

Princeton, was licensed in 1840, and preached in Dallas county, Ala. He was pastor of the Presbyterian church in Jackson, Miss., from 1843 till 1848, when he removed to Louisville, Ky., and for ten years was pastor of the Chestnut street Presbyterian church. In 1859 he was elected to the chair of pastoral theology, homiletics, and church government in the Theological seminary of the northwest, Chicago, Ill. His published works are "The Literary Attractions of the Bible" (New York, 1859); "The Life and Pictures of the Bible" (Philadelphia, 1860); "The Beauty of Emmanuel" (1861); "The Life and Works of Philip Lindley" (3 vols., 1866); "Memoir of the Rev. Lewis W. Green, D. D." (New York, 1871); "Living Christianity" (Philadelphia, 1881); and "Scotland's Place in Civilization" (1885).

HALSEY, Luther, clergyman, b. in Schenectady, N. Y., 1 Jan., 1794; d. in Norristown, Pa., 29 Oct., 1880. From 1829 till 1837 he was professor of theology in the Western theological seminary, Alleghany, Pa., after which he held the chair of ecclesiastical history and church polity in Auburn, N. Y., theological seminary, resigning in 1844. From 1847 till 1850 he was professor of church history in Union theological seminary, New York city. For several years previous to his death he lived in retirement.—His brother, **Job Foster**, clergyman, b. in Schenectady, N. Y., 12 July, 1800; d. in Norristown, Pa., 7 March, 1881, was graduated at Union in 1819, studied theology with his brother, and spent the years from 1823 till 1826 at Princeton seminary. From 1826 till 1828 he held charge of the Old Tennent church in Freehold, N. J. He was agent for the American Bible society in New Jersey in 1828-'9, for the American tract society in Albany, N. Y., in 1829-'30, and for the Sunday-school union in Pittsburg in 1830-'1. From 1831 till 1836 he was pastor of the First church in Alleghany City, Pa., and in 1835-'6 a professor in Marion manual-labor college, Missouri. He was principal of Raritan seminary for young ladies in Perth Amboy, N. J., from 1836 till 1848, pastor at West Bloomfield (now Montclair), N. J., from 1852 till 1856, and pastor of the 1st Presbyterian church in Norristown, Pa., from 1856 till he resigned in 1881.

HALSTEAD, Murat, journalist, b. in Paddy's Run, Butler co., Ohio, 2 Sept., 1829. He spent the summers on his father's farm and the winters in school until he was nineteen years old, and, after teaching for a few months, entered Farmer's college, near Cincinnati, where he was graduated in 1851. He had already contributed to the press, and after leaving college became connected with the Cincinnati "Atlas," and then with the "Enquirer." He afterward established a Sunday newspaper in that city, and in 1852-'3 worked on the "Columbian and Great West," a weekly. He began work on the "Commercial" on 8 March, 1853, as a local reporter, and soon became news editor. In 1854 the "Commercial" was reorganized, and Halstead purchased an interest in the paper. In 1867 its control passed into his hands. After pursuing for a time a course of independent journalism, he allied himself with the Republican party, which he has since supported. The Cincinnati "Gazette" was consolidated with his paper in

quired a competence. Through all his life he devoted himself to the promotion of religious and benevolent enterprises. It was due to his personal efforts that the legislature passed the act creating the board of "ten governors," and, having been appointed one of the original governors, he devoted much time to securing the successful working of the system. He was vice-president of the American Bible society, president of the Westchester county Bible society, manager of the Parent missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church, founder, and for many years president, of the Broadway insurance company, and held many other responsible offices.

HALSTED, Byron David, agriculturist, b. in Venice, N. Y., 7 June, 1852. He was graduated at the Michigan agricultural college in 1871, and subsequently studied at Harvard, where in 1878 he received the degree of D. Sc. In 1873-'4 he was instructor in history and algebra at the Agricultural college, and in 1874-'5 instructor in botany in Harvard. In 1875-'9 he taught in the Chicago high-school, and then became editor of the "American Agriculturist," which office he held until 1884. He was then called to fill the chair of botany in the Iowa agricultural college. Dr. Halsted is a fellow of the American association for the advancement of science, and a member of other societies. He has contributed largely to all the agricultural and botanical journals in the United States, and published "The Vegetable Garden" (Chicago, 1882); "Farm Conveniences" (New York, 1883); and "Household Conveniences" (1883).

HALSTED, Nathaniel Norris, merchant, b. in Elizabeth, N. J., 13 Aug., 1816; d. in Newark, N. J., 6 May, 1884. At a very early age he was adopted by his uncle, Caleb O. Halsted, a merchant of New York, who educated him in the schools of that city and in the Boys' seminary at Woodbridge, N. J. Entering the dry-goods establishment of his uncle, he became at the age of twenty-nine years a partner in the house, and so continued until 1855, when he retired with a fortune. Soon afterward he removed to Newark, N. J., having purchased stock in the New Jersey rubber company, of which he became a director and finally president. In the early part of the civil war he received an appointment on the staff of Gov. Olden, of New Jersey, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and when recruiting camps were established at Trenton he was brevetted brigadier-general and placed in command. Princeton is indebted to him for the astronomical observatory which bears his name, and in the erection of which he expended \$55,000. He had been a trustee of this institution for many years at the time of his death. He also gave largely for the establishment and successful conduct of the New Jersey state agricultural society, of which he was the first president. The New Jersey historical society, in its "Proceedings," makes mention of him not only as one of its benefactors, but as an earnest laborer in every worthy cause.

HALSTED, Oliver Spencer, jurist, b. in Elizabeth, N. J., 23 Sept., 1792; d. in Lyons Farms, N. J., 29 Aug., 1877. He was graduated at Princeton in 1810, studied law in the Litchfield law-school and in his native town, was admitted to the bar in 1814, and settled in Newark, N. J. In 1820

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From: Whitestown, N.Y.
Last residence: Alleghany, N.Y.

Records show one
Luther Halsey (Junior not found)
Pvt. in Capt. Daniel E. Tylee's Co.,
2nd Regt. (Van Hook's) N.Y. Militia

Commencement of service: Sept 2, 1814
Expiration of service: Dec 3, 1814

FROM: Article on the Western Theological Seminary:

The same Assembly which released Dr. Janeway found a most worthy successor in the person of the Rev. Luther Halsey, D.D., then Professor of Natural Philosophy in New Jersey College, at Princeton. His inauguration took place in the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, on the evening of October 19, 1829, when the Rev. William Jeffrey preached, and the Rev. Thomas Hoge delivered the charge to the Professor. His inaugural address was delivered in the First Church the next evening. His plan for conducting the studies was at once laid before the Board, and approved, and he entered upon the vigorous prosecution of his work. *****

The Assembly of 1836 sanctioned and confirmed the transfer of Dr. Halsey from the Department of Theology to that of Church History and Government, and *****

One year later, Dr. Halsey resigned his place in the Seminary. His ability, fidelity, and Christian character, had won for him many warm friends and admirers, alike among the ministry and the people. He had accomplished eight years of valuable service for the Lord. His relations to the Faculty had been amicable and brotherly. The Board with regret parted with him. His pupils until this day cherish the most affectionate remembrances of him. And now, in his beautiful age, his own abiding attachment for this Seminary is seen in the noble benefaction, through which he shall continue to speak when death shall have sealed his lips. The affectionate confidence of the Board meets him on this occasion, in the form of a cordial invitation to deliver lectures to the classes during his residence here, as his strength may permit, on important branches of their course. The Lord's blessing be upon him while he lingers among us, and a crown of glory on high!

Centenary Memorial of
Presbyterianism in
Western Pennsylvania, etc. p. 138
Pittsburgh, Pa.
1876.

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LUTHER HALSEY, JR.

Son of Luther and Abigail (Foster) Halsey, born at Schenectady, January 1, 1794.

He received a liberal education. When he was still young, his father removed to Whiyesboro, Oneida Co., N.Y. A few years later his father took charge of the Academy at Newburgh, N. Y. Luther, Jr., graduated from Union College in 1812, and became his father's assistant. Before 1816 he studied medicine and law in New York City, and theology under Rev. John Johnston, D. D., of Newburgh. In 1816 began to preach. Supplied the Presbyterian church at Blooming Grove, Orange Co., N. Y., where he was ordained August 7. January 1, 1818, married a young widow, Mrs. Anna G. Smith, (formerly Miss Anna Gardiner of Newburgh). The same year he was installed Pastor of the church at Blooming Grove. His ministry became to an extraordinary degree, useful; he soon became known for his talents and learning. He ruptured a blood vessel and was compelled to retire from the pulpit. In 1824 he was called to the chair of chemistry and Natural History in Nassau Hall, Princeton, N. J. He fulfilled the duties of this position until 1829, when the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church elected him Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity in the Western Theological Seminary at Allegheny, Pa. Prof. Halsey removed in 1837 to Auburn, N. Y., to perform in the Theological Seminary there, the duties of a similar office. In July, 1843, he was called to the Second Presbyterian church of Allegheny. In 1846 he removed on account of his wife's health to Perth Amboy, N. J. In 1848 he delivered a course of lectures at the Union Theological Seminary in New York. He removed from New York in 1851 to Washingtonville, Orange Co., N. Y., where he preached as stated supply for many years. For the last ten years of his life his home was at Hammonton, N. J. Mrs. Halsey died at Pittsburg, Pa., 22nd February, 1874. She was a remarkable woman. She read six languages besides her own. For more than 56 years she was the devoted wife of Dr. Halsey. Dr. Halsey retired to his farm near Hammonton, where he lived with his nephew, Mr. Abram H. Van Doren. He died at Norristown, Pa., whither he had gone to attend the burial of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Job F. Halsey, on the 29th of October, 1880, in the 87th year of his age.

He was a man of great learning. When John Quincy Adams died scholars agreed that America had lost her most learned citizen, and they agreed that Dr. Luther Halsey was the most learned man in the United States. Rev. Dr. Page of the Episcopal church said of him, "he is the best read man I have met for twenty years." Dr. M. W. Jacobus said, "He is so full of learning you have only to tap him on any subject, and the stream will flow." Dr. Halsey had a wide and thorough acquaintance with the science of chemistry. His knowledge of ecclesiastical

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history and of the history of America was unsurpassed. In the pulpit, Dr. Halsey was orthodox, instructive and eloquent. He was sought by many of the strongest churches of the land. He was unequalled in a prayer meeting talk. His religious character was sincere and exalted. Socially he was one of the most agreeable and delightful of men. His conversation was wonderfully interesting, brilliant and profitable. Washington College conferred the degree of D. D., upon him in 1831, and that of LL. D., in 1871. He had no children. His portrait hangs in the main hall of North College, Princeton. --From sketch by Rev. G. G. Smith, of Santa Fe, New Mexico in Parkes Historical Gleanings.

Thomas Halsey pp. 98-99
J. L. Halsey & E. D. Halsey
Morristown, N. J.
1895

Portrait faces page 98.

1836 *REV. LUTHER HALSEY, D.D., LL.D..... 1844
Elected Nov. 9, 1836; inaugurated Aug. 14, 1837.

B. Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1794; Union Col. 1812; stud. medicine; stud. theol. with Rev. John Johnson, D.D., of Newburg and at Princ. T. S.; D.D., Wash. Col. 1831; LL.D., from same, 1871; m. Mrs. Anna Gardner Smith, Newburg, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1818; ord. Blooming Grove, N. Y., by Presb., Aug. 7, 1816; p. Blooming Grove, 1816; prof. Nat. Phil., Princ. Col. 1816-29; prof. Theology, Allegheny T. S., 1829-36; prof. Eccl. Hist. and Ch. Polity, Aub. Sem. 1837-44; instr. Ch. Hist., Union T. S., N. Y., 1848-50; res. Hammonton, N. J., lect. in Pract. Theol. Allegheny, 1872-7; prof. emer. Allegheny, 1877-80; d. Norristown, Pa., Oct. 29, 1880.
Auburn Theol. Sem. Cat.

Faculty

1847

LUTHER HALSEY

1850

Born, Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1794; Union College, 1812; studied medicine; studied theology privately with Rev. John Johnson, Newburgh, N. Y.; ordained (Presbytery of Hudson), Aug. 7, 1816; pastor, Blooming Grove (Washingtonville), N. Y., 1816-24; professor (Natural Philosophy, Chemistry and Natural History), College of New Jersey, 1824-29; professor

(Systematic Theology), Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny, Pa., 1829-36; member of Auburn Convention, 1837; professor (Ecclesiastical History and Church Polity), Auburn Theological Seminary, 1837-44; pastor, Manchester, Pa., 1844-47; lecturer (Church History), Union Theological Seminary, 1847-50; stated supply, Blooming Grove, N. Y., 1852-63; residence, Hammonton, N. J., 1863-72; lecturer extraordinary (Practical Theology), Western Theological Seminary, 1872-77; professor emeritus, ditto, 1877-80; died, Norristown, Pa., Oct. 29, 1880. D.D., College of New Jersey, 1831; LL.D., Washington and Jefferson College, 1871. *Union Theol Sem. Cat. 1836-1915.*

Lecturer at U.C.S.

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LUTHER HALSEY

Luther Halsey, D. D. was Professor in the Western Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Allegheny City, Penn. from 1829 to 1837.

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Was called to the pastorate of the church (of Blooming-Grove) in 1815, and remained until 1824. During his ministry there occurred in the parish great revivals of religion. As the fruits of one of these spiritual awakenings, more than a hundred members were added to the church. Dr Halsey left Blooming-Grove to accept a professorship in Nassau Hall. Subsequently he became professor of theology at Allegheny Seminary, and also during his long life he was a teacher in Auburn and in Union Theological Seminaries. He died at Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 2, 1880, nearly 87 years of age.

History of Orange Co., N. Y. p. 637
Ruttenber & Clark.

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There have been five graduates on the faculty of the Auburn Theological Seminary. The earliest was the REV. LUTHER HALSEY, D.D., LL.D., a Schenectadian by birth, who graduated in 1812. He was, first, a professor at Princeton (1816-1829), then at Alleghany Seminary (1829-1836) and went to Auburn in 1837, remaining eight years. He returned to Alleghany in 1872 for a decade, after teaching in Union Seminary for twelve years.

From W. N. P. Dailey '84,
1926.

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✓ *Rev. Luther Halsey, D. D., LL. D.—Prof. Theology, '29-'37; Prof. Ecclesiastical History and Church Government, '36-'44—Born, Schenectady, N. Y., January 1, 1794; U. C.; ord. August 7, '16; P. Blooming Grove, N. J., '16; Prof. N. J. C. till '29; W. T. Sem., '29-'44; Blooming Grove; inst. Ch. Hist. W. T. S., '47-'50; resident Hammonds-town, N. J., '50-'72; lec. ex. on prac. theology, W. T. Sem., '72-'77; Prof. emeritus, '77-'80; D. D., '31, Wash. C.; LL. D., '71, same col.; married, Jan. 1, '18, Mrs. Anna Gardner Smith; died, Norristown, Pa., Oct. 29, '80. *Cat. Western Theol. Sem. p. 17.*

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The Halsey Family

The father, Luther Halsey, was only a licensed minister, preferring not to perform the duties of a public preacher. On the staff of General Washington, during the Revolutionary war, he was an important aid. His days were prolonged for great usefulness in the Church, after training four sons for the ministry. In 1830 he spent some time in Pittsburgh. As he was a tall man, his appearance on the street upon a small horse made him an object of attention, especially as he stopped often to make benevolent calls and to distribute tracts. He was not so grand as when he rode beside Washington, clothed in military garb, but as much so as the great "Captain of salvation" when he rode the streets of Jerusalem upon a colt. It may be said of him what Rev. Dr. Riddle says of Paul, "He was not a man of our times." Simplicity and courage, "bringing forth fruit in old age," characterized him to the end of his life.

Rev. Luther Halsey, D.D.

Rev. Luther Halsey should have such a notice as space will not permit me to give. Tall like his father, bland in his countenance, with intelligence in his eyes, his words and whole demeanor made him the representative of a true Christian. I first saw him at Princeton, a Professor of Natural Science in the College. He was then in comparative youth, attractive in appearance and much beloved by the students. He sometimes occupied the place of preacher in the chapel with great acceptance. He preached both to the students of the Seminary and the College in the same place. Once with his kind eloquence he taught the unconverted students that if they could not open their hearts to receive Jesus, they could keep from closing them. Being dead, he may speak through me the same thing to others.

On becoming a Professor in the Western Theological Seminary, in 1830, he soon acquired the esteem of all who saw or heard him. His deliberate, kind and instructive manner of speaking profited students and hearers in the churches. But the time came when those who would not take an active part in rending the Church were looked upon by some with suspicion. This led him to resign his professorship in an institution in which he felt the deepest interest. Eventually he showed it by the gift of his library, and the directors called him back as Professor to lecture. His last years were spent partly in retirement and study in Allegheny City,

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and partly east of the mountains, in New Jersey. Being called from Hammondsville to Norristown, to attend the funeral services of his brother's wife, he sickened unto death, and finished his long course of study and usefulness on earth, at the advanced age of eighty-six.

From a knowledge of his habit of recording his thoughts--having been an inmate of his family for months--I am persuaded that there is much in manuscript that would benefit the Church if it were published. His modesty and humility may have kept him from giving to the world his writings. But the recollection of his oral communications will be to his friends like "frankincense and myrrh," which leaves its perfume when removed.

Recollection of Useful Persons and Important Events
S. C. Jennings
Vanceport, Pa. 1884.

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