CLASS OF 1819

RUFUS BLAKEMAN

Was born in Monroe, Fairfield Co., Conn., January 12, 1795. He was graduated from Union College in 1817, and from the Medical University of the City of New York in 1821, and immediately commenced the practice of medicine on Greenfield hill, Fairfield Co., Conn., in the year 1822, and continued to practice until his death, February 27, 1870. His ride was very extensive, reaching far into the adjoining towns. He was a member of the Medical Board of Examiners of the New Haven Medical School for many years, and at one time was president of the Connecticut Medical Association. Besides attending to the various duties of his profession, he often contributed articles on various subjects pertaining to his profession to the medical journals. He also published a work entitled "Credulity & Superstition," which met with a ready sale. In politics he was a staunch Whig and a Republican and as such was a magistrate of the town of Fairfield for many years, Judge Probate for more than twenty-four years, and a member of the State Legislature. He was not a member of any church, but was a regular attendant and liberal supporter of the Congregational Church of Greenfield Hill, of which Rev. Thomas B. Sturges was pastor. He married Mahala, daughter of Nathan N. Walker, of Long Hill, Conn., in 1819. They had two children, viz., Catharine A., and Rufus (deceased). Mrs. Dr. Blakeman is now (1880) residing at the old homestead with her daughter.

His address in 1853 as president of the State Medical Society follows:

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Rufus Blakeman, who is a physician and surgeon at Greenfield Hill, Conn. C. Nov. 1880

RUFUS BLAKEMAN, 1819, of Huntington, Conn., was a member of the Adelphic Society. Adelphic Catalogue 1830
To Rufus Blakeman of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1819

(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 readiness 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, 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 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 Quiniqueek, N. Y., May 2, 1809; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epson, N. Y., in 1806. 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 Hoosan, Esq. In 1830 he moved to New-York City, which, thereafter, became his residence. He was a 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 Almy, Esq., Principal; and entered Union College Sept. 1814. He taught, 1819-29, in East Philadelphia, (Penn.) High School; graduated at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1823; and was ordained Sept. 25, 1823, at Marlborough, N. Y.; and was Pastor of the Presbyterian Church till 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haselden, 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 Physeh and Dr. Abram Poteau, 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 Fairchild Medical School on Anatomy and Physiology, 1839-5; 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.
XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[Names of offices held, with dates.]

XII. The literary or scientific works he has written or edited.

[Names and dates of works written or edited.]

XIII. The names of his nieces and nephews who have graduated at Union College.

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

[Names and dates of titles received.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him? (Yes or no, and, if yes, where located.)

[Answer to question about portrait.]

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

[Date and place of death.]

XVII. The date, circumstances, and place of his birth.

[Date and place of birth.]

XVIII. The profession he entered; where; with whom; when; thus:

[Name of profession, place, and dates.]

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

[Places and dates of practice.]

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

[Other occupations and dates.]

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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.

Original ANcestors in America, Rev. Adam Blakeman first Minister of Stratford, Conn.,
Born in Staffordshire, England, Aug. 8, 1593.
Graduated at Cambridge College, England, May 23rd, 1617,
and died at Stratford, Fairfield Co., Connectic. in 1645.

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:


Greenfield, Hill. March 30th, 1853.

Mr. Person,

Dear Sir, I sent you for the purpose of your Annual
Circulars such Information as I could. Now being of several
Graduates which you will find by referring to the
Circulars, I have not the Memorandum to refer
them to at present and cannot procure such information without
In requesting your circulars will help the desired information
of them even if you have not filled my former Letter. I
have applied to learn that you have been directing into the Egyptian Knot, but
were unable with the other things therein. Yrs. A. C. Blakeman.