

CLASS OF 1834

LEMUEL G. OLMSTEAD

Lemuel G. Olmstead studied three years at West Theol. Sem.,
Allegheny City, Pa. From 1834-1837.

Prof. Pearson's Scrap Book p. 361

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LEMUEL G. OLMSTEAD

was born in Malta, Saratoga co., N. Y.. He was graduated at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institution in 1830 and at Union in 1834. After graduation at the Alleghany Theological Seminary, he filled the chair of Chemistry and Natural History in Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. He was also principal of the Academy at Erie, Pa., where he married. He traveled in Europe from 1848 to '52 and again in 1867. He was at one time principal of Claverack Institute, N. Y. During the war he did good service in the Union Army as chaplain. He was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Lyceum of Natural History of the City of New York in 1848, and in the same year was made a Member of the New York Historical Society. In 1850 he was made Life Director of the American Bible Society. He was a member of Scientific bodies at Antwerp, Belgium, and at Palermo, Italy. The degree of LL.D was conferred on him by Hanover College, Ind. He was an enthusiastic student of Geology and Antiquities and possessed a fine scientific collection. His political sentiments were strongly Republican. He prepared a work for publication on the "Lost Tribes of Israel," which will appear after a time. He was an ordained clergyman of the Presbyterian Church, but performed but little pastoral duty.

He died at Easton, Washington co., N. Y., March 18th, 1880, in his 72nd year, leaving a widow and two grandsons.

*Olmstead, Lemuel Gregory—b. Maltaville, N. Y., July 5, 1808; U. C., 1834; (1—); Alleg. Sem.; tea.; ord. evang. Pby. Erie, Apr. 20, '48; prin. Erie, Pa., '58-59; chap. U. S. A., '62-65; Fort Edward, N. Y., d. Easton, N. Y., Mar. 18, 1880. LL.D., H. C. I., '64. *Princeton Theol. Cat.*

1815. S. M. C. 1832. (2).

*OLMSTEAD, LEMUEL GREGORY, LL.D.—Born, Saratoga Co., N. Y., July 5, 1808; U. C., '34; Sem., '34-'37; Princeton, 1 yr.; lic. '37, Pres. Beaver; teacher, Beaver; Erie, N. Y.; ord. April 20, '48; chap. Alexandria; Louisville; Jeffersonville; linguist; naturalist; LL.D., J. C.; married, Dec., '38, Miss Sarah Humphrey Marvin; also, June, '79, Miss Elizabeth Chase; died, Easton, N. Y., March 18, '80. *Cat. of Western Theol. Sem. Cat. p. 31. class 1834-1835 at Seminary*

*Olmsted, Lemuel Gregory—Born July 5, 1808, Maltaville, N. Y.; professor in Dickinson college, 1831-32; A. B., 1834, Union college; LL. D., 1864, Hanover college; student, Princeton and Western theological seminaries; licensed by Beaver presbytery, 1837; principal of Beaver academy, Brighton institute, and Erie academy; engaged in teaching and lecturing. Died March 18, 1880, Easton, N. Y.

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VILLEPLAIT & OLMSTEAD'S HIGH SCHOOL for Young Ladies, 259 Green-st., New York. Prof. A. S. Villeplait, A. M., Mrs. S. A. Villeplait, Rev. L. G. Olmstead, A. M., A. B. Olmstead, A. M.—Advt.

N. Y. Herold Tribune Jan. 18, 1848

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LEMUEL GREGORY OLMSTEAD

Was born at Maltaville, Saratoga County, New York, July 5, 1808. In 1831 he was Lecturer on Chemistry and Mineralogy in Dickinson College, Pa. He graduated at Union College in 1834; studied theology at Princeton Seminary in the fall and winter of 1834; then three and one-half years at the Western Seminary, Allegheny, Pa. He was licensed to preach by the Ohio Presbytery in 1837, after which he was Principal, in succession, of Beaver Academy, Brighton Institute, and Erie Academy, all in Pennsylvania. He was ordained an evangelist by the Presbytery of Erie, April 20, 1848, but was never settled as a pastor, and devoted himself mainly to teaching, to scientific studies, and to lecturing. He spent one year in Ohio as agent for the American Colonization Society; gave several courses of instruction in chemistry and spent about five years in Europe as a student at two different times.

He died, March 18, 1880, at his farm on the bank of the Hudson, near Fort Edward, New York, where he passed the last years of his life in his favorite studies. Though a great sufferer in his last illness, he expressed his firm faith in God and submission to His will. Dr. Olmstead was a genial gentleman, an humble and sincere Christian, and attained considerable eminence as a scientific scholar and antiquarian.

FROM Encyclopaedia of the Presbyterian Church

Alfred Nevin Editor.

1834 LEMUEL G. OLMSTEAD, LL.D.

Hospital Chaplain Vols., June 4, 1862.

Honorably mustered out, Aug. 10, 1865.

*Civil War
Record*

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Born July 5, 1808.

Died March 18, 1880.

Married (1) December 20, 1838, Sarah Humphreys Marvin,
of Ripley, Chautaugua Co., N. Y., daughter of Elihu
Marvin, of Erie, Pa.; died May 24, 1843; (2) -----

Chase, of Stillwater, N. Y.

Child by first marriage: Sarah Lucy.

Lemuel Gregory Olmsted graduated in 1830 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a scientific school located at Troy, N. Y., under the charge of Prof. Amos Eaton. For a short time he filled the position of Professor of Chemistry and Natural History in Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. He afterwards pursued his studies at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., where he graduated in the Class of 1834, and continued his preparations for the ministry at Princeton and Allegheny Theological Seminaries. He was ordained in the Presbyterian ministry in 1837 and entered upon active service. A considerable portion of his life was spent in classic and scientific teaching. In 1864, he received the degree of LL.D., from Hanover College, Indiana. He spent some years in Europe in the pursuit of his favorite studies, and travelled extensively through the several states of the Union, engaged in rock and mineral examinations. He was a frequent contributor to scientific periodicals and his collections in illustration of all branches of Natural History were quite extensive. His last active service in the ministry was Chaplain in the U. S. Army. Upon the close of the Civil War, he removed to the farm in Moreau, Saratoga Co., N. Y., which was formerly his father's residence, and there pursued his researches, principally in archeology, officiating as occasion offered in preaching and lecturing in the surrounding villages and country. He was buried in the family burying ground on the farm.

He was the son of Zalmon and Rebecca (Barlow) Olmsted.
She was the daughter of Aaron and Rebecca (Sanford) Barlow,
of Redding, Conn.

FROM Genealogy of Olmsted Family p. 280
Henry King Olmsted
New York 1912.

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Was born at Maltaville, Saratoga county, N.Y., July 5th, 1808. He graduated at the Rensselaer School in 1830. In 1831 he was a lecturer on chemistry and natural history in Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. Was a student at Union College from 1832 to 1834, where he graduated in 1834, with the degree of A.B., and received the degree of A.M. in 1837. Was a student in Princeton Theological Seminary in 1834-35, at Western Theological Seminary from 1836 to 1838.

Married Sarah Humphreys Marvin in 1838, who died in 1843, leaving a daughter.

Was an ordained minister from 1830 to 1848.

Traveled in Europe from 1848 to 1852.

Was principal of Erie Academy 1858-59; chaplain in the army from 1862 to 1865.

Received the degree of LL.D. from Hanover College, Indiana, in 1865.

Traveled in Europe 1867-68.

Clergyman, archaeologist and farmer.

He died at his home near Fort Edward, N.Y., in 1882.

Biographical Record p. 192
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Henry B. Nason, Editor
Troy. 1887

Class of 1830-R.P.I.

Dr. Olmstead was born in Saratoga County, N.Y., graduated at Union College, and pursued his theological studies at the Western Theological Seminary. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the Presbytery of Beaver, about the year 1837, and ordained by the Presbytery of Erie, April 20, 1848. He then visited Europe, sojourning in Rome for several years. His principal business has been teaching. During the War of the Rebellion he acted as chaplain for some three years. As a scientific scholar and anti quarian, Dr. Olmstead has had few equals amongst his brethern of the Presbytery.

Hist. of the Presbytery of Erie
S.J.M.Eaton
Hurd & Houghton
New York
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