

Amnapolis, July 14th 1855.

Dear Sir: It is presumed, if your Circular is understood, that what you find on the other part of this sheet will meet your wishes in reference to the matter named in your communication. If I have misapprehended you altogether, then burn it, if you please; but if not, then use it, or just that much of it as, in your judgment, should be used, and reject the rest. I never expected to appear in print in this way; but, being an alumnus of Union College, it is as much my privilege thus to appear, since it has been desired, as it is that of any other alumnus

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John Decker was born in Blooming-
Grove, Orange County, New York, November
20th 1797; parents, Jacob Hasbrouck & Abigail
(Furthill) Decker; prepared for College, mainly,
at Blooming-Grove Academy, Thomas Lounsbury
(now Rev. Dr. Lounsbury) and Schuyler Strong, Esq.,
Principals, successively; and entered Union College
in May, 1820. He was Principal of the Grammar
Department, in St. John's College, Annapolis,
Maryland, for twelve years; studied divinity, un-
der the guidance of Rev. Wm. Nevins, D. D., of the Bal-
timore Presbytery; was Pastor of the Presbyterian
Church, in New Castle, Delaware, between
seven and eight years, and afterwards of the
Presbyterian Church, in Bladensburg, Maryland,
for two years. He was Principal of the Bladensburg
Academy for nearly twelve years. At the Com-
mencement of Union College, in July, 1854,
he was ^{unanimously} elected a member of the Phi Beta Kappa

of Union, and I ought therefore to make no
objection.

Very respectfully,

John Decker.

Jonathan Pearson, Librarian,

Union College,

Schenectady.

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Society. He is now (1855) residing in Annapolis, Maryland, teaching a female school, and is disqualified from preaching by Bronchitis.

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JOHN DECKER, 1822, of Annapolis, Md., was a member of the Adelpic Society.
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