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Dr. James R. Boyd, the author of the well-known "Boyd's Rhetoric" died lately at his home in Geneva.

C. Mar. 1890

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JAMES R. BOYD, '22,

was born in Windham, Greene county, N. Y., May 2d, 1804. He was graduated at Princeton Seminary in 1826; was a Home Missionary in Wayne county, O., and at Sackett's Harbor and Brownsville, N. Y., until his health failed, when he went to Scotland. There he studied under Dr. Chalmers in Edinburgh. On his return to America he became Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church at Watertown, N. Y.; then Principal of the

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Institute at Wheeling, Va.; then Principal of the Jefferson County Institute at Watertown, N. Y.; then Professor of Moral Philosophy and College Pastor in Hamilton College. Retiring from his professorship to a country home on Seneca lake, he began authorship, publishing Annotated Editions of the English Poets, "Principles of Rhetoric" and other educational works, a "Life of Doddridge," "The Communion Table," "Bible Method of Daily Living," and works on the Westminster Catechism, all within the course of twenty years. He was invited to the Presidency of the Elmira Female College, but declined on account of failing health; later he was connected with Maplewood Young Ladies' Institute, Pittsfield, Mass., and afterward with Abbott Collegiate Institute, New York city. He spent two years in Europe with his family, and made two visits to the Sandwich Islands. He received the degree of D. D. from Hamilton. He was a man of sympathetic nature, much literary enthusiasm and simple Christian faith. He died at Geneva, N. Y., Feb. 19th, 1890, leaving two married daughters.

X \*Boyd, James Robert—b. Hunter, N. Y., May 2, 1804; U. C. 1822; (3 grad.); miss. Newman's Cr. and Jackson, O., '26-27; ord. evang. Pby Albany, Oct. 31, '27; s. s. Brownville and Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., '27-30; p. 2d ch. Watertown, '32-33; prin. Wheeling Inst., Va., '33-35; ed. Albany Telegraph, '35-36; prin. Jeff. Co. Inst., N. Y., '36-48; prof. Mor. Phil. H. C., '49; auth. and ed., Geneva, N. Y., '50-57; prin. Maplewood Inst., Pittsfield, Mass., '57-60; assoc. prin. Spingler Inst., N. Y. City, '60-63; res. Geneva; d. Geneva, N. Y., Feb. 19, 1890. D. D., H. C., '71. *Princeton Grad. Cat. 1894.*

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JAMES R. BOYD, A.M., 1822, a resident of Albany, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.

(Died: 1890)

Philomathean C...ue 1830



Rev. James R. Boyd, D.D., a distinguished educator, author and divine, of Geneva, N. Y., was the oldest son of Robert and Mary Scott Boyd, who in 1803, removed from Albany, N. Y. to the town of Windham, on the Catskill Mountains, where the subject of this sketch was born May 2, 1804. His parents, in three or four years from that date returned to Albany and there passed the remainder of their lives and reared a large family. In the forming of his character Mr. Boyd enjoyed the eminent advantage of descent from a pious Presbyterian ancestry. His grandparents on the one side were James and Jean Boyd, and on the other Charles and Margaret Scott, all of whom came from Scotland, the former about 1774 and the latter at the beginning of the present century. His academic studies were pursued at the Albany Academy, which he entered the first day of its existence, Sept. 11, 1815 and in the spring of 1820 he became a member of the sophomore class at Union College Schenectady and graduated in 1822 under the presidency of Rev. Dr. Nott. Impressed with the duty of preparing for the gospel ministry, which he regarded as paramount in honor and usefulness to any other calling or profession, he entered in Nov. 1823 the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N.J. where he completed the full course of study in Sept. 1826, and on the 24, of Oct. following was licensed by the Presbytery of Albany to preach the gospel.

When about leaving the seminary there was offered to him the choice between a collegiate pastoral charge in his own State and a large missionary field in Wayne County, Ohio among log cabins surrounded by small clearings in an almost unbroken forest. He chose the latter, accepting a commission for six months from the General Assembly's Board of Missions and thus gained a profitable experience in the labors and trials of pioneer life. Having completed this term of missionary service he returned to his friends in Albany and soon after repaired to Andover Seminary to enjoy the benefit of attending for a few weeks the lectures of Prof. Moses Sturat and Dr. Woods. Then having received from the Albany Presbytery ordination as an evangelist, Oct. 31, 1827, he was appointed as a home missionary to the churches in Sacket's Harbor and Brownville, N. Y. These, at his suggestion very soon declined pecuniary aid and became self supporting and in their service which he pursued too ardently Mr. Boyd sacrificed his health so that he was compelled in the spring of 1830 to relinquish the care of those churches. After spending several months in travel he assumed, in Nov. the editorial charge of the Albany Telegraph, a weekly religious newspaper and continued it until May 1831 and then a sea voyage being recommended he sailed for Liverpool designing to return in the autumn. At Edinburgh, however, the profit and pleasure of attending the theological lectures of Dr. Thomas Chalmers seemed so great that he decided to pass several months in that attractive city, in order to enjoy them together with other literary and social advantages, postponing until the following spring his return to America. Meanwhile he accepted a call to become pastor of the recently organized Second Presbyterian Church of Watertown, N. Y. and began his labor in May 1832 but was not installed as pastor until Oct. In the previous month he was married to Miss Elizabeth Camp, the eldest daughter of Col. Elisha and Sophia Camp of Sacket's Harbor. About this time was organized a series of daily and protracted religious services that continued for several weeks, resulting in the enlargement of the church but also in the prostration of the health of the pastor and the discontinuance of his pastoral work. Through the agency of his former pastor Rev. Dr. H. R. Weed then removed from Albany to Wheeling, Va., he was appointed Principal of the Institute in that city and entered November 1833, upon the duties of his position and continued until May 1835 when in consequence of failing health he was compelled to resign them into other hands. In March 1836, the Presbytery of Watertown and the Black River Congregational Association united in organizing an institution of a high order for sexes under the name of The Literary and Religious Institute, afterwards called the Jefferson County Institute - and appointed Mr. Boyd as ~~Principal~~



Principal. It was opened at Watertown Sept. 12, 1836 and for many years was uncommonly prosperous and had great influence in elevating the standard of education and imparting a Christian character to it. In 1848 he resigned his office as Principal and in a few months thereafter was invited to the chair of Moral Philosophy and to the pastorate in Hamilton College. He entered upon the work assigned him in May 1849 but in a few months decided to relinquish it, and in the autumn of 1850 selected a residence on the bank of Seneca Lake, in the village of Geneva, N.Y. Before leaving the institute at Watertown he had been almost unconsciously led into the field of authorship. Not being satisfied with any of the text books on rhetoric then in use, and feeling the need of one more simple practical and yet comprehensive for the use of his classes he set about the compilation of one which he at first dictated to them, but finding this a too laborious process, he then, for his own convenience, conceived the idea of publishing it; and the Harpers, upon examination, consented to carry out the idea and it was published in 1844 under the ~~title~~ title "Elements of Rhetoric and Literary Criticism". Encouraged by the success of this first essay in authorship, in 1846 he placed in the hands of publishers and for a similar reason, a compilation on Moral Philosophy for the use of academic students and also for the general reader.

Step by step he was led to the preparation of other works, chiefly educational, which, with the supply of vacant pulpits and other engagements occupied several years. In 1854 he was consulted with respect to the organization of a female college and took a prominent part in forming the plan and course of studies, devising methods for its establishment and in selecting a proper site. The city of Elmira, N. Y. was chosen as affording the most liberal pecuniary encouragement and other advantages. Mr. Boyd was one of the original Board of Trustees and first elected to the presidency of the institution but after much deliberation upon the insufficiency of his health for so arduous a position he declined it and nominated in his stead Rev. A. W. Cowles, who was accordingly appointed and has since most ably and successfully discharged that important trust.

Having daughters to educate, Mr. Boyd was persuaded in 1857 to leave his pleasant home and resume the business of instruction at the Maplewood Young Ladies Institute, Pittsfield, Mass., of which he was one of the Principals and proprietors for three years. Subsequently he was invited by Rev. Gorham D. Abbott to assist him in the instruction and care of the celebrated Abbott Collegiate Institute, New York where he spent another three years of active exertion in the cause of Christian education, and in the autumn of 1863 returned to his home in Geneva. In the spring of 1868 for purposes of health and improvement he went with his family to Europe passing two years in visiting, Great Britian, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. In 1871 the degree of D.D., was conferred upon him by the Trustees of Hamilton College. The winter and spring of 1875 were passed by himself and family in Colorado and California, and thence they proceeded to Honolulu to visit the second married daughter of the family, the wife of the Hon. A. F. Judd, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and with her they remained a year, during which time they made excursions around the island of Oahu and in the neighboring islands of Kauai, Molokai, and Hawaii. They returned to the United States in July, 1876 that they might visit the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, and then after a visit of several months with the oldest daughter, Mrs. James Hyde Pratt, of Albany, N.Y., Dr. Boyd's health requiring a milder climate he visited Florida with his family, returning to Albany in 1877. The delicate health of Mrs. Judd induced them to make another visit about the close of 1877, to Honolulu, where they continued until August 1879, when they returned with Mrs. Judd and Children and Mr. Judd following soon after, a family reunion was had with Mr. Pratt and family where they remained until the following spring, when the old homestead at Geneva was reopened for the accommodation of all until the latter part of June, 1880 when Mr. Judd and Family returned to Honolulu. Dr. Boyd was a prolific and industrious author. Besides the two books upon rhetoric and



moral philosophy already mentioned, he had issued the following in the ~~xxx~~ order of publication; "Milton's Paradise Lost, with Explanatory and Critical Notes, Chiefly for use in schools," (1850); then on a similar plan, "Young's Night Thoughts," (1851); Thomson's Seasons" (1852); "Cowper's (principal) Poems" (1853) and "Pollok's Course of Time" (1854). During the latter year he also issued the "Westminster Shorter Catechism, with Analysis, Scripture Proofs, Practical Inferences and Illustrative Anecdotes" and in 1855 "The Child's Book on the Shorter Catechism" designed to aid in committing it to memory. In 1855 appeared also, "Lord Kames Elements of Criticism, with Omissions, Additions, and a New Analysis;" in 1856 "The Elements of Logic on the Basis of W. E. Barron, F.R.S.E.," in 1860, "The Elements of English Composition," and also a Memoir of the Life, Character, and Writings of Rev. Philip Doddridge, D.D., with a Selection from his Correspondence;" in 1866, "The Communion Table", and also Lord Bacon's Essays, with a sketch of his Life and Character with reviews of his Philosophical Writings, Critical Estimates of his Essays, Analysis, Notes and Queries for Students." In 1867 he edited the "Autobiography and Miscellaneous Writings of M. P. Squier, D.D., and in 1868 "The Being of God and Moral Government," by the same author. He edited also, in 1872, a posthumous work of the Rev. T. M. Hopkins, on "Second Adventism in the Light of Jewish History," and this was followed by a small volume on "Daily Communion with God", on the plan of Matthew Henry.

Contemporary Biography of New York; published in March 1882:







Class of 1812 at Union College, and who had removed from Albany to Wheeling, Va. he was appointed the Principal of the Institute of that city. He was here from November 1833 until May 1835, when again he was forced by ill health to give up this work.

In March 1836 the Presbytery of Watertown and the Black River Congregational Association united in organizing an institution of high order for both sexes under the name of The Literary and Religious Institute, afterwards called The Jefferson County Institute, and Rev. Mr. Boyd was appointed its first Principal. The Institute was opened at Watertown, N.Y. Sept. 12, 1836, and for many years was greatly prospered, and had great influence in elevating the standard of education and imparting a Christian character to it.

Mr. Boyd resigned the Principalship of the Institute in 1848, and in May 1849 entered upon his duties as Professor of Moral Philosophy and resident Pastor at Hamilton College. He remained but a year in this position, answering the urge of a call to authorship. He decided to live in the vicinity, however, and so selected a residence on the bank of Seneca Lake in the village of Geneva, N.Y.

While in the Institute at Watertown he saw the need of a work on Rhetoric, a book more simple, and practical, yet comprehensive, than any then written. He began the compilation of such a book, first dictating the chapters to his students, and then later, Harper Bros. published the same under the title, "Elements of Rhetoric" (1844).  
and Literary Criticism"

The book was at once a success, and thus encouraged, the same publishers brot out a new work in 1846 on "Moral Philosophy", for the use of Academies and the general public. One by one other works of his pen appeared, chiefly educational. This labor, with steady supply of vacant church pulpits, and other engagements kept him busy for several years.

In 1854 he was called into conference with others regarding the founding of a college for women. Out of a large and successful experience in educational and co-educational work, Dr. Boyd led in the arrangements for the plan, the courses of study, the site to be selected, and other details of this important movement. Elmira, N.Y. was finally chosen, as affording the most liberal pecuniary encouragements and other advantages. Mr. Boyd was a member of the original Board of Trustees of the Elmira Female College, and was elected to become the first President of the institution. He was now in his fiftieth year, and his health had not been the best for many years, so after considerable deliberation, he declined the honor, feeling himself unequal, physically, to accept the task it imposed.

However, the position was such that he saw the need of a strong leader, if this new venture in Christian education was to succeed, and this led him to bring to the attention of the trustees a Union College man, of the Class of 1841, the Rev. August W. Cowles, D. D., a Genevan when he matriculated, and who was a Phi Beta Kappa at graduation. The work of Dr. Cowles was a success from the start and for many years.



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In the Spring of 1868 he journeyed to Europe, with his family, and spent two years, visiting Great Britain, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. In 1871 the degree of D.D. was conferred on him by Hamilton College. The Winter and Spring of 1875 were passed by Mr. Boyd and his family in Colorado and California. The following year was spent with a daughter, the wife of Hon. A. F. Judd, Asso. Justice of the Supreme Court of the Hawaiian Kingdom, and excursions were made around the island of Ohau, and the neighboring islands of Kanai, Molakai, and Hawaii.

A return to the United States was made in July 1876, the Philadelphia Exposition visited, and then a year spent with a daughter, Mrs. James Hyde Pratt of Albany, N.Y. This was followed by a year in Florida owing to Dr Boyd's ill health. At the close of 1877 he again went to Honolulu and remained there until August 1879. In 1880 he returned to the old home at Geneva, and here he passed the rest of his life. He died in 1890.

Works of Rev. James Robert Boyd, D.D.

1. "Elements of Rhetoric and Literary Criticisms", Harpers (1844)
2. "Moral Philosophy", -Harpers 1846
3. "Paradise Lost with Critical and Explanatory Notes" (1850)
4. "Young's Night Thoughts with Critical and Explanatory Notes" (1851)
5. "Thompson's Seasons" (1852)
6. "Cowpers Principal Poems" (1853)
7. "Pollock's Course of Time" (1854)
8. "Westminster Catechism with Notes" (1854)
9. "Child's Book on Shorter Catechism" (1855)
10. "Lord Kames Elements of Criticism with Notes" (1855)
11. "Elements of Logic on basis of Barron" (1856)
12. "Elements of English Composition" (1860)
13. "Philip Doddridge, Life and Character" (1860)
14. "Communion Table" 1866)
15. "Lord Bacon's Essays with Notes" (1866)
16. "Autobiography of M. P. Squier, D. D." (1867) - Editor of this -
17. "Being of God and Moral Government" (1868) by Squier - Edited this -
18. "Second Adventism in the Light of Jewish History", by Rev. T. M. Hopkins  
A posthumous work edited by Dr. Boyd (1872)
19. "Daily Communion with God" (1872)

*Grandson of Rev. Dr. Boyd: - Henry Z. Pratt, Union '84 -*

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To *L. R. Boyd*

of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 18 22

(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 Quinipeck, 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 (?).
- 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. *James R. Boyd.*

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

II. Names of both Parents ; thus :- *Robert and Mary (Scott) Boyd - Albany N.Y.*  
[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

III. Birth Place. *Town of Hunter, Greene Co., N.Y.* Birth Day and Year. *May 20, 1804.*

IV. Various residences and dates ; thus :- *Albany 1808-1826. Wayne Co., Ohio Dec 1826 to June 1827 -*  
[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]

*Hunter & Brownville, Jefferson Co., N.Y. Nov 1827 - May 1830 -*  
*Visit to England & Scotland July 1831 - May 1832. Watertown N.Y. May 1830 -*  
*to July 1833. Wheeling Va. Oct 1833 to May 1835. Watertown N.Y. July 1835 -*  
*1836 - May 1849 - Clinton, N.Y. May 1849 - Nov 1850 - Geneva, N.Y. September*

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates ; thus :- *date has not time -*  
[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.] *State School R. Beck 1817 - April 1820.*

VI. At what College he graduated, and when. *at Union College - July, 1822.*

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession ; thus :- *remained at home*  
[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48; or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]

*Albany, undecided for a year with respect to the question*  
*of entering upon a course of professional study, but then*  
*concluded to prepare myself for the Episcopal ministry.*

VIII. The profession he studied ; where ; with whom ; when ; thus :-  
[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-4 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1810-2.]  
*Autumn 1823 - Autumn*  
*of 1826. and on Tues. A. Alexander, Samuel Miller, & Charles Hooge*

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates ; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs ; thus :-  
[Epis., Somerville, N. J., 1827-30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1820-5; New-York City, 1835-54.]

*Presb. Newmans Creek,*  
*Chippewa & Jackson in Wayne Co., Ohio - Schott's W. Co. Dec 1826 to June*  
*1827 - Schott's Hunter & Brownville, Jeff. Co., N.Y. Nov 1827 to May 1830 -*  
*Watertown N.Y. May 1832 - July, 1833. Clinton Hamilton College, Clinton*  
*N.Y. May 1849 to Dec 1849. Ontario Co., N.Y. is an occasional*

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.

*Editor of the Albany Pelagian Telegraph from Autumn 7 1830*  
*to Spring of 1831 -* *Autumn Winter of 1831-2 attended Dr. Chalmers' Lectures*  
*in the University of Edinburgh. Principal of Wheeling (Va) Institute*  
*Oct. 1833 to May 1835. Principal of Jefferson County Institute*



at Watertown N. Y. from September 1836 to July 1848. Professor of  
 Moral Philosophy, & College Pastor, at Hamilton College, Clinton  
 N. Y. 1849. from May - see below.  
 Author of School Books, &c. see below.

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.]

See previous head in these -

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

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

- in 1844 "Elements of Rhetoric  
 & Literary Criticism" - 1846 "Eclectic Moral Philosophy" -  
 both published by the Hoopes - critical observations &  
 1850 Edited Milton's Paradise Lost, with annotations -  
 1851 "Young's Eight Thoughts" " " and Memoir.  
 1852 "Thompson's Seasons" " " {the parts printed  
 by S. J. Barnes & Co
- XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.  
 1853 Cooper's Task & other select poems  
 1854 School's Course of Time  
 School editions, & Illustrated editions of all the  
 above Poets.  
 1854 Westminster Shorter Catechism with Practical Inferences & Illustrations  
 1859 The Child's Book on the Shorter Catechism - annotated -  
 the last two works  
 revised by M. W. B. B.

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.]

Prof. of Moral Philosophy, Hamilton College  
 N. Y. 1849.  
 A. M., at Union College 1825

Revised Elements of  
 Criticism, Revised,  
 with original additions  
 & new annotations  
 1855 Pub. by S. J. Barnes  
 & Co

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

No

[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.]

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.

My Grandparents on my father's side came from the South  
western part of Scotland about 1772. My father was born  
in the Albany N.Y. in 1778.  
My mother came with her parents from Roxburyshire  
Scotland in 1802 - and settled first at Schenectady  
where my Grandfather (Mr Charles Scott) soon after  
his arrival died.

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.]



September 25, 1945

My dear Dr. Pratt:

I have your letter of September 22nd in which you asked us for the names of the parents of your grandfather, James Robert Boyd, Union 1822. His father was Robert Boyd and his mother, Mary Scott. Here is what he says about his ancestry under date of April 12, 1855: " My grandparents on my father's side came from the south-western part of Scotland about 1772. My father was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1776. My mother came with her parents from Roxburghshire, Scotland, in 1802, and settled first at Schenectady where my grandfather (Charles Scott) soon after his arrival died."

We have an extensive biographical sketch of your grandfather's life and will be glad to send you a copy if you would like it.

Sincerely yours,

For C. N. Waldron

Henry Z. Pratt, M.D.  
266 Washington Ave.  
Pleasantville, N. Y.

In Re. Boyd genealogy -

266 Washington Ave. Pleasantville N.Y.

Sept. 22, 1945.

Graduate Council;

My grandfather the late  
Rev. James R. Boyd, D.D. graduated from  
Union in the class of 1822 -

He took part in the graduation exercises  
at the Reformed Church when I graduated  
in 1884 -

I am trying to find out who his father  
was (also his mother) Are there any records  
which would furnish this information?

He was the author of several books which  
I gave to Union College library several years ago -

I am enclosing stamped addressed envelope  
for reply.

Yours truly

Dr. Henry J. Pratt. '84.



1822

JAMES R. BOYD.

Died: At Sacketts Harbor, on the 3rd inst.,  
Mary Scott, second daughter of Rev. James  
R. Boyd, of Watertown, in the eighth year  
of her age.-

Daily Albany Argus, Sept. 13, 1843.

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Miss Mary a. Peterson  
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Sept. 27 1945

Dear Miss Peterson;

Your very prompt & satisfactory reply regarding genealogy of my grandfather, late Rev. James R. Boyd D.D. Union 1822, just received and I hasten to send you a card expressing my appreciation. I am forwarding your letter to my nephew Mr. J. Scott Boyd Pratt, manager of a sugar plantation at Hawi, Hawaii who is working on Boyd genealogy.

Many thanks to you for your assistance.

Sincerely Yours Dr. H. Z. Pratt, U.C. 84