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To A. B. Simpson of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 18 19
(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. *Abimael Blanchard Simpson*
[Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.]

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—
[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]
Thomas and Betsy Simpson

III. Birth Place. *New Hampton N. H.* Birth Day and Year. *November 19th 1795*

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—
[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]
New-Hampton N. H. never having resided out of his native town excepting when attending Literary and Medical Institutions

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:—
[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]
Gilmanston N. H. the Principal name was Andrew Mack

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.
Union College at Schenectady N. Y.

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.]
Instructed a Public school for a short time at Concord N. H.

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. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]
Medicine, he commenced studying with Chenell & Russell Concord N. H. he afterwards studied with Dr Percott Gilmanston N. H. and finished with Dr. George Shattuck Boston Mass.

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.]
At New-Hampton N. H. his native town

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus:—
[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35; or Farmer, Genesee, N. Y., 1835-54; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N. Y., 1841-48; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.]
None except his regular practice of Medicine and Surgery

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.]
None in particular

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.
[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]
None in particular

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.
None

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.]
M. D. at Brunswick or Bowdoin College N. E.

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?
[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]
None

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.]
He died at New-Hampton N. H. March 15th 1831 with consumption

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

Dr Simpson commenced practice immediately on his completing his studies in his native town, he succeeded well for the short time he practiced, perhaps it might be said he was eminent considering his age, his advantages had been good he had a liking for his profession, perhaps but few men had higher prospects before him than he, but almost at the commencement of his practice he gave strong indications of consumption which soon gave clear evidence that he was to die with that dreadful disease he lingered for several years, but unable to practice for considerable time before his death, he however effected many important cures and performed several important surgical operations, if he had lived he was destined to have been an eminent operator, he had a great taste for surgery

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

Thomas Simpson the Father of Dr Simpson was born at Nottingham N. H. 1754. he was of Scotch descent he had a strong mind and was well educated for his time he was a great advocate for learning regarding a good education as pre eminent to almost anything else - he was a distinguished officer in War of the Revolution having received several severe wounds in Battle -

The Mother of the Doctor was a superior woman she also was a great lover of learning, having her self read the Bible through in course before she was seven years old

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.]

James Simpson the present Post-Master at New-Hampston N. H. is a near relative of the late Dr Simpson

CLASS OF 1819

AHIMAZ B. SIMPSON.

Son of Thomas and Betsey (Kelley) Simpson.
Was born November 19, 1795
Died of consumption March 15, 1831, aged 36 years.

He studied medicine;
was graduated from Union College and finished a
regular course of medical studies in Boston.

He settled for practice in New Hampton, N. H.,
occupying the home known as the Dr. Simpson place,
on Kelley Hill. During the ten years he practiced
among those who knew him from boyhood, he enjoyed
their confidence and had an extensive ride,--was
popular and genial, and spoken of as a good
physician, skilful and well educated. He was often
called to attend children in diseases common to
childhood, and was much liked by them. His mind
was strong and discriminating. His mansion was the
abode of hospitality although he was never married.

Reminiscences of New Hampton, N. H. p. 137
Frank H. Kelley
Worcester, Mass.
1889.

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A.B. Union 1819
A.M. Bowdoin, 1824
b. Nov. 19, 1795 New Hampton, N.H.
d. Mar. 15, 1831
Physician, New Hampton, N.H.
Medical Class 1822.

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