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To *Henry N. Hayes* of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1823
(or, if deceased, to the friend or relative who knew him best :)

SIR,—

It is 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 ; also, copies of their Literary Works, Addresses, Sermons, Essays, Newspapers, engraved 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 Glidden Brown was born in Quinneeck, N. Y., May 2, 1800 ; parents, James and Elizabeth (Glidden) Brown, who moved to Epsom, N. Y., in 1806. He was prepared for College at Helderbergh 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 1846.

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 1825. He was Pastor of the 1st Congregational Church of Haselton, Conn. 1825-30 ; Professor of Rhetoric in Eric 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. 23, 1778. in Benton, 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 Physic and Dr. Abram Potecar, of Camerville ; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to, and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, 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 Fairhaven 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."

N. B. 1. Let the answers to the following questions be as full and *authentic* as possible ; but when doubtful let them be marked thus (?).
2. When the person is deceased let some near relative or friend fill out the blanks to the best of his knowledge ; if he have but *one fact*, let that be sent.
3. Let as much time be taken as may be found necessary for this purpose, and no more.
4. In case this sheet be not sufficient to contain all the facts to be sent, add another of the *same size*, if possible, leaving an inner margin of not less than one inch for *binding*.
5. In cases where no answers to this circular shall be returned, the editor will be obliged to publish such names without any biographical notices, or to rely upon information, gathered from other sources, and, therefore, not always *authentic*.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES

I. Name. *Hervey H. Hayes*

[Let this be written plainly and the *middle* names in full.]

II. Names of both Parents ; thus :— *Obadiah & Abinoam Hayes*
[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

III. Birth Place. *Granby Connecticut* Birth Day and Year.

IV. Various residences and dates ; thus :—
[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24 ; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30 ; New-York City, 1830-54.]

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates ; thus :— *With Timothy*
[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]
At Cooley Granville Mass.

VI. At what College he graduated, and when. *Union College in 1823*

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession ; thus :— *Taught Academy*
[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]
in Springfield Mass. one year

VIII. The profession he studied ; where ; with whom ; when ; thus :— *Theology Princeton N. J.*
[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates ; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs ; thus :— *Chaplain U. States Navy 6 years — Principal of*
[Eps., Somerville, N. J., 1827-30 ; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5 ; New-York City, 1835-54.]
Western Pennsylvania Lyceum 2 years — Principal of Lower Marion College 4 years — Missionary in
Louis, Henry, & Marion Counties 4 years in Mo.

X. The other occupations he has followed ; when and where ; thus :—
[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35 ; or Farmer, Geneseo, N. Y., 1835-54 ; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N. Y., 1841-48 ; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.]

Pastor of 2^d Presbyterian Church Rock Island
where he is
April 1st 1855 on his 3^d year

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[Surrogate of Jefferson Co., N. Y., 1839-41 and 1845-7; Member of Congress, 21st district, N. Y., 1841-43; Member of Assembly, of N. Y., 1821-4, &c., &c.]

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited

[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]

occasional addresses

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College

*Brother graduated at Yale College
same year*

XIV. The literary, professional, or honorary titles he received; from whence, with dates; thus:—

[M. D., from Albany Medical College 1845; or LL. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

Doctor by public

*acclamation which he has worn so long that the honor
appears natural.*

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death.

Expects every year to die but in health.

[Send any printed notice, biographical sketch, funeral sermon, &c. In many instances more space will be required to answer this and the three following questions, in which case add an additional sheet.]

XVII. General information respecting character, services, success, interesting passages and events in his life, &c.

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

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

[John Orton Smith, Banker, Chicopee, Mass., died 1848. His brother, Joseph H. Smith, resides in Springfield, Mass.]

CLASS OF 1823

HARVEY HALCOMB HAYES

The son of Obadiah and Ahinoam (Holcomb) Hayes, was born at Granby, Conn., May 3, 1796. He was one of several children--another of whom, Gurdon Hayes, is a Congregational minister of the gospel at Muscatine, Iowa.

Mr. Hayes attended Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and graduated in 1823 with the honors of his class. He entered Princeton Theological Seminary in 1824, and received an appointment as chaplain in the U. S. Navy before the close of his senior year. He was licensed and ordained in 1827 by a Congregational association at Boston, Mass., of which Dr. Lyman Beecher was at that time a member. He entered upon the naval service as chaplain in 1827, and was at sea three years on the Java, and most of the time cruised in the Mediterranean. During this period he received six months' leave of absence, which he spent in traveling in various parts of Europe and Asia. From 1830 to 1833 he served as chaplain at several navy-yards on the Atlantic coast, and then resigned his commission. He preached for a while in various places, and received some invitations to settle over churches, but instead took charge of a manual labor school at Zelionople, near Pittsburg, Pa. He removed in 1836 to West Ely, Mo., where he became principal of Marion College, which had been established by Ezra Stiles Ely, D.D. He became involved in some pecuniary difficulties connected with the college but by his energy and perseverance assisted greatly in overcoming them at the time, though the crisis of 1837 operated disastrously upon the institution, which was finally abandoned in 1842 or 1843. (See Gillett's History of the Presbyterian Church, vol. xi. pp. 435-437.) Mr. Hayes had before this connected himself with the Presbyterian Church, and was present at the Assembly of 1837, and was one of the protestants against the "exscinding acts;" and was from that time a member of the New School body. While connected with Marion College he had been in the habit of preaching in destitute neighborhoods; and after the conclusion of his labors with the college he turned his attention entirely to ministerial service, and preached at various points in Missouri, almost entirely at his own expense, and was the means of the organization of several Presbyterian churches. He, however, assumed no regular charge until in 1853, when he removed to Rock Island, Ill., and became pastor of the Second Presbyterian church there. He labored there with good success, securing the building of a fine church edifice and being otherwise prospered. In 1856 or 1857 he resigned his pastorate, and was employed for a year or longer as a synodical missionary by the Synod of Peoria. He then spent another year at Rock Island as stated supply, and then preached at Bentonsport, Iowa, from 1858-1862. After remaining about a year at Washington, D. C., and elsewhere, without charge, he preached at Kossuth, Iowa, from 1863-1865. From that time he resided at Washington, D. C., without charge, and was visiting Rock Island, Ill., when he was suddenly called to his rest, being found dead in his bed on the morning of July 20, 1867, in consequence, as was supposed, of

an instantly fatal stroke of apoplexy. His remains were embalmed and sent to Washington and buried there. Funeral services were, however, held in the Second Presbyterian church at Rock Island, conducted by Rev. W. W. Wetmore, who was pastor at that time, in connection with S. T. Wilson, D.D., of the First Presbyterian of Rock Island, and Rev. Glen Wood of Chicago. Many citizens manifested by their presence their respect for the memory of one who had for many years walked among them, and others showed deeper tokens of their regard for him as associated with their religious labors and experiences.

Mr. Hayes was married April 16, 1839, to Mrs. Maria B. (Porter) Tucker, widow of Rev. M. Tucker, a Methodist minister. She survives him. They had no children.

Mr. Hayes was blessed throughout his life with unusually continuous good health. He was accordingly fitted, physically, for great activity, and this was one of his characteristics. Even up to the time of his death he was almost constantly busy. He combined intellectual with physical labor in such a way as to accomplish much without weariness. He was a good sermonizer and an acceptable and instructive preacher. He was possessed of some peculiarities of manner, particularly his bluntness, and in some forms of expression acquired perhaps during his intercourse with sailors. He was very courteous to his brethren in the ministry, and affable toward all. He cherished to the last a love for the work of the ministry, and would gladly have continued in it had circumstances permitted. Many persons retain pleasant memories of his relations with them, and doubtless many will hereafter rise up and call him blessed.

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CLASS OF 1823

HARVEY HOLCOMBE HAYES

Born at N. Granby, Conn., May 23, 1796.
Died at Rock Island, Ills. (while on visit there), July 20, 1867.

Graduated at Union College, 1824, and at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Chaplain United States Navy, 1825-1831.

Principal of a school at Yelinople, Pa., 1813-16.

Professor in Marion College, Missouri, and pastor in several places in the same state, Illinois, and Iowa, till 1866, from which time he resided in Washington, D. C.; on church covenant at Salmon Brook, 1818.

He married April 16, 1839, Mrs. Maria B. (Porter) Tucker, daughter of John W. and Rebecca (Cheney) Porter of Marlboro, Md. She was born at Washington, D. C., and survived him. In 1883, she resided in Rock Island, Illinois.

No children.

FROM George Hayes of Windsor p. 89
Rev. Charles Wells Hayes
Baker, Jones & Co.
Buffalo 1884.

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*Hayes, Hervey Holcomb—b. Granby, Ct., May 3, 1796; U. C., 1823; (2+);
ord. evang. Cong., '27; chap. U. S. N., '27-33; tea. near Pittsburgh, Pa., '33-
36; prof. M. C. M., '36-43; p. Rock Island, Ill., '53-56; syn. miss. Peoria, Ill.,
'56-57; s. s. Rock Island, '57-58; s. s. Bentonsport, Ia., '58-62; s. s. Kossuth,
'63-65; d. Rock Island, Ill., July 20, 1867.

Princeton Theol. Cat. 1894.

HARVEY HAYES, 1823, of Granby, Conn., was a member of the Adelpic Society.
Adelpic Catalogue 1830 (Died: 1867)

1823

HERVEY H. HAYES:

One of the outstanding men appointed to the faculty in 1838 was the Eeverend Hervey H. Hayes, principal of the manual labor institute, Zelienople, Pa. Hayes became the principal of the preparatory department at the lower college located on a large tract of land. He purchased at least 1,350 acres of the college land and was the one from whom the Masonic Grand Lodge of Missouri later acquired title to the college buildings and campus. p.310

In reorganizing the college in 1842, Hervey H. Hayes was one of the assignees. p. 317

But Marion College was too much of a speculative scheme to be saved even by a reorganization. Early in 1842, Hayes became the owner of the upper and lower college buildings and 1,350 acres of the college lands. On Sept. 12, 1842, the Masonic Grand Lodge of Missouri purchased the college properties for \$9,500 to be used as a school and orphan asylum. p. 317

The Marion College Episode in Northeast
Missouri History.
Howard I. McKee
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1823

HARVEY H. HAYES:

Born May 3, 1796, Granby, Conn.; studied at Princeton Seminary; left college before graduation to become Chaplain, U.S. Navy, served 1827-31; traveling six months in Asia and Europe; Director Manual Labor School in Pittsburgh, Pa.; Principal Marion Lower College, West Ely, Mo.; the college failing financially, he became a missionary in Missouri. In 1853 pastor at Rock Island, successful. In 1857, resigned and became missionary of Synod; preached in Bentonsport and Kossuth, 1859-65. Then lived at Washington, D.C., without charge. Died of apoplexy, at Rock Island while on a visit, July 20, 1867, leaving a widow.

Prof. Lamoroux's Notes.