CLASS OF 1813

WM. R. BOGARDUS

To Rev. Wm. R. Bogardus:

Rev. and Dear Sir:--In accordance with a vote of the congregation assembled June 22, 1856, I am directed by the Board of Trustees in behalf of the Church and congregation of Acquackanonk to present you with five hundred dollars as a token of their affection and respect for your long-continued and faithful services as their Christian pastor, accompanied with an assurance of our prayers, that in your declining years you may enjoy the consolations of that gospel which you for a quarter of a century have preached to us.

In behalf of the Board of Trustees,
D.A. Westervelt, President.

Reply:

Dear Sir:--Please present my grateful acknowledgments to the church and congregation you represent, for their kind gift of five hundred dollars. My well wishes and prayers for their gracious prosperity shall follow them during the residue of my declining years.

William R. Bogardus.

Acquackanonk, July 1, 1856.

Prof. Pearson's Scrap Book p. 433

From, New Brunswick Theol. Sem - March 1934.

I have learned that Reverend William R. Bogardus of the class of 1813 at Union was born at Fishkill, New York, February 24, 1789 and died at Kinderhook, New York, February 9, 1862. Can you tell me his middle name and what institution gave him the degree D.D., with the year?

Mrs. H. Pearson

1813, Rec'd March 29 1855

To Wm R. Bogardus of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 18 13

(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, Sermons, 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.*

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 Erie 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 (?).
2. When the person is deceased let some near relative or friend fill out the blanks to the best of his knowledge; if he have but *one fact*, let that be sent.
3. Let as much time be taken as may be found necessary for this purpose, and no more.
4. In case this sheet be not sufficient to contain all the facts to be sent, add another of the *same size*, if possible, leaving an inner margin of not less than one inch for binding.
5. In cases where no answers to this circular shall be returned, the editor will be obliged to publish such names without any biographical notices, or to rely upon information, gathered from other sources, and, therefore, not always authentic.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

I. Name. William Roe Bogardus.

[Let this be written plainly and the *middle* names in full.]

II. Names of both Parents; thus:— Cornelius and Elizabeth Bogardus

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

III. Birth Place. Fishkill, Dutchess Co N.Y. Birth Day and Year. born Feb 22d 1789.

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:— Resided at Schenectady from Jan 1st 1809 to August 1813

[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814–24; Albany, N. Y., 1824–30; New-York City, 1830–54.]

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:— Prepared for college by Aaron Clark who conducted a private classical school at Schenectady

[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L.L. D., 1815–17.]

VI. At what College he graduated, and when. Union College in 1813 ~~the~~

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:—

[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847–48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849–51.]

VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:— Entered the Theological

[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822–5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840–2.]

Seminary at New Brunswick in the fall of 1813. studied theology under Rev John H. Livingston D.D. & S.T.P. and was licensed to preach by the classis of New Brunswick June 1816 by the

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; thus:—

[Episc., Somerville, N. J., 1827–30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830–5; New-York City, 1835–54.] Was settled and ordained by the classis of Ulster N.Y. of the church of New Paltz & N. Hurley in the reunion of pastor 1816 — Resigned the pastoral charge of the church of New Hurley in 1828. — Continued pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church of

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus:—

[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829–35; or Farmer, Geneseo, N. Y., 1835–54; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N.Y., 1841–48; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.

New Paltz — until the first of June 1831 — called accepted the call from the Reformed Dutch church of Sequackamonk, N.J. — was installed pastor of said church in July 1831 by the classis of Bergen where he remained & labored Wm R Bogardus

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[Surrogate of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1839–41 and 1845–7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841–43; Member of Assembly, of N. Y., 1821–4, &c., &c.]

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus:—

[M. D., from Albany Medical College 1845; or LL. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.

[Send any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c. In many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case add an additional sheet.]

He died at Kinderhook, N.Y. Feb. 9, 1862.

Attended New Brunswick Theol. Seminary.

From: Rev John H. Raven. of N.B. Theol. Sem. - Oct. 1933.

XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c.

XIX. List of such graduates as may not be *widely* known; their residences, professions, dates of deaths, &c.; the name and residence, also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for; thus:—

[John Orton Smith, Banker, Chicopee, Mass., died 1848. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

WILLIAM R. BOGARDUS.

Born, 1792 (?). A.B. (Union, 1813). Licensed by Classis of New Brunswick, 1816. New Paltz and New Hurley, 1817-28. New Paltz, 1828-31. Aquackanonck, 1831-56. D.D. Died, 1862.

From: New Brunswick Theological Seminary Catalogue
1784-1911 p. 69

CLASS OF 1813

WILLIAM R. BOGARDUS

Was graduated at Union College in 1813, and from the Theological Seminary at New Brunswick, 1816. From 1817 to 1828 he served the associated churches of New Paltz and New Hurley, and from 1828 to 1831 he was pastor of New Paltz only. He was the first to give his attention to serving this church alone. His ministry was remarkably laborious and faithful. He sought by every means to promote his people's good. The church received an impetus for good under his pastorate far exceeding anything known before his days. Two hundred and eighty persons untied with the church (Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz) during fourteen years and a half of his ministry. He was an eloquent and very ready preacher. His pastoral services were always impressive and touching. He had the gift of song, and until after he had passed three score and ten his devout "leading" of hymns struch his fellow-worshippers very forcibly. Living men in this charge--which he regarded as his first love--have a lively remembrance of him as an able, faithful, and dignified minister of the gospel. Whilst eminently a Christian gentleman, and as such exceedingly courteous, he had the "courage of his convictions" in regard to every religious and moral question which arose. He was the pioneer of the temperance cause in Ulster County. On the occasion of raising a parsonage barn he had a pitcher of water, flanked by tracts on temperance, placed for the refreshment of his neighbors, who were used to stronger beverages on these semi-festival occasions.

Mr. Bogardus, in 1831, removed to Acquackanonck, New Jersey, the same church over which his predecessor had been pastor. In 1856 he resigned this charge. He continued to show how a Christian should live, till in 1862, he verified the hopes of the Christian by the death of the righteous.

FROM History of Ulster County Part 2 p. 17
Nathaniel Bartlett Sylvester
Everts & Ensign
Philadelphia 1880

Bogardus, Wm. R. U.C. 1813, N.B.S. 1816, l. Cl. N.B. 1816; New-Paltz and New-Hurley, 1817–28, New-Paltz, 1828–31, Aquackanonck, 1831–56, resigned, d. 1862.

Few servants of Christ in the American Church have been more abundant in labors and in substantial spiritual results. Unaffectedly modest and retiring, he was best known and best beloved in the two charges in which he had labored. He always spoke of New-Paltz and Hurley, where he first settled, as his *first love*. Two hundred and eighty were received into the church during the fifteen years of his ministry among them. He was a fearless, faithful, sound expositor of the word of God. There was an unction, too, in his delivery, a silvery clearness in his tones of utterance, that caught the ear of the listless hearer, and went thrilling home to the awakened conscience and the believing heart. Besides this, he was instant in season and out of season. He was faithful and earnest in his every duty. In his intercourse with his flock, there was a suavity combined with native dignity which attracted all classes and ages. He was every whit a Christian gentleman. In his appointments he was scrupulously punctual. In pastoral labors he was abundant and indefatigable. He was peculiarly happy in his offices to the sick and bereaved. There was a spiritual power in his pastoral ministrations which, in connection with his labors in the pulpit, must account for the unusually large number of souls brought into the kingdom by his ministry. Sweet and melting, and often overpowering, were his addresses at the communion-table. He was always prominent, too, in every good work. He was the pioneer of the temperance reform in Ulster County. When the parsonage barn was raised, he dared to introduce the innovation of dispensing with the use of liquors on such occasions. On an inverted hogshead were placed, instead of the death-dealing poison, a pitcher of cold water and a bundle of temperance tracts. As his end drew near, not a shadow or fear disturbed him.

Bogardus, Wm. R. (cousin of Cor. Bogardus, No. 2), U.C. 1813, N.B.S. 16, l. Cl. N.B.; New Paltz and New Hurley, 17-28, New Paltz, 28-31, Aquackanonck, 31-56, resigned, d. 1862.

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