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

Sir,—

It is the aim of the subscriber to collect 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 all 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 theirarness.

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.

**SPECIMENS OF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES FOR THE PROPOSED CATALOGUE.**

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinncreek, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epson, N. Y., in 1803. He was prepared for College at Holderness 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 1822-5; 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 Alay, 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 Hasseton, 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 Degrees 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 Homas School, Rev. Hannover Kelton, Principal; entered Union College Sept. 1795; taught a few months in Somcoo, Mass., in 1799; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Pottocer, of Cambridge; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to and commenced the practice of medicine in New York, in 1806. He was Surgeon in the Army 1813-15, and returned to practice at Oldbury in 1816, 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.”
II. Names of both Parents; thus —
[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson]
David and Rhoda (Hamilton) Canfield

III. Birth Place: Reading, Fairfield Co., Mass., Birth Date and Year: About 1794

IV. Various residences and dates: thus —
[Putney, Vt., 1811–1813; Schenectady, N.Y.; Some time before he died —

V. At what Academy or Academy prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus —
[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, 1815–17]

VI. At what College he graduated, and when:

VII. The profession he followed after leaving College before studying his profession; thus —
[Teaching; Washington, D.C., 1819–20; or Meriden's Clerk, New-York City, 1819–20.

VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus —
[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1820–21; or Law in Albany, N.Y., with Rev. Dr. Marsh, 1822–24]

IX. Where he has practiced his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination in which he belongs; thus —
[Providence, R.I., 1825–26; then New York, 1827–28; Batavia, N.Y., with Rev. Dr. Marsh, 1829–32; N.Y. City, 1832–34]

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus —
[Merchant, Rochester, N.Y., 1839–40; or Farmer, Orange, N.Y., 1837–39; or Manufacturer, Schenectady, N.Y., 1841–43; or Professor, teacher, editor, collector, etc.

XI. The important office he has held, with dates; thus —
[Professor of Jefferson Co., N.Y., 1800–01 and 1844–45; Member of Congress, 1811–13, 1844; Member of Assembly, 1811–45; Member of Assembly, 1811–45, etc.

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.
(Copies of the "Great Indian Raft" 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 1841; or LL.D. Antwerp College, 1844, etc.

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; thus —

[Passed away at his residence in Buffalo, N.Y., December 29th, 1829; was a short time after his admission as attorney — his prospects were brilliant and every one expected to have unusual talents; A testimonial from his law practice and pupils accompanied this; his friends are dead — his wife, brother, in Buffalo who was with him when he died; his son, Dr. A. R. Bingham, in Buffalo (Mrs. J. W. Hoffman) and son in Brooklyn, N.Y. (Mrs. J. F. Brown) and one in Batavia, N.Y. (Mrs. J. B.) Bingham.

Yours Respectfully, John Root, M.D.
Prof. J. Parson Dear Sir,

Have you sent one of the Circumcisions to the Post of John C. Davis deceased.

If not I wish you would send to Sweden Monroe co. M. A.

Yours 1. 11.
A. I. MATHEWS & Co.,

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BUFFALO, N. Y.
To the President of Union College

Hayden W. Canfield was the son of David C. Canfield. His birthplace was at
in the State of

His preparation for college was at
The principal was not now known by his parents.
He graduated at Union College in the year
with high honors.

soon after his graduation he entered the Law Office
of Daniel C. Chandler at Batavia Genesee County
N.Y. After his admission as an Attorney he
became a partner with Mr. Chandler five
months before his death.

He was invested with a highly literary taste and a
discriminating discerning mind; but from his early
day, it is not known that there are not only
any elaborate literary productions from the
pen of all who knew him. Estimation him as worthy of a
highly literary taste and invested with high mental
flourishing.

There is no engraving Portrait of him, but highly
living in the hearts of those who knew him in life.

He departed this life on the seventh day of December
in the year 1834 at the residence of his father in
the Town of
Genesee County N.Y. of a

Respectfully yours;

My Canfield can add to what I have written
any other matter or incident he may think proper.
My kind regards to yourself & family.

F.T. Chandler
CYRENIUS W. CANFIELD, 1817, of Batavia, N.Y., was a member of the Adelphic Society.

He died in 1824.

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