

CLASS OF 1822

ABRAHAM OOTHOUT HALSEY

Born November 11, 1798 at Whitesboro.

Graduated at Union College, 1822.

Died August, 1868 at Richboa, Pa.

Married 1st. Elizabeth Vanarsdale, who was born Jan. 29, 1794; died November, 1848. She was a noble, good woman, and of inestimable help to him.

Married 2nd. Harriet A. Adair, born at Chambersburg, and died in 1866 at Churchville, Pa.

He studied divinity at Princeton; founded and established a church (Presbyterian) on Vine Street, Philadelphia, near Twelfth Street, which charge he resigned after two or three years' pastorate and accepted a call to the Dutch Reformed Church of North and Southampton located at Churchville, Bucks Co., Pa., where he remained its Pastor forty-nine years. He resigned on account of ill health in 1866, and lived with his son, Luther F. Halsey, M. D., about one year, and died August, 1868. While Pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church at Churchville, Pa., he took into his family many boys and fitted them for college, among whom was Elisha K. Kane, the Artic explorer. He was a profound theologian. He was called to many churches in New York City and Brooklyn, but declined. Being of a very modest, retiring disposition, he preferred rural country life. He was endowed with great strength. At one time a man called on him and was insulting in his manner and language, whereupon Mr. Halsey picked him up bodily and held him over a large rain cask, and told him unless he took back what he had said and apologized, he would souse him into it head and heels.

FROM Thomas Halsey of Hertfordshire, England
Jacob L. and Edmund D. Halsey
Morristown, N. J.
1895.

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R. D. ch., Newton, Pa., '29-67; d. Swedesboro, N. J., Aug. 23, 1868. D. D.,
R. C., '59. *Princeton Theol. Cat.* 1894.

¹Hulse, Owen, b. Morristown, N. J., Jan. 20, 1797; M. C. 1819; d. in Morristown, N. J., 1868.

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He was a man of child-like spirit, esteeming others better than himself. He was diffident about preaching before other ministers, yet he had excellent gifts. He was unsuspecting. While mighty to wield the weapons of war against Christ's enemies, it was a fault that he knew not how to defend himself. He was also a man of catholic spirit. He had no war with other sects. With well-settled views of his own, he cared not to dispute. His charitableness was unbounded. He was the highest style of an old-school Christian gentleman. His sympathies were also remarkable. He had a way of talking to the afflicted, of addressing a little child, of listening to a story of distress, that few equal, and his prayers were possessed of peculiar unction. He was eminent as a preacher. New York and Philadelphia sought his services when in middle life, but he remained in his first charge. He had great vigor of health, was an athletic man, and a severe student. When in middle life, with full voice, and large presence, and gleaming eye, and great thoughts, as he stood in his pulpit, he was overwhelming, sometimes melting his congregation with the pity and tenderness of the cross, and then coming down like an avalanche of rock upon the fortresses of darkness. The Bible was his great study, and to illustrate and corroborate its truths he delved into all modern science, ransacking and rifling the astronomical, geological, botanic and mineralogical worlds. He had great originality of intellect, and spoke literally extempore. He sometimes talked in parables and allegories. There was no hollow cant, no whining sentimentality about him, but a manly carriage of Christian behavior that showed the world he loved Christ.

ABRAHAM O. HASLEY, 1822, of South Hampton, N.J., was a member of the Adelpic Society. (Died: 1868)
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