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N. Y., Dec. 7, '26; p. Cedar St. ch., N. Y. City, '26-35; p. Benef. Cong. ch.,

Providence, R. I., '35-36; prof. Pol. Econ. and Eth., U. N. Y., '30-50; d. N. Y. City, May 28, 1865. D. D. *Princeton Theol. Cal. 1844*

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C. MASON--Professor of the Evidences of Revealed Religion. 1839

From: A clipping from the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser in Prof. Pearson's Scrap Book. *p. 3*

Rev. CYRUS MASON, 1824, of New York City, was a member of the Philomathean Society.
(Died: 1865)

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On January 28, 1833, the Council appointed a building committee, and authorized it to adopt a plan for the university building. The Chancellor, however, had his heart fixed on a "great Gothic chapel," that was not included in the contract, nor was it mentioned as yet in the report of the building committee. Without the land, the University building cost at least \$140,000. In this estimate is not included about \$10,000 raised by the Rev. Cyrus Mason for the endowment of his own professorship of the Evidences of Revealed Religion, and recklessly spent by Chancellor Mathews (Union 1803)., apparently without the approval of the Council, in finishing his "great Gothic chapel.

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The years 1834 to 1836, however, were pleasant years. Student enrollment was relatively good; the salaries of the faculty were twice increased; and the Rev. Cyrus Mason, as we have seen before, believed at any rate, that he had raised the funds for an endowed professorship.

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The purged Council then proceeded to discipline the refractory professors/ (See under Mathews, from same source). One member of the faculty, was persuaded to break with the other seven. On August 30, 1838, the Council voted to reorganize the faculty, in such a way that the seven professors found themselves without duties and salaries. The faculty, perhaps unwisely, answered by publishing a letter of complaint to the Council, and the Council, on September 28, replied by definitely discharging Tappan (Union '25), Patton, Proudfit (1821), Hackley, Beck (Union '17), Norton, and Gale (Union 1825), from their positions There were no professors left but the Rev. Cyrus Mason. New professors elected (three) included Benjamin F. Joslin, (Union 1821), in Mathematics.

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The senior professor on the governing board was that curious personality, the Rev. Cyrus Mason, who had deserted his colleagues during the crisis, and on whose head, in consequence, the seven professors had cast contempt and derision. He was, at least nominally, it may be remembered, the occupant of the endowed chair of the Evidences of Revealed Religion, but was also charged after 1843, with instruction on Political Economy. In neither capacity however, does he appear to have been particularly forceful. His main task, however, was the direction of the University Grammar School. He had, it is said, once been a clergyman of promise and distinction; and he still had, if we may believe one of his pupils (Francis N. Zabriskie, A.B. 1850), an ability to talk at length upon any topic under the sun, with no relationship to either Paley or John Stuart Mill. He had apparently lost the confidence of the community; and ~~the~~ constant failure in speculation had made him a prey for the bill-collectors, who frequently forced their way into his classroom. Mr. Zabriskie tells us that in his own years in college, Professor Mason's class had to meet behind closed doors in the Chapel to avoid unseemly interruptions.

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CYRUS MASON.

Married: At Boston, July 17, at St. Paul's Church, by the Rev. Alexander H. Vinton, D.D., Cyrus Mason D. D., Professor in the New York University, to Hannah Parkman, daughter of the late Edward Tuckerman, of Boston.-

Daily Albany Argus, July 21, 1843.

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A. W. HODGMAN, PROFESSOR
W. S. ELLEN, PROFESSOR
S. B. SMITH, INSTRUCTOR

COLUMBUS, March 3, 1923.

My dear Sir:-

Do the records of Union College show the dates of birth and death of Rev. Cyrus Mason, who was for some years (1836-1850 perhaps) a professor in the University of the City of New York? The only definite information I have of him is that he married July 7, 1843, Hannah Parkman Tuckerman. I should like to know where he was born, who his parents were, as well as the dates of his birth and death. I have reason to think he was a graduate of Union College. I shall be very grateful if you can find in your records any answer to any of these questions.

Very truly yours,

Arthur H. Hodgman

206, West Tenth Avenue,

Columbus, Ohio.

The Secretary,

Union College,

Schenectady, N. Y.

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Prof. A. W. Hodgman,
206 West Tenth Avenue,
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Professor Hodgman:

Our records for the Rev. Dr. Cyrus Mason are meager. He entered Union College from Pittsfield, Mass., was graduated A. B. in the class of 1824, died at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. in 1865. He received a master's degree from Union in 1827 and one from Middlebury in 1833, with a doctor's degree from Brown in 1841. He was a student of the Princeton Theological Seminary 1824-26 and a professor of Rhetoric and Apologetic Theology in New York University 1830-50.

Hoping this will be of help to you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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March 8, 1923.