ANDREW N. KITTLE

The edifice of the Reformed Church in America (of Upper Red Hook, N. Y.) is one of the most beautiful church edifices in the town. The title page to its oldest book of records tells us in the handwriting of the Rev. Andrew N. Kittle that this church was "organized, Anno Domini, 1788, and a union formed with the Lower Red Hook Church."

Andrew N. Kittle did not come into the pastorate of this church until 1807.

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FROM History of Dutchess County, N. Y. p. 184
James H. Smith
D. Mason & Co.
Syracuse 1852

Rev. ANDREW N. KITTLE, A.M., a resident of Redhook, graduate of 1804, was a member of the Philomathean Society. He died in 1864.

Philomathean Catalogue 1830.
CLASS OF 1804

ANDREW N. KITTLE

The succeeding pastor (of the Reformed Church of Red Hook, N. Y.) was Rev. Andrew N. Kittle, who came into the pastorate under regular call from the Old and New Red Hook churches, which was accepted by him on the first of February, 1807. His pastorate extended to 1833, covering a period of twenty-six years. p. 184

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James H. Smith
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Syracuse 1882.

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He was a grandchild of D. Fryemoot, and was early dedicated to the Lord. His first field of labor was extensive and important. Educated people were among his parishioners, as well as those who had been destitute of every advantage. He was indefatigable. Young, vigorous, and ardent, he entered upon his work with high resolve to be a good minister of Christ.

He was a man of strong sense, of very considerable scholarship, well read in theology, and, so long as he was able, preached with clearness and power the doctrines of grace. Exceedingly happy in his family, and fond of his books, he had little or no taste for courting a vagrant notoriety abroad. For this reason he never took any active part in our ecclesiastical councils, never played the partisan in disputes in Church matters—his life flowing quietly and serenely on.

And yet no man in the Church was more liberally endowed with precisely those gifts and attainments which fit their possessor for honorable service in public bodies. His fine presence and ready powers of debate occasionally displayed, quick and keen perceptions, united with independence of judgment and great depths of emotion, might have secured him, had his wishes been in that direction, no little prominence and influence in the conduct of Church affairs. But he sought no honors, titles, or praises. He was content to be a simple preacher and pastor. Always courteous and high-toned in his manner, he was indeed a beautiful exemplification of the best style of the Christian gentleman.—See "McClintock's Cyc." and "Ch. Int." June 23, 1864.

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He was a grandson of Dominy Fryemoot. He was a man of fine ability and large scholarship. His modesty was so great that he kept himself in the background and did not occupy the position for which he was fitted. See Manual, 1902.
CLASS OF 1804

ANDREW N. KITTLE

Came into the pastorate under a regular call from the Old and New Red Hook Churches, (Red Hook Reformed) which was accepted by him on the first day of February, 1807. These being his first charges, he was ordained in the Lower or Old Church on the 25th of April, 1807, by Dominies Broadhead and Vedder, Broadhead preaching the ordination sermon. The oldest book of records, which is all we have to consult, ends 1813. In this period of six years he added 25 to the membership of the church, baptized 86 children, and married 60 couples.

The pastorate of Dominie Kittle extended to 1833, covering a period of 26 years. The writer remembers very well listening to his farewell sermon, and recalls the emotion with which he alluded to the fact that he had grown gray and spent the vigor of his life in the service of the people he was addressing. The church at this time was paying a small salary, and we think his reason for leaving was that it did not suffice for the support of his family. He was living in the large brick house, now the residence of Dr. John Losse.

His wife was sister to the Rev. Dr. John Gosman, and his father-in-law was living with him. Corwin, in his Manual, says he was a grandson of Dominie Fryenmoet. We remember him as a good preacher, a good-looking, good-tempered, very intelligent, and very affable gentleman "of the old school."

History of Rhinebeck, N. Y. pp. 130-1
Edward H. Smith
Rhinebeck
1881.
(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 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 farness.

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 Album of the College Library, to be set apart for "Grads' 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 announcement, 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 Quiniqueek, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epson, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Hebronbergh 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 1828-5; 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 Marcellus, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haseltion, 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 Holyoke School, Rev. Hanover Kelton, Principal; entered Union College Sept. 1790; taught a few months in Sanother, Mass., in 1799; studied medicine with Dr. Jonas Physic and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Cambridge; 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, 1839-5, and has published several articles in the New-York Medical Review, and two larger works on "Functions of the Brain," and on "Gunshot Wounds."
INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOEING SKETCHES.

I. Name. Andrew [illegible] [illegible]

II. Name of both Parents, and date of marriage.

Name: Nicholas Hamilton Livingston. Mother: [illegible]

III. Birth Place. Livingston, Columbia Co., N.Y. Birth Day and Year. 16th October, 1785

IV. Various residences and dates: from — to —.

[Livingston, New York, 1785-1805; Alpine, N.Y., 1805; New York City, 1806-1829; Hamilton, N.Y., 1829-1837; Schenectady, N.Y., 1837-1863; New York City, 1863-1875]

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates: from — to —.

[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, 1802; 1803]

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.

Union College in 1809.

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college, before his profession; from — to —.

[Teaching, Washington, D.C., 1809-1812; Secretary, Counsell, New York City, 1812-1818]

VIII. The profession he practiced; where; with whom; when; and dates: from — to —.

Theology with P. D. [Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1812-1815; Law in Albany, N.Y., with Hon. Nathan D. Appleton, 1815-1818; Livingston of New York City, 1818; Pelham of New Jersey]

IX. Where he has practiced his profession; from — to —.

[Albany, New York, 1818-1822; New York City, 1822-1837; Schenectady, N.Y., 1837-1863; New York City, 1863-1875]

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; from — to —.

[Merchant, Rochester, N.Y., 1822-1826; Printer, Rochester, N.Y., 1826-1830; Schoolmaster, Schenectady, N.Y., 1830-1837; Printer, Times, London, 1837-1863]

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; from — to —.

[Secretary of Jefferson Co., N.Y., 1822-1826; Member of Congress, N.Y., 1811-1812; Member of Assembly, N.Y., 1813-1814, 1815-1816, 1816-1818]

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

[Nothing is recorded for the "Graduate Alumni" in College Library]

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

[Robert, B. W.]

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whom, with dates; from — to —.

[St. Mary's, New Albany Medical College, 1819; D.D., Union College, 1863, 1875]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[Yes or no; if yes, together with his signature, are additional details for College Library]

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

[The date is unknown. A note reads, "In many instances more space will be required to record this and the three following questions in which one will add additional facts"]

[Signature]

Jonathan Pearson Esq.
Schenectady
N.Y.
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 death, &c.; the name and residence, also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for; thus:

DIED:—On Tuesday, January 8, after a few days' illness, Helen F., wife of Edward Field, and daughter of Rev. A. N. Kittle, in the 33rd year of her age.

New York Weekly Tribune
January 19, 1850.
REV. A. N. KITTLE 1804

During the following year, viz. 1815, a call was made upon the Rev. A. N. Kittle. This he accepted, entered upon his services in September of the same year, and on the first Sabbath of November the new church was dedicated.

Rev. Mr. Kittle labored in this congregation having charge also of the church of Upper Red Hook, a part if not the whole of the time, till July, 1827, when his connection with this church was dissolved.

Brief Statements of Facts relating to Linlithgow Church from its origin to 1854 printed in the "Hudson Daily Star" on Dec. 5, 1854. Prof. Pearson's Scrap Book p. 69