Fair Haven, Vermont
Dec. 22, 1934

The Graduate Council
Union College
Schenectady, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Agreedly to your request while en route recently to the North I stopped at Kenosha, Wis., to procure the additional data necessary to fill out the data in the blank you sent me to Palmer Dyar. I had his granddaughter sign it after I had filled it out with her assistance. She gave me two pamphlets of this Bulletin, which I enclose herewith.

I’m no. 217. I thank you for the Chicago material printed in the Chicago Historical Society.

While at the Champlain Convention of the N.Y. State Historical Association, I had the great pleasure of meeting for the first time your Honorable writing President, Dr. Dyonisio P. Hoyt, who is President also of the Association.

Yours most respectfully,

Zenas H. Ellis
UNION COLLEGE ALUMNI RECORD

Please fill in completely and return to:
Graduate Council, Union College, Schenectady, N. Y.

1. Name in Full: Palmer Dyer

2. Son of:
   (A) Father: Edward Dyer
   (B) Mother (maiden name): Sally Bowman


4. Died (date): August 1, 1844 (place): Ausable Chasm, New York

5. Married (name): Sarah Maria Newcomb (date): June 5, 1828
   (A) Wife was born (date): May 11, 1800 (place): Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
   (B) Wife died (date): September 6, 1860 (place): Milwaukee, Wisconsin

6. Children:
   Name: Ellen Maria
   (Mrs. Charles A. Hastings)
   Date of Birth: October 20, 1829
   Date of Death: June 1914

7. Prepared for college at: Castleton (Vt.) Academy, and private tutors at Rutland, Vt.

8. College Life:
   (A) Fraternity membership: Do not know, college records ought to tell.
   (B) Literary or social organization membership
   (c) Class offices
   (d) College prizes and honors

9. Other colleges attended: General Theological Seminary, New Haven, Conn.

10. Degrees: A.B., A.M.

11. Profession: Protestant Episcopal Clergyman; ordained Priest by Bishop Hobart at
    Trinity Church, New York City in 1825.

12. Business and professional positions held with dates:
    Rector Trinity Church, Granville, N. Y.; St. Paul's Syracuse, N. Y.
    Apostolic, Geddes, N. Y.; St. Jude's, Peoria, Illinois; St. Paul's, Whitehall, N. Y.
    Did much missionary work East and West. Was one of the organizers of the Diocese
    of Illinois and was appointed one of the delegates to the General Convention at

13. Military history and titles
14. PUBLIC OFFICES HELD WITH DATES.

15. MEMBER OF PROFESSIONAL, LITERARY, SCIENTIFIC, SOCIETIES
   Corresponding Sec'y Syracuse (New York) Lyceum; President Peoria (Ill.) Temperance
   Society; Secretary Missionary Soc. Onondaga and Cayuga Counties, N. Y.

16. LITERARY PRODUCTIONS, DATE AND PUBLISHER. Editor Episcopal Watchman, Hartford,
   Conn., beginning April 25, 1829; Testimonies for Episcopacy, Whitehall, N. Y., 1841;
   Discourse on the death of William Henry Harrison, Whitehall (n.Y.), 1841; frequent
   contributor to the Gospel messenger, Utica, N. Y.; also numerous tracts.

17. RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION. Protestant Episcopal

18. POLITICAL PREFERENCE

19. BROTHERS AND SISTERS. John Dyer, Edward Dyer, Horace Dyer, Sybil Dyer Randall,
   (Horace and Sarah were half brother and sister of him, respectively.)

20. RELATIVES OF SELF OR WIFE AT UNION

21. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. (USE THIS SPACE FOR ANY OTHER BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OR TO
    SUPPLEMENT ANY OF THE ABOVE ANSWERS.) Preached the first sermon and administered
    the first sacrament of the Lord's Supper of the Protestant Episcopal church at
    Chicago, Illinois, Sunday, October 12, 1854. Organized the first church of any
    kind in Peoria County, Illinois.

    May be found in book at Library of Chicago Historical Society.

22. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON THROUGH WHOM I CAN ALWAYS BE REACHED.

   NAME
   STREET
   CITY
   STATE

23. INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY Mrs. Helen Newcomb Hastings (granddaughter).

   STREET ADDRESS 1628 Washington Road
   CITY AND STATE Kinocha, Wisconsin
   DATE Sept. 8, 1954
1. Name in Full:   Sanford Dye

2. Son of (a) Father:   Edward Dye
(b) Mother (maiden name):   Sally Bowman


4. Died (date):   August 1, 1844 (place):   Ausable Chasm, New York

5. Married (name):   Sarah Maria Newcomb (date):   June 3, 1830 (place):   Poughkeepsie, NY

6. Children:   Name:   Ellen Maria (married to Hastings)

7. Prepared for college at:   Castleton (Vt.) Academy & private tutor

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17. Religious denomination.
Protestant Episcopal.

18. Political preference.

John Dyer; Edward Dyer; Horace Dyer; Sybil Dyer; Flindall; China Dyer Eate; Laura Dyer; Barnes; Harriet Dyer; Hulett; Sarah Dyer; Ellis
Henry and Sarah, half brother and sister of him.

20. Relatives of self or wife at Union.

21. Additional information. (Use this space for any other biographical data or to supplement any of the above answers.)
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22. Name and address of person through whom I can always be reached.

23. Information supplied by.

Name of person:
Street Address:
City and State:

Date: Oct 18, 193
Alumni Notes

1820

March 1856

A page of the Castle-Tune, year book of the State Normal School at Castleton, Vermont, has been devoted to a brief memorial biography of the Rev. Palmer Dyer of the class of 1820. This article was written by Mr. Zenas H. Ellis, of Fair Haven, Vermont, a nephew of the Reverend Mr. Dyer. Mr. Ellis' memorial article follows:


Graduated from Union College, Schenectady, New York, 1820. Graduated from the General Theological Seminary of New Haven, Connecticut, and New York City, 1823. Ordained Priest by Bishop Hobart in Trinity Church, New York City, 1825. Editor of Episcopal Watchman, Hartford, Connecticut. Organizer and Rector of various parishes in the East. Did much missionary work there and in the then Far West. Preached the First Sermon and administered the First Sacrament of the Lord's Supper of his Faith at Chicago, Illinois, October 12, 1834. Member and Secretary of the Primary Convention, Peoria, Illinois, March 9, 1835, which organized the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Illinois; appointed the Reverend Philander Chase first Bishop thereof, and himself a Delegate to the next General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, at Philadelphia, August, 1835.

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Truly he was the Veritable St. Paul of his Church, both in preaching and traveling, even unto death.

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Adelphic Catalogue 1830

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(Died: 1844)
Rev. Palmer Dyer (succeeded Rev. Moses Burt in Episcopal church of Pawlet, Vt.). He "was greatly beloved by the people and whose memory is fondly cherished by the few who survive him. He was a native of Rutland, Vt. and the son of Edward Dyer. We know little of his early history only that he was of studious habits and led an exemplary life. He was graduated at Union College in the same class with the late Isaac W. Bishop (1823) of Granville, N.Y., about, (we think) 1818. After ordination to the Episcopal ministry by Bishop Hobart he was a candidate for appointment to the Palestine mission by the American Board of Commissioners for foreign missions. He was in many respects specially fitted for that service, being a good classical scholar and could act in harmony with missionaries of other denominations. It was also thought that as eastern people were accustomed to liturgical services an Episcopalian would be specially acceptable, but Mr. Dyer was extremely deaf, and as we remember was rejected on that account. We have not the date of his ordination but we think it was in 1820 or 1821. He became rector of Trinity Church, Granville, St. Paul's Church, Wells and Trinity Church, Pawlet in 1823, and continued until 1829, when he removed to Hartford, Ct., where for a few years he edited a church paper. He came back from Hartford and was for some time in Whitehall where he married a sister of Dr. Newcomb, and in 1835 became again rector of Trinity church, continuing two years. The old brick church was usually filled and many times crowded during his ministry. We are unable to trace his history after Granville, but he was in active service at Whitehall and at points down the lake until he met his fate by drowning at the Au Sable chasm in 1844 at the age of 46. His sepulchre and monument are in Trinity cemetery near the church he loved so well and among the people who fully reciprocated that affection. During his pastorate Trinity Church, Pawlet, and St. Paul's Church, Wells, were organized.

Early History of Pawlet, Vt. Hiel Hollister
(Newspaper clippings--In scrap book in N. Y. State Library. p. 15.)

Rev. Palmer Dyer, a native of Rutland, Vt., a graduate of Union College, assumed the rectorship (Trinity Church of Pawlet, Vt.) and continued until 1829. Under his able, learned and devoted ministry, there were large accessions both to the church and congregation—the old brick house being usually filled. Mr. Dyer's sad fate of being drowned in the Au Sable river in 1844, caused many a sorrowing heart. He was greatly attached to this church, and as I understood, expressed a wish that his tomb should be built in the shadow of its walls. During Mr. Dyer's pastorate, the churchmen in Wells and Pawlet established local organizations, the former under the name of St. Paul's church, and the latter under the name of Trinity Church. In establishing these churches, there was no intention at first of severing their connection with the church at Granville, but only to place themselves in a position to claim a share of church funds, which after a long litigation had been awarded to them.

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1820.

P ALM E R D Y E R.

Pastor of St. Paul's Church (Protestant Episcopal) of Syracuse. This church was also served by William J. Bulkley and Augustus L. Converse.

Onondaga p. 97
Clark.
SERMON
OF THE REV., P. Dyer
at
MICHIGAN CITY, OCTOBER 5, 1834

At the first services of the Protestant Episcopal Church ever held on the shores of Lake Michigan.
Andrews, History of Chicago, has this, as typed therefrom by the Chicago Historical Society, on September 20, 1893, for Mr. Zenas H. Ellis, of Fair Haven, Vermont.

"Rev. Palmer Dyer arrived in Chicago on the 10th of October, 1834, and on or about the 12th, by invitation of Rev. Jeremiah Porter, preached both morning and afternoon in the Presbyterian church. These were the first Episcopal services held in Chicago. In the morning the text was Matthew xviii, 3: 'Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of heaven.' In the afternoon the text was Isaiah xl, 8: 'The grass withereth, the flowers fade, but the word of our God shall stand forever.' After the afternoon service Mr. Dyer administered the sacrament to four Episcopalians—three lady members of Mr. Kindel's family and one gentleman—an about twenty-five Presbyterians. Mr. Dyer did not remain in Chicago, but afterwards went to Peoria, and thence to Fort Snelling as army Chaplain."

"This is the identical sermon preached as above. On it are noted the two above places, dates, which are set down in the Journal of the Rev. Dyer. This sermon was secured by Mr. Ellis from a descendant of his Uncle Palmer, at Kenosha, Wisconsin, and is without fear of contradiction one of the most historic sermons ever preached in the United States.

ISAIAH XL, 8

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:
but the word of our God shall stand forever."

The withering grass and the fading flower are an emblem of man in his best estate here on earth. Thus the prophet explains his words, when he says in the preceeding verse, surely the people are grass. He is comforting the afflicted people of God, by informing them that God is about to appear in their behalf, agreeably to his promise, to deliver them from their captivity at Babylon, to restore them to their own land, and to cause his glory to rest upon them in the eyes of the nation.

It is promised that they shall receive of the Lord's hand double blessings for all the punishment and evil that they have suffered. And to encourage them more and to prevent them from despairing of deliverance on account of the might and prosperity of the enemies to whom they were in bondage, they are exhorted to be confident in the Lord, who regards them with tender compassion. They are reminded of his unchangeable veracity: That the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it, is sufficient to assure them that it shall come to pass; for the word of the Lord shall endure forever. They are reminded of his almighty power, which is pledged for their salvation, and of the utter insignificance of all human strength when arrayed in opposition to Him. "Behold, the nations that oppress you are before Him" as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance. All nations before Him are as nothing: and they are counted to him less than nothing and vanish. The mightiest, and proudest, and most boastful among the children of men are but as the grass and the flower. The spirit of
A STORY OF WALES

The place I stayed in—well, it was a hotel, I suppose, but as it was the end of March, I was the only visitor, and we were to be only the third family to stay there this season. My acquaintance with the place was limited to the fact that it was supposed to have been built for the benefit of the ladies, the more so because it was entirely supplied with women, and was considered the place to go to if you wanted to get a good time. I don't know how many men there were there, or how many other things there were, but it was certainly the best place I've ever been in. I was very glad to find that the place was somewhat small, and that there was nothing to do but walk about the streets and talk to the people.

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WHILE ROAMING IN WYOMING VALLEY, PA.

By ETHELYN GERITY, Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Miles of Lunenburg recently visited at Scranton.

The Young People's Society of Ed.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas of...-

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LETTERS TO OUR EDITOR
WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR READERS VIEWS

Our Musical Heritage
By PROF. JOHN G. THOMAS

We, as Welsh people have a wonder,

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Facts and Fancies

The Gallant Lady of Postville told her aunt for better or for worse. Miss Sophie Reen, formerly of Postville, was united in marriage to Mr. Rufus W. Young of Southville, South Wales, who are now residing at 414 St. John’s Place, Brooklyn. Her maiden name is one of the most promising students at the College. The Welsh are proud of learning of the success of this son of Wales in the music world.

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Mrs. Arthur Prime, of East 55th Street, is now recovering after a severe sickness, which meant the termination of a trip to Europe during the past summer. We are glad to announce that Mrs. Prime is now recovering, and is able to be about again.

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—Edwin Markham.

"A plumbago, as we understand it, is a man who answers the plank's diaphanous question, and who, knowing he is plumb, lets his head o'er a heavy arm, and ought to be set there by now."

—New York World Telegram.

What Every Woman Believes That all men are attracted to her. That she is indispensable. That she is different. That it is the man who does not know it who is missing. That vanity in only skin deep if you save the surface you save all. That the abbanian always tells her she looks too small. —Delaware Review.

It is great to be great, but it is greater to be human.—Will Rogers.

The limits of the universe are set by the barriers of man.

—Ray Lynne Wilbur.

Money is an invincible servant, a matter it is a devil to serve.

—Stanley Baldwin.

"So an evening wore on," said the report. "And then, as evening wore on, "Took me," interrupted the witness, "And then, as evening wore on, "And then, as evening wore on," replied the reporter, "And then, as evening wore on," I believe that it was the close of day."

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To brighten their path, that solemn night
With visions of hope, and love sublime
Erectly seeking the Child Divine.

Oh wonderful Star, thou standest still,
Over the manger, on Bethlehem's hill;
With heart filled with wonder, and thrills of delight,
They gaze in great wonder, at the beautiful sight.
Their journey is ended, the Babe is found,
And the promise of ages, Thy beauty has resumed,

For lo! in a manger, at earliest dawn
A Prince, and a King, and a Savior was born.
They haste to the manger, and kneel by the Babe,
And reverently worship the Mother and Child;
They bring honored presents, and riches untold,
And place at the feet of the Babe in the fold.

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem,
Shine on my path, Till the goal is won:
When I've answered the call, and am "Crowning the Bar,"
Lead me safe, to gates afar;
Thou, radiant Star, again stand still,
As in days of old, on Bethlehem's hill.
Then we'll join in the song, that wonderful song,
The angels sang on that Christmas morn, "Peace on Earth, good will to men."
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