MARRIED At New Brunswick, N. J., on Tuesday evening, by the Rev. Mr. Howe, the Rev. Peter P. Rouse, of Florida, N. Y., to Miss Eliza Scott, daughter of the late Dr. Moses Scott.

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persons even threatened to tar and feather him. Here, also, he steadily persevered. In a Temperance Journal which he had established, he turned the tables upon his adversaries, routed them from their positions, and founded a flourishing Teetotal Society. By his writings and addresses on this subject, he diffused much light, removed many prejudices, and caused the principles of total abstinence to be respected by all.

I will only add that my father was a pioneer in Indian Missions, a John the Baptist, appearing in that wilderness, to herald the coming kingdom of the Son of God among the wretched Hindoos. Almost every large town in that part of India has heard his voice, proclaiming salvation by Jesus. He made many extensive tours, distributing portions of Scripture and tracts. While on one of these journeys, he once stood labouring seven consecutive hours, without moving from his post. He did not even stop to eat, but had coffee brought to him. It was his habit, when thus standing, to lean on his left arm, and it was supposed by his medical advisers that this was the cause of its becoming paralyzed. When he left India to visit America, it hung motionless by his side. He recovered its use on the voyage. For some years before he died, being physically unable to make long excursions into the interior, he was accustomed to preach twice daily in the city of Madras, except on Friday morning, which was set apart as a special season for fasting and prayer. Thus he used to preach thirteen times each week. When he heard that his son Samuel, who he expected would soon join him as a Missionary, was dead, he resolved that he would, since so few came as Missionaries to India, endeavour to make up Samuel's loss by extra work on his own part. So he commenced preaching thrice daily. Though I expostulated with him, he thought he could endure it. He soon broke down. He became seriously ill. I thought he would die, but, by God's mercy, he slowly recovered. He subsequently preached twice daily, but this was too much for his time of life; he gradually failed until he was removed to the Cape. There he seemed to rally, but it was the sudden upshooting of a flame just before it expires. He has left behind him a memory more valuable than thousands of gold and silver.

I am very sincerely yours,

H. M. Scudder.

PETER P. ROUSE.*

1821—1832.

Peter P. Rouse, a son of John and Eyche (Egberton) Rouse, was born in Catskill, N. Y., on the 29th of March, 1799. His parents were worthy, respectable people, and his father's occupation was that of a farmer. His early years were spent chiefly at home, in attendance at a district school, where he was invariably found at the head of his class. In 1813 he made a profession of religion, and united with the Reformed Dutch Church in Catskill. In 1814 he commenced his studies preparatory to entering College, under Mr. (afterwards the Rev.) Gideon N. Judd, and remained under his tuition, first at Cairo and then at Catskill, one year. He then spent a year at the old Hudson Academy, under the instruction of the Rev. Moses Smith; and, at the close of the year,

* MS. from his brother, Mr. Cornelius Rouse.
entered the Junior class in Union College, where he graduated, with the reputation of a superior scholar, in 1818.

Immediately after leaving College he entered upon the study of Theology in the Seminary at New Brunswick, of which the venerable Dr. John H. Livingston was then a Professor. Here he took the full course of three years; at the expiration of which, in 1821, he was examined, and licensed to preach the Gospel, by the Classis of New Brunswick. He returned now to his father's at Catskill, and in June of that year made a tour on horseback through Western New York. On his way, he passed a Sabbath in Florida, Montgomery County, and was introduced, by the friend at whose house he stayed, to more than twenty of the most prominent men of the place. He left on Monday morning. Nine months after, he accepted a call from that congregation, and, on returning to them, recognized at church, on Sunday morning, every individual to whom he had been introduced, and called each by his right name without a single mistake.

During the six months which intervened between September when he returned from the West, and March when he returned to Florida, he supplied the pulpit of the Reformed Dutch Church in Spotswood, N. J. He remained at Florida until the fall of 1828, when he accepted a call from the Reformed Dutch Church in Brooklyn, and was settled there under circumstances that seemed most auspicious to both his comfort and usefulness. Here he passed the remainder of his days.

Not far from the time of his removal to Brooklyn, he was married to the youngest daughter of Dr. Scott, of New Brunswick, N. J. By this marriage there were three children, the youngest of whom was born after his death. In March, 1832, while he was praying at the bed side of a sick parishioner, he was seized with a copious hemorrhage from the lungs, which marked the termination of his earthly labours. After a few days he was removed to New Brunswick, to the house of his wife's mother, where he had the best medical attendance; but his malady was one that mocked all human skill. He died in the month of June, and, though he suffered greatly in the progress of his illness, he enjoyed a large measure of Christian consolation, and finally passed away in joyful triumph. His widow and eldest son have since deceased.

FROM THE REV. ISAAC N. WYCKOFF, D.D.

ALBANY, November 8, 1861.

My dear Sir: I cannot deny your request for my recollections of Peter Rouse, if for no other reason, because my recollections of him are so pleasant that I am more than willing to do anything to perpetuate his memory. When I took charge of the Reformed Dutch Church in Catskill, his father's family came under my Pastoral care; and, though he was then just completing his collegiate education, I had frequent opportunities of seeing him, and of learning, both from personal observation and from the testimony of his intimate friends, what were his prominent characteristics.

While he was yet a mere boy, he showed himself a fine scholar, and, by every thing that he said and did, made it apparent that he possessed talents of a very high order. After a while, the grace of God touched his heart, giving a new direction to all his faculties; and, from that time, though his original peculiarities, such as great cheerfulness and love of fun, were as strongly marked as ever, yet his all-absorbing desire evidently was to serve and glorify the Master to whom he had devoted himself. His elastic, buoyant spirit

The remainder of this letter will be found on the sketch of John H. Van Wagenen, Class 1823.
CLASS OF 1818

PETER P. ROUSE


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I am not sure whether I have asked you before about Reverend Peter P. Rouse of the class of 1818 at Union. Can you tell me where he died? I have noted that he was born at Catskill, New York, March 29, 1799 and that he was the son of John Rouse.


Rev. Peter P. Rouse, A.M., 1818, a resident of Brooklyn, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society. (Died: 1833)

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Peter P. Rouse.

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Note: In the index of the Centennial Catalogue the middle letter is given incorrectly as "B".

His early religious impressions, his great amiability of temper, and respectable talents soon pointed him out as a fit candidate for the ministry. But his life was brief. He was instant in season and out of season, not only in the pulpit, but from house to house; and in the family circle, in the sick-room, at the dying-bed, he faithfully preached the gospel. It was while in the performance of one of these labors of love that he experienced a violent hemorrhage of the lungs, which, in a few months, terminated his useful life. He had been suddenly called on to visit a person in great affliction of body and distress of mind, and he was so painfully affected by the scene that, with a delicate nervous system, and in great excitement of mind, on returning home, he burst a blood-vessel. But as his short career in life had been pious and useful, so was his death peaceful and happy.—Mag. R. D. C. Ill. 187. Sprague's Annals.

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