THOMAS McAuley: 1804.

The difficulties which face the compiler of an alumni catalogue particularly in the case of those whose graduation dates far back and whose decease was by no means recent, are probably greater in the case of a college than in that of a theological school. In the latter case much information may be gained by a painstaking gleaning for the various ecclesiastical records of particular denominations. In the former case these aids are lacking because a large proportion of the men have gone into business or into professions where no records are preserved.

But occasionally the compiler of a theological alumni list has his troubles, and in the following lines I aim to point out what happened in making the record of the first president of the board of directors and of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York. The search for material started practically with nothing at all, aside from the name.

An article on Thomas McAuley, Union 1804, was contained in each of two biographical encyclopaedias, but the material therein had to be almost entirely ignored, particularly since the first items were obviously incorrect. One of the first errors was in connection with the date of birth: one book giving 1777 and the other 1800, of course both could not be right, and as it turned out both were wrong. I wrote to a large number of persons for information, and elicited only one thing that could be used. This was a statement from a granddaughter to the effect that there was a tradition in the family that Dr. McAuley had been born in Coleriane, Ireland. So that name had to go into the record with a question mark in default of any better indication. I suppose that I wrote at least twenty-five letters, with only one promising bit of information. This was to the effect that there was a picture of Dr. McAuley in the Presbyterian Historical Library in Philadelphia. Enquiry brought the
disappointing word that there was no indication of any particulars on the back or front of the picture. All the preceding correspondence having been to no result, and having exhausted all of the sources of information of which I could think, I was at a complete loss. I knew that Dr. McAuley had died in New York on May 11, 1822, and like a bit of inspiration it occurred to me that the New York bureau of vital statistics was in existence at that time. I had already applied to the authorities of Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn without result. Application to the New York statistician brought the needed fact (cost, 50¢) that Dr. McAuley was so old and so old at the time of his death, the years, months, and days being specified. Then it was only a question of subtraction, and the birth-date was fixed as April 21, 1778.

The fact that he was successively tutor, lecturer and professor on mathematics and natural philosophy in Union College from 1805-1822 was derived, if I remember correctly, from the college records. Then he entered the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, by means of ordination by the Presbytery of Albany. Here the natural source of information was the stated clerk of that body. It was in 1817-18 that appeal was made to that official, and it was at the time that influence was prevalent. The stated clerk replied from Johnstown, that the records of the presbytery were in a safe in the barn of the previous stated clerk who had lived in Watervliet, and that he did not dare expose himself to the risk involved in making the trip to get the precise date. The best that was possible at that time was to hazard a guess as to the date based upon the records of the presbytery as contained in the minutes of the Presbyterian General Assembly. Conjecturally I put down the date as 1819, but as the event proved I made a mistake.

My reply to the stated clerk was to the effect that he was wholly
excusable, but that I was quite sure that a safe-deposit vault in Albany would be a much more desirable repository for such a valuable record than a safe in a barn at Watervliet. That stated clerk was one of a thousand! He did not forget my inquiry nor my suggestion. In the interval between the fourth and the fifth edition of our Alumni Catalogue, he wrote saying that I would be glad to know that the volume of records was safe, as I had advised, in Albany, and that Dr. McAuley had been ordained on July 18, 1818.

The other items in Dr. McAuley's record were gathered out of the minutes of the Presbyterian General Assembly. Of course it is impossible from such a source to be absolutely sure of the accuracy of the dates, since the records are annual and do not take account of parts of the year. Thus a man's relation to a church may have terminated in the fall, whereas the minutes appear in the following summer after the meeting of the Assembly in May. But even so the figures are approximately reliable, and in default of anything better these records have to be used.

Charles R. Gillett
Union Theological Seminary
Broadway at 120th St., New York, N.Y.
Macsuley, Dr. 8/11/1859
"Dr. Proudfit says...in 1813 when he came here, Dr. Macsuley lived in N. end of N. Coll. Pearson Diaries V.7
"...he was a ready and somewhat showy man, but not accurate."
Macsuley prepared for college under Proudfit at Salem Academy (N.Y.)
P. Diaries V.7

Dr. Macsuley 1/24/1856
See: N. and S. Colleges under U/C this date.
See: Not"puts out" faculty men, this date. 6/24/1859
See: N. and S. Coll., occupants, under U.C. 10/27/1858

FACULTY.

THOMAS MACAULEY.

We learn that at the last commencement of Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, the honorary degree of L.L.D. was conferred on Professor Thomas Macauley, of Union College of this city.

Schenectady Cabinet Tutor 1805-06
Dec. 15, 1816.
Prof. of Math. & Nat. Phil. Lecturer on Mathematics & Natural
Philosophy 1814-22 Philosophy 1811-14
Was installed pastor of the Rutgers (Presbyterian) church, New York City, Aug. 1, 1822. The church was in a state of continual revival during his ministry. The pastoral relation with Dr. McAuley was dissolved Dec. 8, 1829.

Jan. 31, 1833, the Rev. Thomas McAuley, who had been received from the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, was installed pastor of the Murray St., church, New York City. The church afterwards changed its location and was known as the Eighth Street Church.

On the 18th of June, 1845, the Eighth Street Church with its pastor, the Rev. Thomas McAuley, withdrew in an irregular manner, while the pastor was under judicial process, and connected themselves with the Presbytery of New York.

The Presbytery of New York, 1738 to 1888.
p. 36
S. D. Alexander
New York
1887.
DIED: At Schenectady, on Friday last, Catharine McAuley, only daughter of Dr. Thomas McAuley, of that city, in the 11th year of her age, after an afflicting illness of more than two years, which she sustained with great resignation and composure.

The Albany Gazette & Daily Advertiser
April 6, 1818 (Monday)
1836

THOMAS MCAULEY

1840

Born, Coleraine (?), Ireland, Apr. 21, 1778; Union College, 1804; tutor, ditto, 1806-06; lecturer (Mathematics and Natural Philosophy), ditto, 1806-14; professor, ditto, 1814-22; ordained (Presbytery of Albany), 1819; pastor (Rutgers), N. Y. City, 1822-29; pastor (Tenth), Philadelphia, Pa., 1829-33; pastor (Third Associate Reformed; Murray St.-Eighth St.), N. Y. City, 1833-35; first president, Board of Directors, first president, Faculty, first professor (Sacred Rhetoric, Pastoral Theology and Church Government), Union Theological Seminary, 1836-39; member of Auburn Convention, 1837; died, New York City, May 11, 1862. D.D., Union College, 1822; LL.D., University of Dublin, moderator, General Assembly, 1826.
THOMAS MCCAULEY

Was a native of Ireland.

He was graduated at Union College in 1804; was Tutor there in 1805-6, and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy from 1814 to 1822; meanwhile being licensed to preach, it is supposed by the Presbytery of Albany. He was settled in New York City as pastor of Rutgers Street Church. He then moved to Philadelphia, and had charge of what is now the Tenth Presbyterian Church. June 2, 1830, he was elected President of the Board of Education, which position he filled but one year. Subsequently he returned to New York City to assume the pastorate of the Murray Street Presbyterian Church. While thus engaged, he was elected, in 1838, to the Chair of Pastoral Theology and Church Government, in the Union Theological Seminary of that city, which position he held until 1841. For a year previous to his death Dr. Mccauley lived in retirement.

FROM Encyclopedia of the Presbyterian Church

Alfred Nevin Editor
From the desk of

LARRY HART

July 6th, 1983

The McAnally Info-

as promised.

Larry Hart
CITY OF SCHENECTADY
NEW YORK
OFFICE OF CITY HISTORIAN
HISTORY CENTER, CITY HALL
SCHENECTADY, N.Y. 12305

July 5th 1983

Sharon Kelley
1230 6th Ave. E.
Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

Dear Ms. Kelley:

We have no record of Thomas McAuley in our City History Center, but I was able to glean some information on him from the Union College Library, as follows:

Thomas McAuley was graduated from Union College in 1804.
He was a tutor at Union College from 1805 to 1806.
He was a professor of Latin from 1806 to 1811.
He was a professor of mathematics and Natural Philosophy, 1811-1814.
He was a professor of "theology", 1814-1822.
He left Union College in 1822 and was awarded an LLD from Union.
He became president of Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

According to notes by Prof. Jonathan Pearson (noted historian and Union College professor), Dr. McAuley died in 1862, presumably while still a resident of New York City.

It was suggested that you might obtain more details on Thomas McAuley by writing to Union Theological Seminary in NYC (that institution has no connection with Union College or Union University,)

Incidentally, Mrs. Efner died in 1964, a year after City Historian Bill Efner (her husband) died. I became city historian in 1971.

I hope that I have been of some assistance to you.

Most cordially,

Larry Hart

cc: Union College Alumni Office
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S. D. Alexander
New York 1887
MACAULEY, THOMAS

Tutor, 1805-1806;
Lecturer on Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, 1811-1814;
Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, 1814-1822.

Mr. (afterwards the Rev. Dr.) McCauley—a faithful instructor and kind-hearted gentleman, who, as I know by experience, if a student could not find a satisfactory definition of a Latin word in his duodecimo dictionary, would in the most obliging manner throw open his ponderous quarto—was Professor of Latin. I bear testimony with the greater alacrity to my recollection of the excellent qualities of this gentleman, because he became, during my time, the object of a wanton and cruel persecution, in which, I am pains to say, I had some share, though not by any means so great a share as one of the circumstances connected with the unhappy affair, seemed to indicate. It was an unmerited, and, in truth, groundless aggression, undertaken without much reflection, quite as much in sport as in earnest, and prosecuted without any just appreciation of the pain it could not but have occasioned. It has ever since been fresh in my recollection, and I have never thought of it but with remorse.

Source: Letter from Alfred Conkling, Class of 1810.

First Semi-Centennial Anniversary
of the Philomathean Society p. 148
July 25, 1848
Weed, Parsons & Co.
Albany 1849.
prise", Prof. William Adams Brown on "The Church and the Problem of Personal Belief", Prof. Swift on "the Church and the Home" and Prof. Ward on "the Church and the Industrial Order".

A dinner and reception in honor of Dr. Clarence Dickinson was given by the Washington Church Music Council in Calvary Baptist church, Washington, D. C., on the last day of January. Dr. Dickinson also addressed a meeting of the Washington Ministerial Union on methods for improving the effectiveness of church services by coordinating the musical program with the theme of the sermon.

Mr. Van Dusen spoke at the fourth annual Western New England College Student Conference which met for three days at Northfield, Mass., in February. Norman Thomas, '11, of the League for Industrial Democracy was also on the program.

**Around the Quadrangle**

The Seminary has acquired a portrait of the Rev. Thomas McAuley, who was the first president of the Board of Directors and of the faculty, as well as the first professor of Sacred Rhetoric, Pastoral Theology and Church Government. He served the Seminary in this three-fold capacity from 1836 to 1840. Born in Ireland in 1778, Thomas McAuley graduated from Union College in 1804. For eighteen years he taught at his Alma Mater. While still teaching he was ordained by the Presbytery in 1818 and in 1822 became pastor of the Rutgers Presbyterian Church, New York City. During his service at the Seminary he was also pastor of the Third Associate Reformed church at Murray and Eighth Streets. Union College gave him an honorary D.D. and the University of Dublin an LL.D. He died in New York City in 1862 at the age of eighty-four. An excellent portrait of Dr. McAuley was bequeathed to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia after the death of the last to survive of his descendants. The portrait is therefore still in the possession of his granddaughter, Miss Ida McAuley, who has graciously permitted the Seminary to have a copy painted. This now hangs in the Directors' Room with other portraits of former presidents.

The addition of Dr. McAuley's portrait to the Seminary's collection makes the list of portraits of presidents of the Faculty complete, except for that of Joel Parker, president and professor of sacred rhetoric, 1840-42, up to and including the portrait of Dr. Hastings. We should have portraits of all our former presidents. It is gratifying to be able to announce that a beginning has been made in this direction. An artist is now at work upon a portrait of Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, which will hang in the new Refectory that is to bear his name. Provision has also been made for a portrait of Dr. Francis Brown to be placed in the social room in the new Refectory building, which is to be known as the Francis Brown Hall.

A series of five lectures by the Rev. Canon Burnett Hillman Streeter of Queens College, Oxford, author of "Reality," is in progress at the Seminary. The general topic is "Primitive Church Order." The course began on April 11th with a lecture on "Diversity in the Early Church." The other lectures are April 13, "Evolution of Church Order within the New Testament"; April 16, "The Church at Rome"; April 18, "The Church in Syria"; April 20, "Some Residual Problems."

In order to stimulate an interest in good work and a love of work for its own sake, the New York Building Congress has created a committee on recognition of craftsmanship. When the good work on a building is to be recognized a committee is appointed on which are representatives of the owner, architect, builder, and organized labor. The committee awards certificates and a gold button to one man in each trade working on the building, who is selected for skill, thoroughness and interest in the work. The Seminary was glad to adopt this plan in connection with its building operations. Although the buildings are not completed, the work has
gone far enough for the selection of candidates to be made to receive the certificate and buttons, and these were given out at a meeting held in the social room of the new refectory on Tuesday, April 3.

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A protest against the movement for a Big Navy was recently forwarded to Washington with the signatures of a large number of the faculty and students. It reads as follows: "We, the undersigned faculty and student members of Union Theological Seminary, earnestly protest against the proposed Big Navy program as a step away from peace, being in fact competitive, provocative, and utterly unwarranted at a time when we are urging disarmament upon Europe; and we particularly deplore the removal from the bill of the authorization for the President to suspend building if another naval reduction conference is held. We urge that the influence of our Government continue to be thrown on the side of naval reduction by international agreement and be exerted helpfully in favor of treaties that shall offer hope of ultimate security for all peoples through cooperation and organized goodwill, not force."

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Many music lovers look forward to the month of February in expectation of the Tuesday afternoon lecture-recitals in the Seminary Chapel by Dr. Clarence Dickinson. The general topic of the series last February was "Eternal Creative Will Revealed in Music." The elements of "Rhythm: The Plus of Life"; "Line: The Corporeal Element"; "Color: The Emotional Element"; were dealt with in the first three recitals. The fourth dealt with "Worship Music." As usual, Dr. Dickinson was assisted by a number of artists and on the last day these included the choir of the Greek cathedral.

** Dr. Wicks Goes to Princeton **

As the Alumni Bulletin goes to press the announcement is made that Dr. Robert Russell Wicks, for the past fourteen years pastor of the Second Congregational church, Holyoke, Mass., has resigned the pastorate to become Dean of Religion at Princeton University. Dr. Wicks has served for several years as chaplain at Mt. Holyoke College. The Alumni Bulletin for April-May 1927 contained an article by Dr. Wicks describing the method of work which he had successfully pursued at Mt. Holyoke. With the completion of the new chapel at Princeton and the action of the Board of Trustees of the University in persuading Dr. Wicks to direct the religious activities of the institution, the opportunity which opens before him seems big with possibilities. Dr. Wicks graduated from the Seminary in 1907 and is a member of the Board of Directors.

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Dr. George U. Wenner is the oldest Lutheran clergyman in the State of New York and in point of service in any one church, the oldest in the country. _The New York Sun_ of Feb. 18, carried a picture of Dr. Wenner and an article about him and his activity in working to put his church over the top of its quota of the four million dollar pension drive of the Lutheran churches. Dr. Wenner graduated from Yale in 1865 and from Union Seminary three years later. He organized Christ Lutheran Church during his student days and has been its pastor for sixty years. The article referred to says:

"Active not only in the actual duties of his pastorate the dean of ministers is well-known for his weekly religious education work, having provided the Federal Council of Churches with the plan and program which served as the basis of its weekday religious work. He has spent the last four years in an intensive study of Lutheran liturgy and has collected what is believed to be the most extensive library on world and Lutheran liturgical practices and principles in the country. He is at present engaged in supervising the final revision of his manuscripts for publication in book form—all of which along with his Sunday sermons and other church work does not leave him any time to consider retiring."

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We regret to record the death on December 23 last, at Hartford, Conn., of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Paddock, the wife of the Rev. Edward A. Paddock, for many years president of the Intermountain Institute at Weiser, Idaho. This school for the training of the youth of the region has had a career of remarkable usefulness and growth under the able leadership of Mr. Paddock and his devoted wife who has shared with
Married:—On the 11th inst., by the Rev. A. Wilson, Mr. Thomas M'Auley, L.L., Professor in Union College, to Miss Mary Magoffin, daughter of Mr. John Magoffin of this city.—Albany Centinel, Aug. 5, 1806.
PROF. M'AULEY RESIGNS.

At a general meeting of the students of Union College, held on the 17th July, 1822, Mr. J. F. Goertner in the chair; it was, on motion, unanimously resolved, that a committee be appointed to wait on the Rev. Dr. M'Auley, professor of mathematics and natural philosophy (about to leave this institution) and express their regret at his departure, accompanied with a tribute of thanks for the faithful instruction he has uniformly imparted, and the affectionate regard he has at all times manifested for them. Accordingly, the committee waited upon Dr. M'Auley with the following

ADDRESS.

Reverend and Dear Sir:—The relation which has so long existed between us, being about to be dissolved for ever, we beg leave on this mournful occasion to express our unfeigned regret for an event which will deprive our institution of so bright an ornament, and ourselves of so able and so worthy an instructor. Accept, (for we render them with heartfelt emotion) our individual and collective expression of thanks for the deep interest you have constantly felt in our advancement in the path of literature and science, and the regard you have so affectionately entertained for our present and future welfare. Next to the dissolution of the tender ligaments of kindred affection, the dissolution of the relation subsisting between the instructor and the pupil, is most painful. The parental regard entertained on the one hand, and the filial affection cherished on the other, cannot be interrupted without filling the bosom with the most painful emotions. Such emotions pervade our bosoms whilst we then hear you this humble tribute of our unfeigned respect and filial regard. Endeared to us by a course of the most faithful instruction, and indefatigable exertion for our improvement, your departure from this institution casts a gloom over our social intercourse, which almost dispels enjoyment and agitates our minds with emotions of sorrow. But since we are destined to part, let no unhallowed wish dishonor our present feelings. You go to move in a sphere of usefulness—to the discharge of heavenly duties; thither our best wishes attend you, and whilst we congratulate the people that has fallen to your charge, on the happy choice they have made of a heavenly director, once more accept our united thanks for the faithful discharge of your duty to us. And be assured, that as we successively bid adieu to our Alma Mater, and go forth into the world to rear a superstructure on the foundation which we are here laying, whether we thence inhale the gentle and welcome breeze of prosperity, or are shaken by the ruthless blast of adversity, we will ever gratefully cherish the tender recollection of that parental solicitude for our welfare, which you have so often and so kindly manifested.
PROF. MC'AULEY RESIGNS.

Permit us again, at this affecting crisis, to express our best wishes for your future welfare. May that God to whose service you are about to devote all your labors, prosper you in your designs; may he grant you a long life of usefulness, of peace and prosperity, and when your labors of love are accomplished, and you are called upon to bid adieu to this world, may the tears of affectionate friendship water your grave, and a convoy of angels attend you above.

A. J. Yates
J. Garretson, Committee,
H. L. Davis
A. Fludd

Union College, 30th July, 1882.

Messrs. A. J. Yates, J. Garretson, H. L. Davis, A. Fludd,
Committee.

Gentlemen:

The full and tender expression of your approbation, confidence and affections, with which I have at this moment been honored, meets the kindest feelings of my heart, and excites the tenderest emotions.

The relation which has subsisted between us, is a very tender and interesting one. But in the disruption of it, we have the heartfelt satisfaction of feeling and believing that neither passion, nor caprice, nor partiality, either drew too tightly on the one hand or relaxed too much on the other, those ligaments which bound us to each other, and to the discharge of our relative duties. Although the frailty of our natures, and our erring judgments may have, no doubt, left us much to lament, while we take a retrospect of the past, I feel not a little flattered with the manner in which you have expressed your attachment and your approbation; and I feel a deep interest in your desires and prayers for my future success and felicity.

But while my heart has sensation to feel, your regrets at my leaving the institution will hold their impression deep and legible in my mind. There has been no time in the 20 years of my college life, in which the success of the college lay nearer to my heart, nor were there at any time so many young gentlemen in college to whom I have with good reason ever been cordially attached. And were it not for uncontrollable circumstances, which render my continuance longer here incompatible with my sense of duty, I would not go now, and yet, this is doubtless the best time to go. I shall carry the approbation and affection of all the classes with me,
perhaps I might not be so blessed at another time; surely I would not love to outlive the tears and regrets of those I leave. But whether my life shall be long or short—whether prosperous or unfortunate, in the desk or in the chair—those pupils who now, collectively and individually, honor and ornament Union College, shall always be objects of my unceasing regard. I leave you, but I love you; I part from you, but I do not forget you! My desires, amidst the busy scene of life, shall be for your welfare, and my humble prayers at God's altar shall be for your salvation.

Please to accept, gentlemen, for yourselves and your associates, my thanks for all the kind offices you have rendered me—for the honorable manner in which you have sustained your standing while under my care—for the cordiality and affection with which you have received my humble efforts for your good.

And may God have you in his holy keeping; render you respectable and happy thro' life and blessed through eternity, so that we may meet hereafter in heaven, and be ever with the Lord.

T. McAuley.

(Schenectady Cabinet, July 31)

FROM: The Albany Gazette & Daily Advertiser
August 3, 1822.
From the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Union College

July 21, 1818.

"three mathematical instruments; viz.,

1. A Theodolite, with double sight vanes, telescope
   and spirit levels.
2. A Surveyor's Compass.
3. A Gunter's Quadrant (brass) very rare.

(N.B. The above three instruments were formerly the property
of General Monk, in the reign of Charles the Second, and were
obtained from Colonel Monk, a lineal descendant, and are much
superior in workmanship to any modern instruments in the Market.)

presented by Th. MacAuley
as a small acknowledgement for the indulgence
extended to him by your Honourable Board while
he was sinking under the influence of disease."

("For Professor Warren Taylor
January 2, 1837
C, Hislop")
President
Union University
Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Some Early Kortright Families

Two of my uncles, unrelated but schoolmates and members of the same Kortright church, were graduates of your College in the class of 1855. Then, following training, at Newburgh Seminary, each gave a life time of service to the Presbyterian Church; they were Rev. Joseph Leal Clark and Rev. Alexander Adair. Incidentally a son of the former i.e., my first cousin Rev. Leal S. Clark is retired (Presbyterian) living at Blairsville, Pa. with one of his children (a daughter) while an 80 year old son of Rev. Alexander, namely Prof. Arthur P. Adair, C.E., Ph.D. who lives with his equally sprightly wife at 84 Downing Ave., Sea Cliff, L. I., recently and actively assisted the A.B.C. as Consultant for the Savannah River project.

My cousin, Dartmouth Prof. Chas. J. Lyon (Ph.D.) and I collaborate on a Genealogical-historical work in project titled as per caption above. Promise of much aid, in addition to invaluable assistance heretofore was sadly terminated by the untimely death of my esteemed friend, Hon. John D. Monroe, (Lawyer-Author, and Historian of the Delaware County, N.Y. Historical Association). In his 1949 book "Chapters in the History of Delaware County, N.Y." I note at Page 91 (re Yale College President Timothy Dwight's writing of trips he made by stage coach in 1804 and 1815 through Kortright) - that Thomas McCaulay taught school in Kortright, in 1805 and afterward a professor at Union College!

I am most especially interested to know if any records exist at your college giving information as to the town of his birth, names of his parents (and or other relatives) and also particularly if the places of any births in Scotland or North Ireland are listed.

Historian Monroe tells us that "Thomas was a brother of Rev. Wm. McCaulay" (1765/1861) - a graduate of Edinburgh (or one source lists it as University of Glasgow and a student under celebrated Theologian "John Brown of Haddington"). Rev. Wm. McCaulay (who I believe was a brother or cousin of my great grandmother Adair nee McCaulay) had a congregation at Tullialloon, in Ulster, U. K. before coming to Kortright about 1784. He first preached at Kortright as a supply minister in 1783 through the efforts of the small congregation who had been holding religious meetings in that primeval territory as early as 1774 when Leading Elder Alexander Leal (my great great grandfather born 1740 in Forres, Scotland, and married to a Comyn,)"organized" the Scotch Presbyterian group who had been his shipmates from Glasgow.

With sincere thanks in anticipation of any information

Faithfully yours

Robert Adair Clark

[Signature]

[Image of a note: "Alumni Office: For reference"]
January 18, 1955

Mr. R. A. Clark,
P. O. Box 1853,
Winter Haven, Florida.

Dear Mr. Clark:

President Davidson has asked the Alumni Office to answer your letter of January 13 as the biographical records are stored here under our supervision.

THOMAS MACAULEY was a Tutor at Union from 1805-06, Lecturer on Mathematics and Natural Philosophy from 1811-14, and Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy from 1814 - 1822. The only thing we know about his background is that he "prepared for college under Proudfoot at Salem Academy, N. Y." In 1816 Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, conferred upon him the honorary degree of LL.D. His resignation was accepted by the Trustees in July 1822.

You may be interested in this bit of information from the Minutes of the Board of Trustees, Union College, July 21, 1818: "three mathematical instruments, viz.:
1. A Theodolite, with double sight vanes, telescope and spirit level.
2. A surveyor's Compass
3. A Gunter's Quadrant (brass) very rare.
(N.B. The above three instruments were formerly the property of General Monk, in the reign of Charles the Second, and were obtained from Colonel Monk, a lineal descendant, and are much superior in workmanship to any modern modern instruments in the market.)

presented by Th. Macauley as a small acknowledgment for the indulgence extended to him by your Honourable Board while he was sinking under the influence of disease."

If you secure biographical material that you think would be valuable or that would give us a clearer picture of this man, we would be glad to have it for the archives. We are sorry that our files do not yield more, but much of this material has been accumulated since 1911 and is the result of searches such as yours.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. G. J. Van Loan, Jr.)
Administrative Assistant
March 22, 1955

Mr. Robert Adair Clark
P. O. Box 1453
Winter Haven, Florida

Dear Mr. Clark:

Since the receipt of your postcard in January, I have contacted our Mr. Joseph B. Brown, Class of 1903, Chairman of the Committee on Alumni Records and History of the Alumni Council. He pointed out that there were two Thomas McAuleys, one a graduate in the class of 1804 (A.B.), and the second a graduate in the class of 1813 (A.B.). The former was the Professor at Union College. There was further information on file with the Class of 1804 records, but we do not find that he "taught at Kortright" unless he did so between the years 1806 and 1811 when he returned to Union.

Our records show that Thomas McAuley, 1813, was a "ward of Professor Thomas McAuley (Macauley)" and the first bill was issued in 1819. He entered from Schenectady and the only other information we have is this notation, last residence Kortright, N.Y., "On July 7, 1819, Schenectady "Cabinet" advertised a letter for him unclaimed at the Post Office."

But I find more details on Professor Thomas Macaulay. He was ordained July 16, 1818, by the Presbytery of Albany, and on August 1, 1822, he was installed pastor of the Rutgers Church, New York City. The pastoral relation with Dr. McAuley was dissolved December 8, 1829 and on January 31, 1833 he was installed pastor of the Murray St. church, New York City. This church afterwards changed its location and was known as the Eighth Street Church. He came to Murray St. church from the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia as pastor of the Tenth. He was first president of the Board of Directors and first president of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, as well as first professor of Sacred Rhetoric, Pastoral Theology and Church Government, from 1836-1860. He resigned the pastorate of the Eighth Street Church in 1845, and thereafter lived in retirement until his death in New York City May 11, 1862.

He married Miss Mary Magoffin, daughter of Mr. John Magoffin of Albany, July 11, 1806. The only item concerning family records the death of an only daughter, Catharine Macaulay, April 3, 1813, Schenectady, after an afflicted illness of more than two years."
Our bill books do not record birthdates, nor parentage, as early as 1804; but Mr. Charles R. Gillett of Union Theological Seminary, Broadway at 120th Street, New York City, has sent us the following undated remarks: "In making the record of the first president of the board of directors and of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York, the search for material started practically with nothing at all, aside from the name. An article on Thomas McAuley, Union 1804, was contained in each of two biographical encyclopaedias, but the material contained therein had to be almost entirely ignored, particularly since the first items were obviously incorrect. One of the first errors was in connection with the date of birth: one book giving 1777 and the other 1800, of course both could not be right and as it turned out both were wrong. ... There was a statement from a granddaughter to the effect that there was a tradition on the family that Dr. McAuley had been born in Colderiane, Ireland. ... A letter to the New York bureau of vital statistics (since he died in New York City and the bureau was in existence at that time) brought out the needed fact that Dr. McAuley was 40 and 40 old at the time of his death, the years, months and days being specified. Then it was only a question of subtraction, and the birthdate was fixed as April 21, 1778."

In 1923 we have an item in the alumni magazine to the effect that Union Theological Seminary had acquired a portrait of the Rev. Thomas McAuley... the portrait is a copy of an excellent portrait of Rev. McAuley, which is to go to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, after the death of his last surviving descendant. The Alumni Bulletin of Union Theological Seminary undated states: "The portrait is therefore still in the possession of his granddaughter, Miss Ida McAuley, who has graciously permitted the Seminary to have a copy painted. This now hangs in the Directors' Room with other portraits of former presidents."

Our alumni catalogue of 1907 has but one notation on Thomas McAuley 1813 and that is that he received the degree of A.B., entered from Schenectady and resided in Kortright, N.Y. Was he the son of Rev. William McAuley of Kortright? Our librarian feels that he was not, the son of Professor Thomas McAuley as the notation says "ward" whereas the usual designation is "son", if such be the case. Could it be that this younger Thomas McAuley was the one who taught at Kortright?

There is a mention made to the McAuleys in the Gazetteer of the State of New York (J. H. French, Syracuse 1860) page 263: "Thomas McAuley, brother of the minister and afterward Professor in Union College, taught here." "Rev. Mr. McAuley (brother) settled in town (South Kortright) in September 1794. He filled that office until the time of his death, March 21, 1857, a period of 56 years. He was a Presbyterian. " Mr. Brown feels that this is an error and that Professor Thomas McAuley neither taught in Kortright nor in Syracuse.

I don't know that any of the above helps you in establishing the facts you want, but at least we are certain there were two Thomas McAuleys. If you are successful in obtaining information on parentage, etc., we would appreciate receiving it.

Sincerely yours,

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Administrative Assistant
Thomas McAuley, first president of Union Theological Seminary (1836-40) was born in 1777. Entering Union College he was graduated A.B. in 1804; and afterward served as tutor and lecturer until 1814, when he became professor of mathematics and natural philosophy. Having in the meantime completed his studies in theology, he was in 1822 ordained and installed pastor of the Rutgers Street Presbyterian Church, New York City, and there continued until called to the pastorate of the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, in 1827. In 1833 he returned to New York to succeed Rev. William Snodgrass as pastor of the Murray Street Presbyterian Church, remaining incumbent until 1845. During his pastorate the congregation and church edifice were removed to Astor Place, and became known thereafter as the High Street Church. Dr. McAuley was long a recognized leader in the Presbyterian Church, a model pastor and preacher, and a scholar of no mean ability. He took a prominent part in the eventful assembly of 1837, and by his wise and gentle counsel strove heartily for reconciliation.

In character he was a rare combination of sweetness and force; a faithful pastor, staunch friend and devoted Christian. He was one of the founders of the Union Theological Seminary; a member of its first board of directors, and for four years from 1836 its president and professor of pastoral theology and church government. At the time of the founding of the seminary the Presbyterian church throughout the country was convulsed by the contending parties, which finally in 1837 split into two distinct sets known as the "old school" and "new school" Presbyterians. The former inclined rather more to the influence of Scotch thought, and the latter to the traditions represented by New England Puritanism. Although adhering rather more to "new school" lines, Union Seminary was originally founded as an educational center "around which all men of moderate views and feelings, who desire to live free from party strife, and to stand aloof from all extremes of doctrinal speculation, practical radicalism, and ecclesiastical domination, may cordially and affectionately rally." The founders and earlier friends of the new institution contributed most generously to the endowment fund; the subscription book, showing the sum of $20,000 contributed between four of them, while smaller additional amounts completed a full $61,000. In spite of the great fire of December 1835, and financial stringency of the times which caused much delay in collecting the promised amounts, work was begun at once. A tract of land near Eighth Street, between Green and Wooster, was leased for a building, and with a notable faculty, including such names as Rev. Henry White, Edward Robinson, and Thomas McAuley, the sessions opened in December 1836. The first years of Union's history gives a record of the self-sacrificing devotion of trustees and instructors alike. Frequently means were wanting for paying salaries and meeting current obligations, but no one considered the advisability of discontinuing. In the midst of need came a bequest of $30,000 from James Roosevelt, grandfather of the Most Rev. James R. Bayley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore, who displeased at his grandson's defection, thus helped mightily to the
success of this Protestant seminary. Under President McAuley's able administration of its affairs, the seminary passed safely through its season of trial, and entered upon a career of unfailing prosperity and usefulness. Dr. McAuley resigned the presidency in 1840, and the pastorate of the Eighth Street Church in 1845, thereafter living in retirement until his death in New York City, May 11, 1862.
