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

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, and copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Sermons, Essays, Newspapers, engravings 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 Gilchrist Brown was born in Quinte, N. Y., May 2, 1800; parents, James and Elizabeth (Gilchrist) Brown, who moved to Epsom, 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 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 1845.

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 1826. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Hascot, Connect., 1826–30; 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. 28, 1778, in Bentley, 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 Physik and Dr. Abram Putman, of Cammoline; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians; and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Ronge, 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 Enfield 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."
I. Name: Abraham Sorman
   [Note: This is written plainly and the reader can make it out.]

II. Names of both Parents; then — William and Mary (Stedman) Sorman
    [John and Elizabeth (Purcell) Johnson.]
   Feb. 14, 1789


IV. Various residences and dates; then — Removed to Albany, 1789.
   [Albany, N.Y.: 1801-03; New York City, 1811-13.]

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principal's name and date; then — (Not ascertained.)
   [Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L.L.D., 1813-17.]

VI. At what College he graduated, and when — Union Coll. 1812 (1809?)

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; then — Teaching School at Troy - 1812-13.

VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus: — Theology at Troy (private instruction) while teaching school.

IX. Where he has practiced his profession, with dates; also when he is a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs.

X. The other occupations he has followed; where and when; thus — Teaching School at Troy — Farming at Gansevoort, 1829.

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus: —
   [Professor of Colleges, N.Y., 1801-03; 1804-06; Member of Assembly, N.Y., 1813-14; Member of Assembly, N.Y., 1821-24; 1827-34; Delegate to the 44th General of the Free Church, 1819-21.]

XII. The Library or Scientific Works he has written or edited.
   [Copies are submitted for the "Graduate Alumni" in College Library.]
   (None)

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.
   (None)

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received, from whence, with date; thus —
   [M.D. from Albany Medical College, 1831; L.L.D. from Union College, 1832.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him? [None]

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.
   [In any published notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, etc., in any known space, we will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case and on additional sheet.]
   Died Aug. 15, 1844, at Greenwich, N.Y. This notice is inscribed on the curb stone of the churchyard by the Prudential College of Music, New York. The first day of March, 1849.
XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

Of a mild disposition—unassuming—of
attentive reading—wonderful accuracy of
memory—highly esteemed by mankind. His
friends think too long continued absence
never denying his literary energies, though
under favorable circumstances his career
must have been illustrious.

XVIII. Some account of his pedigree and family; its original seat in this or the old country, &c., &c.

For a reply to this question application
may be made to Denison B. Forman
s 149, W. 26th St., N. Y. City.

XIX. List of such graduates as may not be widely known: their residences, professions, dates of deaths, &c.; the names and residences, also, of some near friend of the deceased, that further information may be sought for; thus:—

Jabez Forman—Ch nondaga

Felix Mart—Syr.

S. Denison B. Forman (as above).
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Rev. Mr. Foreman came in October, 1816, as tutor in the family of Mr. Wadsworth, and was employed by the church to preach from that date. The following spring he was called to be pastor on a salary of $500, and remained as such until November 17, 1819, when at his own request he was dismissed. He continued to reside in Geneseo, till his death, August 20, 1854. With marked personal eccentricities, Mr. Foreman was a good sermonizer and a man of rare scholarship and kindness of heart.

Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Sweden, N.Y., from 1822 to -------.

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