standing, college activities and athletic prowess being considered. It was voted by the committee that the award in the Freshman class be postponed until a more satisfactory basis for judgment could be obtained.

Thayer '31 Thrasher '32 Yeomans '33

Thayer is president of the Senior class, has held other class offices, was business manager of the Campus, and has been active in football and cross country.

Thrasher is captain-elect of football and has been a varsity star, is a member of honorary Blue Key and was Treasurer of his class during his Sophomore year.

Yeomans is a three-letter man in hockey, baseball and football and holds one of the highest scholastic records in his class. He was also awarded in March the Hazeltine-Klevenow cup, for outstanding scholastic and athletic achievement.
A LETTER FROM AN APPRECIATIVE READER

94 Prescott Street
Cambridge, Mass.
December 31, 1930.

E. J. Wiley,
Middlebury, Vt.

Dear Mr. Wiley:

In accordance with the enclosed notice I am sending you a check for $5.00, in order to be a paid-up alumnus in good standing, really eligible to receive the "News Letter," and feel that I have had at least a small part in helping to issue it.

To one now located some distance from Middlebury and able to come back at most only annually, the "News Letter" is most welcome, and each succeeding number seems better than its predecessor. Every page and paragraph of the last issue carried news of interest to any former Middlebury student. "Those Familiar Steps" should have an instant appeal to every reader, for what Middlebury man or woman has not ascended or descended them countless times, usually hurrying to or from class or chapel, but occasionally with sufficient leisure to note how worn the stones are from a century's use, or to observe the ancient overhanging ivy.

To the more recent graduates and students of Middlebury, "Nineteen Hundred Redivivus" may have come as an interesting account of "ancient days," but to one who came to know Middlebury at a time when echoes of those days could still be heard, and who had the privilege of taking courses given by Professor Sanford, it means very much more.

The opportunities offered by travelling fellowships are all too often denied the students of small colleges, and Middlebury is indeed fortunate in having the Dutton Fellowships to award to worthy candidates. I have known but one of the eight recipients personally, but I do not believe that very many of Eleanor E. Manley's wide circle of friends have missed her more than I. To have known her was a privilege and an inspiration, and her sound advice and freely given encouragement were largely instrumental in restoring to chemical science and research one of its adherents who was on the point of forsaking the field permanently.

A "News Letter" without a page or two by Professor Wright would be incomplete, and I wish here and now to pledge my support to any proposed publication of Professor Wright's works. A distinct and welcome feature is the two-page picture of the Faculty, even though some familiar faces are now missing, and many new ones appear.

The athletic situation as outlined by Stewart, Beck, and Phelan is of interest. Although I had no opportunity to participate in organized athletics while in college, I usually manage to be present when any Middlebury team plays anywhere in the vicinity. I only wish that it might happen more often, particularly since the current basketball and 1931 football schedules do not list any games in or near Boston.

Having myself once been on the Middlebury missing list, and having served a year term as corresponding secretary of the Harvard Chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma, I can appreciate the position of the Alumni Secretary and understand and second the editorial warning issued to those who feel that the College has forgotten them. That a few at least have not allowed themselves to be lost is amply attested by the three pages full of personal items in the last issue (or were the services of Pinkerton and Burns necessary to fill the pages?). Careful inspection of these pages brings news of some long lost classmates and contemporaries, shows by the results that others are making use of previously demonstrated or perhaps unsuspected talents, and also indicates (unless the divorce data has been willfully suppressed, and notwithstanding the sentiments of some educators) that one of the important functions of a good co-educational college is that of a matrimonial bureau. I have also heard it suggested that there ought to be an opportunity for a post-graduate course for the surviving members of classes of five or ten years back, and pass the proposition along for whatever it may be worth.

Although this communication was started merely as an envelope filler to conceal from the Postal Service the presence of a check inside, it has now become as lengthy as any other proverbal letter to the editor, and probably contains as little of value.

With best wishes for the New Year,

Cordially yours,

Allen D. Bliss '23.

REINCARNATION

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Up with the sun next morning and on into the land of palms and grapes and oranges. Land dotted with towns where once there was no habitation. At length we entered the outskirts of Los Angeles, that great overgrown town. Drawing its human life from all parts of the country it has spread over a vast area. Here and there great forests of oil derricks to feed the ever hungry maw of industry. Once the campfire and the tallow dip, now the beacon and the incandescent lamp. Once a sparse population of Spanish and Indian and priest, now cosmopolitan hordes. Almost at our destination, we took account of stock. Three thousand eight hundred and seventy-two miles at a leisurely pace in twenty-nine days. No accidents, no tire trouble. All this distance long ago had cost us months of time and dreadful hardship. Verily, the new way is better!

A rest, then on down the coast of California. We must not dwell too long on the summer air nor on the summer moonlight that bathed the bosom of the broad Pacific, for the air is frosty now at Midd! West from San Diego we travelled over mountain and valley and on into the sand dunes of the Colorado Desert. Truly it is the great American Sahara. Anticipation was keen as we approached the broad level plains of southern Arizona. Once but a desert but now the site of a busy city. Tucson, in the heart of a desert bordered by sheen mountains,—land of sunshine and of cactus. A few miles out of town is the Papago Indian Reservation. Near it stands an ancient Spanish Mission, San Xavier, built about the time of my former visit. We travelled for miles through rolling land thickly studded with saguaro, the giant cactus, rearing its columns many feet in air. In a nearby canyon were rocky walls bearing ancient picture writings scarcely more faded in this dry air than
they were two centuries ago. What is their story? Who made them? We wish we knew.

Rainfall is scant but sufficient, for well and spring provide. In the heart of the city lies the state university, its campus adorned with palo verde, olive, palm, agave, yucca and cactus; outside the city, inviting mountains and deep ravines, rattlers and scorpions in their winter sleep, frosty nights and glorious days. Surrounded by strange life we ask but to see and study and learn. Contented? Yes. Journey's end? Yes, and no, for with spring comes the long trip back to the green hills of New England. Anticipation? Yes indeed! Regrets at having to leave this pleasant land? Always. We had the same regrets two hundred years ago!

MOUNTAIN CAMPUS COMES OF AGE
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Middlebury some common healthy guiding interest is needed to construct this unity, to bring student and faculty personalities into closer contact. The Club activities will strengthen this, for practically all parties will include members of the faculty, incidentally applying the greatest test for them, that of familiarity with students. When the organization was first announced Ex-Governor Proctor wrote in: "I was interested to hear that a Mountain Club has been started at Middlebury College . . . . I have always loved the mountains—an inheritance from both my father and mother, but the latter did much to increase my interest in them . . . . It has been my good fortune to go up over twelve thousand feet in the Rocky Mountains and over eleven thousand in the Alps. A view from a mountain top invariably stimulates the better impulses. Here, as in no other place, accomplishments physical and material fit into their proper relationship with things higher and nobler."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Alumni interested in securing privilege cards, ($2.00, for one year) may obtain them from John Storm, Delta Upsilon House.

Professor Charles B. Wright was slightly injured last February in an automobile accident at Washington, where he and Mrs. Wright had gone to spend a few weeks. Although he was not seriously injured it was necessary for him to be confined for sometime. He has recovered quite satisfactorily and accompanied by Mrs. Wright has gone to Akron, Ohio, for a visit before returning to Middlebury in May.

GERMAN RETURNS TO THE HIGH SCHOOL
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German in High Schools was given up, due to the World War.

After its long Kriegsschlauf, the School, in response to a wider demand, is to be reopened next summer at Bristol, Vermont, twelve miles north of Middlebury. Around the old commons of the village, an Arbeitsgemeinschaft of students of German and native teachers (at the high ratio of 1:8) is to be formed in which every participant pledges himself to use no other language but German during the entire six weeks of the session. Group work offering a thorough grounding in language, literature, and their cultural background is to be supplemented by informal discussion during meal times and informal gatherings, by extra-curricular lectures, singing and reading hours, and dramatic performances. The advanced character of the work is to be safeguarded through the fact that no elementary courses are offered and no beginning students are accepted.

The School is designed for teachers of German, and for others who wish training in the language for the purpose of foreign travel and study or for advanced students requiring a ready reading knowledge of German in the sciences, medicine, economics, etc.

The curriculum will provide: a graded series of courses surveying either periods of German literature in their entirety or the development of drama, lyric poetry, and fiction separately; a detailed study of individual authors; teaching German in high schools and colleges, including a survey of practical phonetics; advanced and intermediate composition and oral practice; rapid reading for training in collateral study of German and other subjects and Grammar review.

It can be expected that the step Middlebury has taken, will be followed by a number of other colleges in the United States within the next few years. Among all the nations which were against Germany in the last decade, America has been first to forget. Germany realizes it, is catering to our tourists, and is encouraging our students in coming to their universities for advanced education. And they
are making it worthwhile. High Schools are usually first to feel a change in the public pulse, and usually the first to respond as soon as demand warrants it. We are seeing an influx of German realia, new editions of German textbooks, and a live interest in German literature. The prejudice has gone. The old popularity of the language is returning.

ALUMNI NOMINATE OFFICERS

NOMINATIONS for vacancies in the list of officers of the Associated Alumni have been made by the Nominating Committee and balloting will be carried on through the mail later in the spring.

The three retiring District Presidents of Region three automatically become candidates for the National Presidency this year. Dr. John C. Scofield ’80 of the Washington District has withdrawn his name, which leaves the following candidates for the National Presidency:

**Chicago District:**

**Buffalo District:**
James F. Taylor ’05, Supt. of Schools, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

The following have been nominated as candidates for the office of District President:

**Buffalo District:**
Robert C. Ryder ’10, Lawyer, Akron, Ohio.
Charles H. Wright ’16, with Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

**Washington District:**
F. J. Bailey ’01, Assistant to Director, U. S. Bureau of the Budget, Washington, D. C.

**Chicago District:**
S. B. Pettengill ’08, Lawyer, and Member of Congress, South Bend, Indiana.

The alumni now have the privilege of nominating five of the members of the Board of Trustees of the College and there is a vacancy to be filled this year in Region one as the term of Mr. Homer L. Skeels ’98 expires in June. The Nominating Committee has nominated Mr. Skeels to succeed himself and has decided to make no other nominations for the vacancy in Region one.

1931 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 25—Ithaca Sc. of Phys. Ed. at Middlebury
April 30—Williams at Williamstown
May 1—Springfield at Springfield
May 2—M.A.C. at Amherst
May 5—St. Michael’s at Middlebury
May 7—Vermont at Middlebury
May 9—Norwich at Middlebury
May 13—Boston University at Boston
May 14—Tufts College at Medford
May 15—Northeastern at Boston
May 16—Providence at Providence
May 19—St. Michael’s at Winooski
May 21—Tufts at Middlebury
May 22—Clarkson at Middlebury
May 26—Vermont at Burlington
May 30—Norwich at Northfield
June 13—St. Lawrence at Middlebury

1930-31 BULLETINS

JUST PUBLISHED—
The Bread Loaf School of English
Bread Loaf Inn
The Summer Schools of French and Spanish
Middlebury College Sketch Book (10 cents)
The Cost of a Year at Middlebury
Syllabus for Bible Requirement

RECENTLY PUBLISHED—
Spanish School Preliminary Announcement
French Calendar, daily pad, with quotations in German (25 cents)
French Calendar, daily pad, with holidays, etc., in French
Spanish Calendar, monthly pad, with Spanish anecdotes (25 cents)
German School Announcement
German School Booklet (now out of print)
Directory of students and faculty

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS—
The German School (April)
The Bread Loaf Conference (May)

Any of the above may be secured from the office of the Editor of college publications, free of charge, unless otherwise indicated.

The alumni in Connecticut are planning to hold their annual dinner this year in New Haven, at The Garde Hotel on Saturday, May 2nd, at 6 p. m. Anyone wishing to attend this dinner should notify Homer R. Denison, Box 296, New Haven, Conn.
Dr. Merriett H. Eddy '60 of Middlebury, Vt., the oldest living doctor in the New England States, laid the corner stone of the New England medical center in Boston on his 98th birthday, January 25th.

Nelson Z. Graves '68, the last surviving member of his class, died on December 7, 1930 at his home in Germantown, Pa.

Edward J. Davenport '71, died on November 27, 1930.

Word has been received of the death of Perley A. Griswold '80, who died on March 24th after a brief illness. He practiced law in St. Louis, Mo., from 1898 until his death.

Dr. John C. Scottell '80 completed 46 years' service with the War Department on December 1 and retired from the office of Chief Clerk of the War Dept. on that day.

Charles A. Sweet ex-'80 may now be addressed at 5701 Cabanne, St. Louis, Mo.

Harry B. Boice '81 will be located at the Clearwater Beach Hotel, Clearwater, Florida, until next June, then he will go to Balsam Lake, Balsam, N. C.

Alexander Macdonald '92 retired on December 31 from the office of Conservation Commissioner of New York state. Although a Republican he survived during several Democratic administrations and established a record which received high editorial commendation in a recent number of the New York Times.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry G. Megathlin '91 (Annie Ritchie '94) have moved to Brookfield Center, Conn., from Peterborough, N. H., where Rev. Megathlin has been pastor of the Union Congregational Church for the past six years.

Carl M. Merrill '96, lawyer and formerly city judge of Glen Falls, N. Y., died at his home in Glen Falls on January 30th.

Albertus Perry ex-'98, 2200 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, Md., is now conducting intercollegiate tours for the Educational Dept. of Temple Tours, Inc., including France, Egypt, Palestine, a Mediterranean cruise, Turkey, Greece, and Naples.

Charlotte May Hull '93 is representing the town of Shoreham in the Vermont legislature.

The Buffalo Courier-Express devoted considerable space in a recent issue to extolling the record of James F. Taylor '01 who is Superintendent of the Schools of Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Oscar J. Williams '09 has changed his residence in St. Louis, Mo., to 4755 Greer Avenue.

Eugene J. Berry '09 has changed his address to 905 Financial Center Bldg., Oakland, Calif.

A son, John Morton, was born on March 24th to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bosworth '11 (Margaret Dyer '19).

Arthur W. Harris '12 is teaching this year in the High School at Canajoharie, N. Y. His address is 24 Shaper Avenue.

Lester L. Nichols ex-'11 died in New York May 20, 1930 following an operation.

Mrs. Frances E. Meggy ex-'13 is in Cohoeskill, N. Y.

Mrs. Richard Lawrence Creed (Annie Hulihan '15) is now living at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Helen Carrigan '16 is residing at 516 Prospect St., Maplewood, N. J.

Mrs. Harold D. Newton '17 (Jennie Craigue) is now living at 415 Westmont Ave., Haddonfield, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Esten '17 (Mildred Cady '19) are living in Holland, Michigan, at 99 West 12th Street.

Word was recently received from the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Dixon, (Madeline Halford '19), who have been serving under the American Board since 1920.

The Dixons are engaged in all-round missionary work, including not only teaching and religious activities, but building, farming, and training native leaders.

Mrs. George Watts ex-'20 (Elizabeth Ball) is located at 268 Huntington Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. On June 16th, 1930, a daughter, Aletha Ruth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Watts.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Howell, (Fannie Lincoln '20), are the parents of a son, John Lincoln Howell, born on January 1st.

Catherine Carrigan '20 has changed her address to 516 Prospect St., Maplewood, N. J.

Ralph E. Sincerox '20, who for the past three years has been manager of the Office Service Department, of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, has been appointed auditor of the newly-established Plastics Department with headquarters at Meriden, Conn. Mr. Sincerox is still in Schenectady organizing the new Department, after which he will go to Meriden.

Dr. Francis Carrigan '21 has moved from So. Orange, N. J., to Maplewood, where he is located at 516 Prospect Street.

Edith H. Tallmadge '21 has accepted a position in the Co-hoes High School. She is teaching elementary and advanced algebra, plane and solid geometry. In the same school are Dorothy Abel '28 and Helen Dunz Schmeichel '25. The Principal is Charles E. Wheeler '00.

Edmund F. Stockwell '22 is salesman for Lehn & Fink, Inc., with home address at 125 Audubon Road, Boston, Mass.

Rutherford J. Gettens '23 was married in Boston on November 26th to Miss Katherine Covelle, of Bangor, Me. Mr. and Mrs. Gettens are living at 34 Irving St., Cambridge, Mass., where Mr. Gettens is with the Fog Art Museum of Harvard University carrying on research dealing with technical and chemical problems concerning the restoration, preservation, and new materials used in Art.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Duncan (Helen L. Bolton '23) have left Troy, N. Y., for China. Their address will be c/o Hong Kong-Shanghai Bank, Shanghai.

Dr. A. Mortimer Roscoe '23 is physician and surgeon in Fresno, California, with office at 720 Patterson Building.

Allen D. Bliss '23, who is studying in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences of Harvard University, for the degree of Ph. D. in Chemistry, is having an important part in the editing of the Journal of the American Chemical Society.

Reginald M. Savage '24 Field Secretary of the National K. D. R. fraternity, went on an extended trip to New York, Pennsylvania, and Indianapolis, Ind., where he visited chapters of the fraternity. Mrs. Savage (Dorothy Taylor '24) joined Mr. Savage in Indianapolis from where they went to the University of Southern California at Berkeley. They returned to Middlebury about the first of April.

Cyrus A. Hamlin '25 formerly with the W. R. Grace & Co., in New York City, has now joined forces with the Singer Sewing Machine Company and sailed on February 6th for South America where he will be located in care of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, Caixa do Correio 434, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Thomas O. Carlson '25 who is now living at 124 North Grove Street, East Orange, N. J., was admitted to membership in the Casualty Actuarial Society at the 1930 annual meeting of the Society. Mr. Carlson is an actuarial assistant with the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, 1 Park Ave., New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Happ, Jr., '25 announce the birth of a daughter, Barbara, on December 19th.
Personal News and Notes of the Alumni

D. Janette Woolsey ’23 is studying for her master’s degree in the School of Library Service at Columbia University, and is living at 600 W. 114th St., N. Y. C.

Arthur Bulbulian ’25 expects to receive his dental degree from the Dental School of the University of Minnesota in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth N. Hillman (Dorothy G. Saltmarsh ’25) of 14 Arthur St., Portland, Me., announce the birth of a daughter, Charlotte Faye, born September 4, 1930.

Harold R. Downey, ’26 who is now an M.D., is located at the Hartford, Conn. Hospital.

Viola Palmer ’26 was married on June 9th, 1930, to Mr. C. Winthrop Houghton. Mrs. Houghton is connected with the Sheppard Stores in Boston and Mr. Houghton is a student at B. U. Medical, with residence at 83 Gainsboro St., Boston.

Miriam Colby ’26 was married on June 21, 1930, to Jesse E. Sunderland (U. V. M. ’24). They are residing at 36 Front St., Bellows Falls, Vt.

Edward M. Reighard, Jr., ’26 is associate pastor of the Congregational church, Garden and Mason Sts., Cambridge, Mass.

Marion B. Swift ’26 was married on March 29, 1930, to Mr. Walter E. Carter. They are residing at 214 Meadow St., Willimansett, Mass., and have announced the arrival of a daughter, Esther Mary, on January 24th.

Madeleine B. Dunn ’26 is cataloguer at Antioch College Library, Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Doris Howard ’26 was married to A. Jerome Goodwin (Dartmouth ’27) on June 24, 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin are living in Cape Nedick, Maine.

Gladdstone L. Chandler ’26 who has been teaching American Literature in Teachers’ College, Winston Salem, N. C., is doing graduate work this year at Harvard.

Professor Arthur R. Davis (“Doc”) and Mrs. Davis (Katherine Eaton ex-’26) are living at 26 Hurlburt St., Cambridge, Mass. Prof. Davis received his Ph. D. from Harvard last June and now has a position as instructor at “Tech”.

Eva Alberta DeCoster ex-’26 and Aloys P. Papke ’25 were united in marriage at Rochester, N. Y., on October 28th. They are residing at 1527 W. Atkinson Ave, Milwaukee, Wis.

Edward Payson Crane ’27 died suddenly in New York on December 7, as the result of burns which he suffered while rescuing his brother from a fire in their New York apartment.

Alton R. Huntington ’27 who is connected with the International Business Machines Corporation, is now located at 1984 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Margaret Lenore Sedgwick ’27, to Mr. Frederic Thorn Mertens of Grove St., Passaic, N. J. Miss Sedgwick is now a technical librarian at the Pease Laboratory, N. Y. C. Mr. Mertens is a graduate from Cooper Union Institute of Technology. The wedding will take place in the early summer.

William K. Donald ’28 is working with the accounting firm of Lybbrand, Ross Bros, and Montgomery of 110 William St., N. Y. C. “Bill” was married to Louise Gardner Barnes of Sarasota, Florida, and Great Barrington, Mass., at Great Barrington on June 21, 1930. They are now living at 55-33 80th St., Jackson Heights, Long Island.

The address of John March ’28 is 127 Congress Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

Milan H. R. Palmer ’28 is now residing at Apt. C-2, 158 Collins St., Hartford, Conn.

Carleton H. Simmons ’28 who has been with the Harris Forbes Co., of Boston, of which his father, Fay A. Simmons ’02, was treasurer for many years, has become a member of the firm of Newton, Abbe and Company which opened its offices on March second at 77 Federal Street, Boston, Mass., and will conduct a general investment business.

Emeline Freeborn B. S. ’29, M. S. ’30, is now studying in the School of Public Health of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland. Her address is 710 North Broadway, Baltimore.

James C. Thomson ’29 and Grant Lavery ’28 have recently taken an apartment at 231 Park Place, Brooklyn.

Elizabeth McDermott ’29 is Sales Representative of the New York Telephone Company in Syracuse, N. Y., with residence at 601 Walnut Ave.

Corwin L. Happ ’29 who is in the employ of the W. T. Grant Co., has been transferred to St. Paul, Minn., where he is living at the Y. M. C. A.

Theodore Kramer ’29 is now engaged in graduate biology at Western Reserve University, collaborating with Dr. Paten of the Western Reserve Medical School. He has helped to design and build a micro-motion camera with which have been taken some excellent films of embryonic processes. The camera and film which were shown at the Cleveland meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, were responsible for much favorable comment among persons who saw them.

Esther Rushlow ’29 is assistant purchasing agent with the Standard Statistics Company, 345 Hudson St., N. Y. C. She is living at 480 W. 118th St., Apt. 5.

Henry Newman ’30 is now employed at a hospital in Spadra, California, and is doing graduate work in Education at Claremont College.

Alfred G. Morse ’30 has accepted a position in the Actuarial Dept. of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, 1 Park Avenue, New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip W. Roberts (Georgia Lyon ’30) are studying at the Eucken Haus in Germany this year. Their address is: Westendorfstrasse 9, Jena Thuringen, Germany.


Richard (“Dick”) Miller ’30 who is with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, has been transferred to Portsmouth, N. H., where he expects to be located at 76 Congress St., for the next six months.

W. Raymond Wells ’30, who is employed by the General Electric Company in Schenectady, N. Y., has been transferred from the Forecasting and Research Dept., to the newly-established Plastics Dept., under Ralph E. Sincerbox ’20.

Dorothy Sibyl Howard ex-’31 was married to Paul W. Carter (Univ. of New Hampshire ex-’30) on March 29, 1930. Mr. and Mrs. Carter are located in Piemont, N. H., and are parents of a son, Paul Willard, Jr., born February 4th.

Ethel Rogers ex-’31, was married on February 1, 1930, to Harry B. Howe. They are living at 3325 So. Washington Ave., Saginaw, Mich.