JOSEPH J. GRAY, '25,

was born in Halifax county, N. C., August 5th, 1804. On graduation he received the honor of Phi Beta Kappa. Until 1832 he lived on a plantation in North Carolina; then entered the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Hanover, Ind.; carried on missionary work in Greene county, Ill., in 1834–36; was Pastor of the Union Church in Morgan county, Ill., for a year, where voice and health failed. He then spent several years in merchandise at Monmouth, Ill.; then resumed missionary work through 1844 and 1846. Not recovering his health, he settled on a farm near Greenfield, Ill., for the remainder of his life, preaching only occasionally. He was strongly Anti-slavery, having freed all his own slaves and sent them to Liberia. He was a Whig, and afterward a Republican and strong Union man during the War. He died of bronchitis, December 11th, 1888, leaving nine children.