The son of Phineas and Martha (Hall) Camp, was born in Durham County(?), N.Y., on the 18th day of February, 1788. At the age of eight years, he removed with his father's family to Oneida County, in the same state. His classical studies commenced at an academy at Whitestown, N. Y. Afterwards he entered Union College, where he graduated in 1811. For two years after this, he taught a classical school in Orange County, N.Y. His theological studies were pursued at Princeton. Having completed a full course at that institution, he was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of North River in 1816. The first two years of his ministry were spent in itinerant labors. He was ordained as an evangelist by the Presbytery of North River, on the 15th day of July, 1817. He came into the hands of the Presbytery of Erie in 1817, and was received from the Presbytery of Hudson, as

a member, on the 29th day of June, 1819.

In connection with Johnston Eaton, he reorganized the churches of Westfield and Ripley, N.Y. His first pastoral settlement was at Westfield, where he was installed on the 8th day of September, 1819. Cyrus Riggs (18), preached the sermon, and Samuel Tait delivered the charges. This pastorate continued for two and a half years, when, on account of illhealth in his family, the relation was dissolved. After two years of labor as an evangelist, he was installed pastor of the church of Lowville, N.Y., having been dismissed from the Presbytery of Erie to that of St. Lawrence, February 9, 1825. Here he continued for four years, when the pastoral relation was dissolved. From this time Mr. Camp devoted himself to missionary labors in various portions of the church, being particularly active in revivals of religion. These labors extended over northwestern Pennsylvania, New York, and portions of Ohio. Being of a warm, fervid frame of mind, he was particularly adapted to missionary work, and to efforts in times of refreshing. He delighted in these labors. It seemed to be his meat and his drink to direct inquiring souls to Christ. Buring his labors, the "bodily exercise," spoken of elsewhere, prevailed, and was treated by him as of great importance as a manifestation of the Spirit of God. Many of the churches along the shore of Lake Erie, at Westfield, North East, Fairview, and Springfield, enjoyed his revival labors, and some of the aged fathers and mothers in Israel yet speak of his unction and zeal in the Lord's cause. His last years were spent in connection with "the other branch."

Mr. Camp was twice married. His first wife was Miss Mary A. Leeworthy. His second was Miss Anna Spalding. He had three children, two sons and a daughter, all of whom profess to be followers of the God of their father.

About four years ago he removed to Dixon, Illinois, to spend the declining years with his children. Yet although laid aside in a great degree from the active labors of preaching the gospel, he continued to seek opportunities of doing good, in distributing tracts, and personal religious intercourse. These labors continued until within two days of his death.

A short time before his departure, he wrote in his diary: "I desire to possess dying grace for the present hour. I am dying: declining with age daily, that is dying. Shall I be overwhelmed with surprise and awe on entering the celestial world? Even the holy evangelist John, who had so often conversed with his mighty Saviour, had well-nigh fainted and died at the sight of the angel of the Apocalypse. I apprehend believers on entering that state will be gently dealt with; will be gradually made familiar with the grand and fearful things that shall in turn be unfolded and explained. But be this as it may, let me have 'perfect holiness' in the fear of the Lord, and be ready when called to go."

His last illness was short, and without suffering.
It was rather the wearing out of Life's machinery than positive disease. To his children and friends who gathered around his couch, he commended Christ as the only hope. When asked if he felt prepared for the journey, he replied, "Yes, yes, I settled that question long my before this. This trying hour would be insupportable were it not for my hope in Christ." After taking leave of his children one by one, with the expression on his lips, "Farewell, world, farewell," he sweetly fell asleep.

He died on the 30th day of January, 1868, having nearly completed his eightieth year, and in the fifty-second year of his ministry. He was an old man, full of years and labors, and has gone to reapthe reward of those who "turn many to righteousness."

Hist. of the Presbytery of Erie p. 299 S.J.M.Eaton
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On the 29th of June, 1819, Phineas Camp was received from the Presbytery of North River. He was from the State of New York, and the first minister received into the Presbytery who had been a student at a theological seminary. He had been through a full course at Princetom, and was a most zealous and fervid minister. To a warm, impassioned nature, he added a zeal and energy that were remarkable, and that adapted him peculiarly to missionary labor. He delighted to go from church to church and from house to house urging and entreating to trust in Christ. His labors in Erie County, Pennsylvania and Chautauqua County, New York, were peculiarly blessed. During his labors in this region, there were many cases of the "bodily exercise" spoken of ina preceding chapter. This was considered by Mr. Camp as of very great importance, as a manifestation of the divine Spirit, and a most encouraging feature connected with his labors. Perhaps Mr. Camp was the first member of the Presbytery who was known technically as a "revival minister." He seems to have been more successful in his labors as an Evangelist than as a settled pastor. On the 8th day of September, 1819, he was installed as pastor of the congregation of Westfield, New York. In these services Mr. Riggs preached the sermon, and Mr. Tait delivered the charges.

On the 21st of August, 1821, Mr. Camp's pastoral relation to the church of Westfield, N. Y., was dissolved. The pastoral work was not so congenial to him as the work of an Evangelist. He felt most at home travelling from place to place, and seeking out destitute points, and preaching the Word of Life.

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On the 9th of February, 1825, Mr. Camp was dismissed to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence; p. 107

In 1818, Rev. Phineas Camp supplied for a time ( the church of Lower Greenfield, now North East. p. 429

On the 7th day of November, 1817, (the Presbyterman church of Westfleid, Pa.) was reorganized by Rev. Johnston Eaton and Rev. Phineas Camp.

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History of the Presbytery of Erie, Pa. S.J.M. Eaton New York Hurd & Houghton 1868

Rev. Phineas Camp graduated at Union College in 1811 and spent two years at Princeton Theological Seminary in the second class that was taught in that institution, and, among the eighteen members of which were John Barnard (Union 1813), thirty-seven years pastor at Lima, N. Y., Dr. John T. Edgar, of Nashville, Tenn., Dr. Eliphalet W. Gilbert, (Union 1813), of Wilmington, Del., and Dr. Elisha Pope Swift, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions and Professor in Allegheny Theological Seminary. Mr. Camp spent four years at Lowville, Lewis county, and labored in various places in the northern part of the State and in Oneida county, and died in Illinois in 1868. Natural and without pretension, he generally served our less favored congregations and devoted to them his best energies and resources. His tastes somewhat affected the muses, and he took pleasure in poetic compositions. But this was only his by-play. Preaching and pastoral work were the business of his life, and this he pursued with conscientious fidelity and supreme delight. The genuineness of his piety admitted of no doubt, and the indisputableness and tokens of it appeared wherever he was and in whatever engaged.

Presbyterianism in Central New York. p. 479
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Utica, N. Y. 1877.

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Such is your city and your home."

## 1811 PHINEAS CAMP

at the Anniversary of the Themean Society of Union This poem entitled "Schenectady" was delivered College, April 5, 1811. The complete poem is published in The Floriad Vol. 1, Nos. 1 and 2. May 24 and June 7, 1811.

With nature's mantle gay bespread, Lo: from you hills what charms are shed, Here woodlands broad their verdure yield, And there appears the furrow'd field, Atween are seen the pastures grazed, And houses mid the brushwood raised, And orchards blooming, and beside The winding lucid stream to glide. Nor less delightful seems the show Adown upon the plains below; In numerous meadows, landscapes gay, Rich cultivated fields and fallows gray, As far as ever, eye can sail, Profusely fill the widening vale, From north-west, the bold Mohawk pours. Along campaignes and fertile shores, O'me steep falls, and rocks and shores. And veering by the city rolls. Athwart, and up its stream, more slow The heavy laden long batteau; While light and frequent cross the tide, The nimble skiff is seen to glide; And formed and fattened by its flood. You bslands heave their bosoms broad. Northside mid meadows, bush and brake. Clear, shines a little silvered lake. Where slowly, oft is seen to float The angler, in his tiny boat, And where, the fenny banks along; The blackbird tunes his shrill song. Eastward there bends beneath the hill, And watered by a limpid rill, And fanned by every whispering gale, The well-known woody vale--Where oft 'tis said the lover goes, To sing his joys or tell his woes; And where, at close of mild May-day, Oft groups of white robed fair ones stray, And nymphelike round the hillocks play. Here slow, the ploughman turns the soil, Here various laborers tug and toil, While far from college idly roving, Some students 'cross the fields are moving. And distant on the meadow green, The sporting tripping maid is seen. The herds are dozing in the shade. Or feeding on the tender blade. The loosened steeds are busy grazing Or wildly thro' the pastures racing. Such is the town and bordering scene, But such it has not always been.

A friend handed to us the other day a poem entitled "Schenectady", written in 1811 by Mr. P. Camp, then a student in Union College. The description of the place as it appeared at that time, as may be interesting to compare with its present appearance. The hills, vales, meadows, streams, and all the beauties of nature which the poet describes, remain unaltered; but we look in vain for the moss grown roofs, and venerable edifices of which he speaks, and "heavy laden long batteau," and "nimble skiff," are now no longer seen on the silvery waters of the Mohawk.

Full wide the darkening city spreads, And rough the buildings lift their heads, All seems a rocky ridge, whose crown Upsprings majestic broad and brown, Close huddled, yet promiscuous, here Thick moss-grown all the roofs appear. Some mansions there antique and frail, Hard shiver in the western gale. Encircled, of lone-standing quite, Some new ones spring superb and bright; But towering higher and sublime, The city steeples skyward climb. One church amid the group appears, Marked with the wear of many years; Yet firmly stands, and on the town Looks venerable and gloomy down.

As lower falls the eye, it meets
The busy walkers in the streets.
A straggler here, there moves a throng,
Some loiter slow, some trip along,
Meanwhile with ceaseless thundering roar,
Swift whirl the wheels the pavement O'er,
But bordering on the city scene,
Where spring arrays here in her green,
What beauties o'er the prospect lie!
How oft from station, heaven-ward raised,
O'er all the varied show I'vegazed;
And spent, how oft the leisure hour,
In loitering, lingering, to devour
And fix in living memory
The dear enchanting scenery.

## PHINEAS CAMP

Rev. Phineas Camp, a graduate of Union College in 1810, and a graduate of the second class of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, was appointed by the Presbyterian General Assembly Board of Missions as a home missionary in Pennsylvania, Western New York and Ohio. He assisted in the reorganization of the church in Westfield, in November, 1817, and was installed as pastor of the church by the Erie Presbytery, September 8, 1819.

FROM History of Chautauqua County, N. Y. p. 106
Andrew W. Young
Matthews & Warren
Buffalo 1875.

1811

Among the treasured volumes in the Alumni Alcove of the College Library is a volume by Phineas Camp of two hundred pages, with prose and poetic dissertations on a variety of themes, many of them about incidents of the Mohawk Valley. The opening poem is one of twenty pages on "The Scenery and Burning of Schenectady," which was read before the Themean Society of Union College in 1810. The Battle of Oriskany and the death of General Herkimer are also poetised, and Shenandoah and the Indians afford subjects for the writer's verse. The latter part of the book is made up of essays and poems religious. Phineas Camp's father was from Durham, Conn., and lived to be a hundred years old. The son entered Union from Deerfield, near Utica, and graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in the Class of 1815. His last work in the ministry was at Dixon, Ill., where he died in 1868.

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To Phineas Camp

of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1811

(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best :)

SIR,-

It is the aim of the subscriber, in collecting the information asked for by the following questions, to obtain materials for a concise Biographical Catalogue of the Trustees, Presidents, Professors and Tutors of Union College; -- of those who have received Honorary Degrees from it, and of all who have ever entered that Institution, whether Graduates or not.

That such a work would be interesting and useful to the Alumni, will not be denied; but whether it be practicable, will depend chiefly upon the ready aid which they shall impart. This circular will be sent to every Graduate whose residence is known, (or, if deceased, to some near connection,) and it is confidently expected that no one will neglect to return it in due time, with as full information as circumstances will allow :--some of the questions, indeed, it may not be possible to answer with certainty; others not at all : still, it is hoped that no important facts will be withheld because of their fewness.

Death has removed the twenty-four original Trustees, the first three Presidents, the early Professors and Tutors, and from eight hundred to one thousand of the Alumni of the College. Doubtless their friends and descendants will cheerfully contribute such information as may be necessary to illustrate the lives and services of the departed.

The subscriber desires every aid that may help to throw light upon the personal history of those concerned :- Obituary Notices ; Biographical Sketches, Epitaphs, Funeral Sermons, Newspaper Notices of election to important offices or stations, Business Cards and Advertisements; also, copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Scrmons, Essays, Newspapers, engraved Portraits, &c.; all of which will be deposited and preserved in an Alcove of the College Library, to be set apart for "Graduates' Works."

He also requests that all future changes affecting the answers which shall be given, be made known to him from time to time: --especially the deaths of Graduates, and that the usual obituary notices or funeral sermons published on such occasions, be sent with the announcements, as it is his purpose to publish these deaths hereafter once a year.

JONATHAN PEARSON, Librarian.

Aug 1853

Union College, SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinnipeck, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderbergh High School, under the instruction of Rev. Moses Johnson, and entered Union College Jan. 1817. He studied law with Hon. Septimus H. Smith, of Great Falls; was admitted to the bar in 1821; and commenced the practice of law in Albany, with James S. Van Hoesen, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was Member of N. Y. Assembly 1832-5; State Senator 1836-8; Member of Congress 1839-41; and Judge of the Superior Court 1842-6. He died June 30, 1849, of cholera, aged 49 years. Besides occasional speeches, orations and opinions. he wrote a work on constitutional law, and edited the N. Y. State Papers. He received the Degree of L. L. D. from Hamilton College in 1846.

Joseph Henshaw Luther was born in Hanover, Mass., June 1, 1798; parents, Joseph and Madeline (Henshaw) Luther; prepared for College at Yorkville Academy, John Almy, Esq., Principal; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1818-20, in East Philadelphia, (Penn.) High School; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1823, at Marbletown, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haselton, Conn. 1825-30; Professor of Rhetoric in Eric College 1831-40; retired on account of ill health, and now resides in Philadelphia, Pa. He has published six sermons on various occasions; a series of lectures on Rhetoric and Belles Lettres, and the "Communicant's Companion." He received the Degree of D. D. from the Hudson University in 1842.

Thomas Pennington Radway was born Feb. 23, 1778, in Benton, N. Y; parents, John Harmony and Mary (Pennington) Radway; was prepared for College at High Holme School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal; entered Union College Sept. 1795; taught a few months in Suncook, Mass., in 1799; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Camermile; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, in 1806. He was Surgeon in the Army 1813-15, and returned to practice at Oldbury in 1815, where he has since resided. He lectured in the Fairhaven Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1830-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on the "Functions of the Brain," and on "Gunshot Wounds."

N. B. 1. Let the answers to the following questions be as full and authentic as possible; but when doubtful let them be marked thus (?).

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