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To B. R. Hall,

of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1820

(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 Quinipeck, 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 Erie 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 Camermile; 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. *Baynard R. Hall, or B. R. Hall.*
 [Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.] *Baynard Rush Hall.*

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—
 [John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.] *John Hall, m. & Elizabeth (Baynard) Hall.*

III. Birth Place. *Near Philadelphia, Turner's Lane* Birth Day and Year. *28th of Jan. 1798.*

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—
 [Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]
Have lived - 1) Philadelphia 8 years - 2) Great Valley Pa. 3 years - 3) Trenton N. J. - 4) Badentown. - 5) Princeton. 6) Bedford Pa. 6 yrs. - 7) Bloomington Ind. 8) Danville Ky. - 9) B. Keepie N.Y. - 10) Newburg - 11) Brooklyn. G. & S.

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:—
 [Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]
Elementary education with Rev. Dr. William Latta, 20 miles West of Phila. One year in Princeton College before going to Union. From 1816 to 1820 &c.

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.
Union Col. Science (ad.) May in class with Prof. Taylor Lewis - about 1820 or 21.

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus:—
 [Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-48, or Merchant's Clerk, New-York City, 1849-51.]
Went from college into Theological Seminary.

VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:—
 [Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanns Bleecker, 1840-2.]
*Theology Princeton N. J. 3 years course, about 1821-24 }
 (Can't find my dates) to 1824 or 25 }*

IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; thus:—
 [Epis., Somerville, N. J., 1827-30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5; New-York City, 1835-54.]
Preached 8 years in Indiana; 6 years in Penns. Bedford. Only times I was Pastor. Have preached every where & for any denomination. Am old School Pres. - belong to Dutch Reformed - & now preach twice a Sabbath to a Congregational Ch. in Brooklyn.

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.]
Have taught all sorts of schools, & all sorts of things: even the Violin & Flute. Also preached in the morning at one end of a church & with Flute & bell choir in the same in afternoon.

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.]
Most important the Preacher's. Was Principal of Indiana State Sem. at Bloomington for 5 years. Was the "beginning" of the State University & acted 3 years as Professor of Languages.

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.
 [Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]
I wrote a "Latin Grammar" some 20 years ago. It is out of the market. I wrote "The New Purchase" 2 vols. Next "Something for Every Body on Old Purchase" 1 vol. Next "Teaching a Science" 1 vol. Next "Frank Freeman's Barber Shop" 1 vol.

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.
Never had any work naming. Am Earl of 10 children. Was left orphan at 3 years. Steam nearly run out. The dear old Negro woman who nursed & loved me died 20 years ago aged 100 years & 3 m. She is as dear to me as any one of my relatives that ever graduated. She is "Dinah" of F. Freeman.

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.]
Received "A. M." 1827 from Miami University Ohio. "Ad Eundem" College of N. Jersey Princeton - about 7 or 8 years after. "D. D." from Rutgers, Col. N. Brunswick - about 5 years ago.

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?
 [One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]
One Subtreasury Dep. Portraits.

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

I am 58 years old & am rapidly approaching the "appointed time". None will care, but a small family. To the mass is a great city, a dead man is little better than a dead dog. But a poor man is a nuisance - & I belong to that class. The world with all such nuisances abated. In 35 years preaching I have received in salaries & wages & presents & fees nearly \$6000.00! Who will pay my funeral expenses I know not - but to bury a man is cheaper than to maintain him. "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong" - I fill out the blanks of this sheet, but I may not be discourteous: - but what can be in me worth all this trouble on the Librarian's part is marvellous. I trust that through Jesus Christ I have a - Home: - but not here. Palms or Umbra sumus.

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

Have a fair character. My "interesting passages" may be found in my books, specially *New Purchase & Something for Every Body*. Have tried to be useful every way. Present School very small - Congregation very small. Am in no way among the Notables of Brooklyn. Lecture a little - I am said to be entertaining.

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

The Ancestors of my father came from Great Britain & settled in Maryland & Virginia. My father John Hall, M. D. was a Surgeon in the Revolutionary Army. He was an agent of the American Land Company & was employed in the purchase of Land in North Carolina & in the Gasco County. He was also as a Speculator linked in with Gen. Wade Hampton & Gen. Sumner. He was first cousin to Dr Benjamin Rush whose mother was a Hall. He died 50 years ago in Philadelphia.

The family name of my mother is Baynard. The Baynards all came from England about 150 years ago. Perhaps the name is Norman French - & possibly we are related to "Baynard's Castle" or some old feudal tower that built it. My mother's family belongs to Edisto Is. S. C. & Georgia.

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.]

1820 HALL, BAYNARD RUSH.

Son of Dr. John Hall of Philadelphia and Elizabeth (Baynard) Hall. Only child: 1798-1863.

Her parents were William Baynard and Elizabeth Grimball.

South Carolina Hist. & Gen. Magazine
p. 40.
April, 1922

Dr. John Hall married Mrs. Eliza Ann Baynard, and had a son, Rev. Baynard Rush Hall, who died in 1863.

Maryland Hist. Magazine
p. 297
September, 1913.

Baynard (or Bayned) Rust 1820
Hall

Entered as a sophomore in 1818 from Philadelphia. Dismissed at own request May 22, 1819. Received an honorary A.M. degree from Princeton in 1842. President University of Indiana 1824-28; Professor University of Indiana 1828-31; D.D. Rutgers, 1848. Died 1863.

Princeton Univ.
1840

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CLASS OF 1820

BAYNARD R. HALL

Principal of the Dutchess County Academy, Poughkeepsie, from 1845 to April 13, 1847.

COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY.—The ninety-sixth anniversary of this institution was celebrated at Princeton, on Wednesday 28th of September. The annual oration before the Alumni was delivered by Samuel J. Wilkin, of Orange county, New Jersey. The societies were deprived of the services of the appointed orator, Gov. Iredel of North Carolina, who was not able to attend. Mr. Berrian, Senator from Georgia, but a native of New Jersey, and a graduate of 1796, was present, and warmly greeted. A class of forty-four was graduated, and received the degree of A. B. The honorary degree of D. D. was conferred on the Rev. William Cunningham, of Edingburgh, Scotland, and on the Rev. Adolphe Monod, Professor in the Theological Faculty, Montauban, France. The honorary degree of A. M. was conferred on Craig Moffit, Esq., of Mount Holly, New Jersey. The honorary degree of A. B. was conferred on Alexander C. Matheson, of South Carolina. The Rev. Baynard R. Hall, an Alumnus of Union College, and Lyndon A. Smith, an Alumnus of Dartmouth College, were admitted to the second degree of the Arts, *ad eundem*, in this College.

At a meeting of the Alumni Association, the old officers were re-elected. Mr. McPherson Berrien, of Georgia, being chosen a Vice-President, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Southard.—*Presbyterian.*

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*Hall, Baynard Rush—b. Phila., Pa., 1798; U. C., 1820; (3); ord. Pby. Salem, Apr. 13, '25; prof. U. I., '23-31; s. s. Bloomington, Ind., '26-30; tea. and s. s. Bedford, Pa., '31-38; prin. Bordentown, N. J.; prin. Trenton; prin. Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; prin. Newburgh; prin. Park Inst., Brooklyn, N. Y.; p. R. D. ch.; d. Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 23, 1863. D. D., R. C., '48.

Princeton Theol. Sem. cat.

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See Manual, 1902.

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Local History, Genealogy

(By Edith A. Harrison)

T.H.—Baynard R. Hall was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1798. A graduate of Union College 1820; Princeton Seminary 1823. Bloomington, Indiana and Professor in the University of Indiana in 1823; in Bedford, Pa. in 1825 or about that year. He was a teacher in Trenton, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh and Brooklyn up to 1846. He died in 1863.

His family was a prominent family of the period in which he lived. His father was a surgeon and was connected with General George Washington's staff. At the age of about three years he was left an orphan. His father left a large fortune to him, but through some poor management he never received any of it. There are large tracts of land in Pennsylvania and South Carolina which are still known as the "Hall Claim".

His guardian was Dr. Rush, of Philadelphia, who was a celebrated personage. Dr. Rush did all he could for his charge. He planned to make an eminent lawyer of him, but as soon as he was converted, he decided to enter the ministry. He had several high and important positions as a teacher. In his latter years he was a great friend of the poor in Brooklyn, where he preached and taught. These poor people shed many tears of sorrow when he died.

Dr. Hall had great ability, as a scholar of the first rank, and also as an author. It was remarked by a professor at Hall's graduation "Young Hall in ten or twelve years is likely to be at the head of one of the first institutions of learning in our country." He was the author of several works. He was known as a correct scholar in speech, and he was a master of all styles of writing. He was also considered a very deep thinker.

When he was 30 years of age he published a Latin Grammar, which ranked him among the highest of the classical scholars. His "The New Purchase or Seven Years in the War" was a very popular publication. A British Review stated he was "a master of all styles".

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His life was "influenced by the strongest religious convictions as well as by inherent charity". His labors were spent in benevolence, and these were not stopped until his final illness came, from which he never recovered. He was one of the great teachers of the Gospel of that time.

A. A.—There are many Allen genealogies. There is an Allen genealogy which is really a memoir of Col. John Allan, who was an officer of the Revolution. He was born in Edinburgh Castle, Scotland, January 3, 1746; he died at Lubec, Maine, February 7, 1805. The genealogy is by G. H. Allan; date of publication is 1867.

One Allen genealogy is of the Medfield Allens; there is an account of the golden wedding of Ellis and Lucy Allen, and Gershom and Abigail (Allen) Adams. This is by Joseph Allen, and was published in 1869.

Another of the Medfield Allens, in-

cludes also Dedham Allens; this is by F. A. Hutchinson; dates are from 1637-1890, and the book was published in 1896. In 1896, A. H. Bent published the genealogy of Walter Allen, of Newbury, Mass., and some of his descendants.

A. W. Allen in 1872 published a genealogy of the Allen and Witter families and their descendants.

In 1888, John Price published a reprint from the Essex Institute Collections, of the Allen family of Manchester, Mass., from the earliest settlement to 1886. Hiram Knight, in 1889, published a biography of Deacon James Allen. This has a genealogical register.

In 1883, J. K. Allen and Edwin Salter published genealogical sketches of Roger Alling, of New Haven, Conn., 1639, Gilbert Allen of Morristown, N. J., 1736, and Thomas Bancroft, of Dedham, Mass., 1540, and some of their descendants.

G. H. Allen, who wrote the Allan genealogy, also published Phineas Allen's descendants, Benjamin, jr., Benjamin, John Walter, of Lincoln, Mass., 1645, and a complete genealogy of the descendants of Benjamin Allen, of Ashby, Mass.

C. S. Sime published an excerpt of Ralph Allen, of Newport, R. I., and some of his descendants who settled in New Jersey.

W. S. Allen published an excerpt of Samuel Allen, of Windsor, Conn., and some of his descendants.

There is also an excerpt of Charles Allen and some of his descendants; one of Lewis Allen, of Watertown Farms, and his descendants; and another of a branch of the Allen family of New England.

N. H.—I would advise an examination of a New Harlem Register. This is really a genealogy of the 23 original patentees of the Town of New Harlem. It contains proofs of the births, baptisms and marriages of 1630 to 1903. It is by Mary P. Toler. There are over 30,000 descendants traced and their lineage proved, by births, marriages and baptisms. Some of the families are: Abbott, Adams, Addis, Aiken, Barry, Barton, Bass, Bateman, Bennett, Bogardus, Bodine, Blodgett, Bostwick, Briscoe, Crane, Curtis, Edwards, Ely, Gibson, Harris, Hart, Howe, Hyde, Jordan, Kane, Kent, Kline, Lane, Lang, Lenox, Lippincott, Lozier, McEvoy, McGowan, Merritt, Morse, Morton, Risley, Roosevelt, Sheradon, Sherman, Southwick, Steyens, Stoddard, Swift, Tallman, Turner, Underhill, Underwood, Vail, Van Duersen, Wadsworth, Waldron, Whitcomb, Willard, Woodruff, Wright, Yates, Yerxes, Young, etc.

R. P.—You will find the record in the second volume of the Records of Christ Church, Poughkeepsie, the Parish Register, 1766-1916, by Helen M. Reynolds. This was published in 1916. There is another by same person, 1911, "The Records of Christ Church". This is illustrated and has 440 pages; the later book has 398 pages.

A. M.—You will find the Manor in question in the book entitled "The Manors and Historic Homes of the Hudson Valley," by H. D. Eberlein. It was published in 1924, and has 328 pages.

The Seminary meantime was opened in 1824 under the direction of Rev. Baynard R. Hall, an alumnus of Union College and Princeton Theological Seminary. Professor Hall was for three years the only instructor, and the only subjects taught were Latin and Greek. The number of students during the first three years was respectively, 13, 15, and 21. In his sketch of the Indiana Seminary the late Judge David B. Banta places the following estimate upon the services of Professor Hall: "The choice (of Principal) could hardly have fallen upon a worthier man. He was an excellent classical scholar and a persuasive and sometimes eloquent preacher. As a teacher, he was enthusiastic, faithful and painstaking." He entered into the pioneer life of the day with sympathy, but saw its rude and often ludicrous side. Under the pseudonym "Robert Carlton" he published in later life (1846) an entertaining account of his experiences entitled "The New Purchase, or Early Years in the Far West." pp. 4-5.

NOTE: The State Seminary, 1820-28 . The date on which this Seminary received executive approval (Jan. 20, 1820) is now recognized by Indiana University as Foundation Day.

The salary of Professor Hall was \$250 a year.

Upon the establishment of Indiana College (1828-1838) by Act. of January 24, 1828, "Rev. Baynard R. Hall, the former principal of the Seminary, was retained as professor of ancient languages." p. 8

Indiana University-1820-1904.
 Historical Sketch.
 Samuel Bannister Harding, Ed.
 Pub. by the Univ.
 Bloomington, Ind. 1904.

Whose decease has been recently announced, was born in Philadelphia, in 1798. He was the son of Dr. John Hall, who once held a position upon the staff of Gen. Washington. He studied for some time at Princeton College, but graduated at Union College with high honors, and although his friends intended that he should follow the legal profession, he chose the ministry, completing his theological course at the Seminary in Princeton. At the age of 22 he was married to Miss Young, in Danville, Kentucky, and then went West to settle. He was Pastor of a church and President of a college in Bloomington, Indiana, for some years. Subsequently he removed to Bedford, Pa., where he was pastor of a flourishing congregation, and Principal of a large academy. At various periods he has been connected with educational institutions in Bordentown and Trenton, N. J., and at Poughkeepsie and Newburgh, N. Y.

As an author, as well as a teacher, he gained wide reputation. Among his works were a Latin Grammar, which he published when but thirty years of age; a highly popular and humorous volume entitled "The New Purchase; or, Seven Years in the West;" and a work with the name of "Teaching an Science;" "The Teacher an Artist"--a standard authority upon education.

Dr. Hall was distinguished by high intellectual culture and refinement, by delightful conversational powers, to which an incessant current of humor lent animation and brilliancy, and to which the cordial kindness of his nature gave geniality. His life, influenced by the strongest religious convictions, as well as by inherent charity, was spent in labors of beneficence, which were only interrupted by his final illness. Dr. Hall leaves a widow and two children. It is painful to know that his closing days were embittered by great anxiety and the serious pressure of adversity.

At the funeral exercises which took place on Sunday afternoon in Brooklyn, a worthy tribute to the character of the deceased was paid by Rev. James Lefevre, of Rariton, N. J.

New York Times
January 27, 1863 (Tuesday)

April 17, 1931.

Mr. James A. Woodburn
12 Geddes Heights
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Sir:

In regard to your letter of April 14 we have the following information about Baynard R. Hall:

Baynard Rush Hall was born in Philadelphia in 1798 (Jan. 28). He graduated from Union College with the Class of 1820. He was ordained at the Salem Presbytery, April 13, 1825. Professor at U. I., 1823-31. Pastor at Bloomington, Ind., from 1826-1830. Professor in the University of Indiana, 1823-1831, Bedford, Pa., 1831-8, teacher successively in Bordentown, Trenton, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, Brooklyn, 1838-1846. In Brooklyn he was principal of the Park Institute, 1852-... He died January 23, 1863. He received A. M. from Princeton, 1842; D.D., Rutgers, 1848; Princeton Theological Seminary, 1823.

"Dr. Hall had ability, as an author and a scholar, of the first rank. One of the professors of Princeton remarked at his graduation, 'Young Hall in ten or twelve years is likely to be at the head of one of the first institutions of learning in our country.' He has written several works which have marked him as a correct scholar, a master of "all styles," and a vigorous thinker. His talents received some of the most flattering commendations. His Latin Grammar, published when thirty years of age, ranked him among the first classical scholars. "The New Purchase; or, Seven Years in the West," was very popular when published, and the author was said to be, in a British review, "a master of all styles." Several later works from his pen are characterized by a like scholarly merit."

Publications: The New Purchase; or, Seven Years in the West. 1843. (see Index to Princeton Review, p. 187.)--A New and Compendious Latin Grammar. Something for Everybody. 1843.--Teaching, A science. The Teacher, an Artist. (See Princeton Rev. 1843.)--Frank Freeman's Barbershop.--Theories of Education. Princeton Rev. 1842.

In a letter written by Mr. Hall himself he has signed his name Baynard Rush Hall.

Other sources of information are: Union University Cat. published in 1910, and the Princeton Theological Seminary Catalogue.

Very truly yours

Frederic C. Schmidt

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

May 3, 1951

Dear Charlie,

I was pleased and surprised to hear from you recently. I am sure that I am the one who is in debt as far as letters are concerned. It makes no difference, for you see I'm writing now.

As far as I am concerned, a most surprising thing occurred here at I.U. to-day. It is Founders Day and a pageant was put on showing the beginning and growth of the University. A student appeared as Professor Hall of Union College, a Presbyterian, and first and only professor at the Indiana Academy, the beginning of I.U. I practically cheered, but being a sedate member of the faculty withheld my enthusiasm. Did you know about this man? He was made professor ~~EM~~ in 1824. He was to quote "a Presbyterian and a foreigner". He did well and had six students. The "townies" objected to this "Presbyterian and foreigner"--- since the town was predominantly Methodist. I was going to write Carter Davidson about this, but Carter leaves me slightly cold, shall we say.

Believe me when I say that I am sorry to hear of Mrs. Webster's illness. I remember her well, and know of her value to you. I do hope she has regained her health by now. I know that she is not a young woman.

When you say that you see Jessica ^{you} when ~~she~~ returns to Schenectady, that infers to me that she is doing nursing there. Is that so? As I remember she was taking nursing at Skidmore. Please remember us to her. She is a lovely girl. I still remember the pleasantness of the chemistry sessions we had together.

Yes, I understand that Carl Hocker has decided to leave Union. If you don't mind, I'd like to write a few pertinent remarks about him. Some years from now Union College will remember him well. Here is a man who had 'no ax to grind' and one who was very sincere in what he thought best for Union. He could have put his energies elsewhere. ----- ~~Wabash~~ Wabash, for instance, for that was his Alma Mater, and a very worthy college here in Indiana. He could have become very much disgusted with the situation in the Chemistry Department at Union and could have "sat out" his few remaining years as an easy going associate professor. As you know he didn't. What Hocker has been striving for is the good of the department and chemical education in general. In the short time Carl has been at Union, he has done a tremendous amount for the college, and this has been done against much subversive action, as you know. A great amount of credit-- which he'll never get-- is his due. Why should he beat his brains out about it? I don't blame him for leaving. I don't think it is worth the struggle, if Hurd, Morse, and Davidson want it otherwise. The chemistry at Union will "muddlethrough", as it has before. But the

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time will come when the status quo isn't good enough. By the way
this might interest you. Our top student in graduate school is a
Union boy, Charles Crampton. He was not a B.S. in Chemistry student.
The other boys, Silva, Guare, Lessor are doing very well, and are
well liked personally and academically. We have also accepted a chap
by the name of Opitz for next fall. A month ago two Union seniors
called on me here. Was I pleased! We gabbed and gabbed. They had come
out here for a sorority dance. What sex won't do!

BAYNARD RUSH HALL

Hon. D.D. 1848 at Rutgers Brooklyn, N. Y.

Born in Philadelphia, 1798. A.B. (Union, 1820). Princeton Sem.,
1823. Presb. clergyman. Teacher. Professor, Univ. Indiana, 1823-
31. Died, Jan. 23, 1863.

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BAYNARD R. HALL

Prof. Pearson's Scrap Book p. 397

12 GEDDES HEIGHTS
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

April 14, 1931.

Registrar, Union College,
Schenectady, New York.

My dear Sir:

I have been requested to write the article on Baynard R. Hall for the Dictionary of American Biography. I am appealing to you for information.

My information is that Hall graduated from Union College in 1820. Is this correct?

Can you verify for me his middle name? Was it Rush or Rust? Is there any evidence from his matriculation? "Notable Americans" edited by Rossiter Johnson, gives Rush. Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography, edited by James Wilson and John Fiske, gives Rust. The catalogue of the Library of Congress uses Rush. In my Princeton edition of the "New Purchase", published in 1916, I used Rush, which, I think, was common usage in Indiana. Later I was corrected on this but I am not sure that I was wrong. Can you help me to settle this point?

The month and the day of Hall's birth are lacking. Can you supply them? Was the year 1798? In my New Purchase 1793 is giv-

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en, but that may be a misprint. I have the date of his death, in Brooklyn, as January 23, 1863.

My understanding is that Hall came to Indiana in the spring of 1823, the year of his graduation from the Princeton Theological Seminary, and a full year before he opened the Indiana "Seminary" as its first Principal. Have you any information to the contrary?

Appleton's Cyclopaedia says that Hall's "Something for Everybody" was published in 1843. A copy of that book, which I have obtained from the Library of the University of Michigan, gives on its imprint the year 1846. I do not see how this book could have been a second edition, and as the first edition of the New Purchase was in 1843 I think 1846 must be correct for the other. Does this seem to you right?

The sources of information on Hall seem quite scarce. Can you name any for me? Any obituary article at the time of his death? Any thing you can give would be gratefully received.

The call for my article is urgent, as Hall's name had been omitted from the list until recently. Mr. Dumas Malone, the editor, tells me my article must be ready for Vol. VIII, now in the making.

Thanking you for what help you may be able to afford, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
James Albert Woodburn

1820 BAYNARD RUSH HALL.

Author:

1. The New Purchase; or, Seven and a half years in the Far West. By Robert Carlton, esq. (pseud). New York. D. Appleton & Co., Philadelphia, G. S. Appleton, 1843. 2 vols.

"An account of pioneer life in Bloomington, Monroe Co., Indiana, where the author was first principal and then professor in the seminary and college which later developed into Indiana University. Names of persons and places are fictitious."

2. Teaching, a science; the teacher an artist. By Rev. Baynard R. Hall. New York. Baker and Scribner. 1848 12; 305 pp.
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Contributor to the Princeton Review.

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