

JOHN S. STONE, '23,

was born at West Stockbridge, Berkshire Co., Mass., Oct. 7th, 1795.

In College, he was a Pi Beta Phi and was elected member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He studied at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, and was ordained an Episcopal minister in 1826.

He was assistant professor at Hobart College, New York, in 1825; Rector of St. Michael's, Litchfield, Conn., 1826; Rector of All Saints', Frederick, Md., 1827; Associate Rector, Trinity, New Haven, Conn., 1829; Rector, St. Paul's, Boston, 1832; Christ church, Brooklyn, N. Y., 1842; St. Paul's, Brookline, Mass., 1852; Professor in the Episcopal Divinity School, Philadelphia, 1862; Professor and Dean of Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass., 1867.

He was the author of "Christian Sacraments;" "The Mysteries Opened;" "The Church Universal," revised and enlarged to "The Living Temple;" "Life of Bishop Griswold;" "Lectures on the Christian Sabbath;" "Life of James Minor, D.D.;" "The Contrast, or the Evangelical and Tractarian Systems Compared."

He received the degree of D.D. from Kenyon College, Ohio, in 1837.

He was a Republican; always Anti-slavery.

He died in his 87th year, of apoplexy, at his residence in Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 13th, 1882, leaving a wife (the second) and seven (of eleven) children.

FROM

1825 (Rev.) \* John Seeley Stone. *Tutor Hobart College 1825-1827*

✓ *Hobart Cat.*  
*p. 25.*

TO

*Tutor. Union '23. S.T.D. Ken. '37. Stud. Gen. Theol. Sem. '25.*  
*Ord. '26; R. and Miss., Md., Conn., Mass., N. Y. Dean of*  
*Camb. Theol. Sem. '69. B. West Stockbridge, Mass, 1795, d.*  
*Cambridge, Jan. 13, '82.*

## JOHN SEELY STONE

Married Mary Kent (daughter of Chancellor James Kent and Elizabeth Bailey), who was born May 19, 1807, as second wife on Sept. 5, 1839. He was born in West Stockbridge, Mass., (son of Ezekiel Stone, a farmer there, and Mary Seely). He was graduated at Union College, New York, in 1823, and at the General Episcopal Seminary, New York, in 1825, and ordained deacon by Bishop Hobart in 1826. He was rector for about two years each respectively in succession, at Litchfield, Conn., (St. Michael's), Frederick, Md., (All Saints), and New Haven, Conn., 1830-32 (Trinity); at which last place a revival under his ministry, at the time, gave a special charm always in his thoughts and to his remembrance of his rectorship there. From New Haven, which he left with regret, he went to Boston, Mass., and took the rectorship of St. Paul's (1832-41); and afterwards (1841-53) that of Christ Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., and last of all, that of St. Paul's in Brookline, Mass. (1853-63). He was for a few years (1863-66) Lecturer in the Episcopal Theological School in Philadelphia, Pa., and in July, 1867, was elected Professor of Systematic Divinity in the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge, Mass., and Dean of the Faculty of the same institution and to reside at Cambridge. He gave his whole time and care to the organization and progress of that then new institution, from that time (1867) until his retirement from his labors at Easter in 1876. He died in his 87th year at Cambridge, Mass., after a long life of wisdom, piety, and honor, January 13, 1882.

Dr. Stone published several works of great interest and value, as "The Evangelical and Tractarian Systems Compared" in 1853; "Scripture-Views of the Church of Christ," 1866; "Lectures on the Christian Sabbath," 1867; "Scriptural Views of Baptism and The Lord's Supper," 1867; and "The Life of Bishop Griswold," and "The Life of Dr. Milnor," etc.

Dr. Stone's first wife was Sophia Morrison Adams whom he married May, 1826. She was the daughter of James Adams and Susan Robinson Morrison of Schenectady. She was born Nov. 6, 1802. She was the great granddaughter of Rev. Elisha Kent, of Putnam Co., N. Y., by his daughter Mrs. Morrison. She died in Boston, Mass., in March, 1838. He had by this marriage two children:

1. Archibald M., who, in after life, dropped, in compliance with an uncle's will, the name of Stone, and took the name Morrison. He was born in Litchfield, Conn., in 1827, and now resides, as a retired Episcopal clergyman (Rev. A. M. Morrison) in South Orange, N. J.

2. Mary Kent Adams, born in 1835, living now, unmarried, in Cambridge, Mass.

Madam Mary Kent Stone resides now (1885) greatly venerated, in her 78th year, among her children and many personal friends, at Cambridge, Mass., where the cherished memory of Dr. John S. Stone is held in ever fresh delight in the hearts of all who knew him, and only to love and honor him.



CLASS OF 1823

JOHN SEELEY STONE

Born in West Stockbridge, Mass., 1795; graduate at Union College, 1823. He was Rector of Christ church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and of St. Paul's church, Boston. In 1867, he was made Dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Cambridge. He was an able and extensive writer.

Diary of Thomas Robbins, D. D.  
vol. 2 p. 553  
Increase N. Tarbox, editor  
Boston 1886.

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They had children:

1. Rev. James Kent, born Nov. 11, 1840. Graduated at Harvard in 1861.
2. William Kent, born Jan. 31, 1842
3. Henry Van Dyke, born Aug. 9, 1843
4. Elizabeth Kent, born March 22, 1846
5. Charles Simeon, born Nov. 26, 1848.
6. Philip Sidney, born Jan. 29, 1852; Graduated at Harvard in 1872.

New York Genealogical & Biographical Record pp. 13-14  
Vol. 16  
1885.

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Rev. John Seeley Stone, a well-known theologian of the Episcopal church, died at Cambridge on the 13th inst. Dr. Stone graduated at Union College in 1823. After being rector of several churches and lecturer in the Phil. Div. School, in 1867 he was chosen Dean of The Faculty of the Mass. Theo. Seminary. He published the following works: "Life of Bishop Griswold", "The Mysteries Opened", "The Church Universal", "Life of James Wilnor," etc. etc.

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John Seely Stone, D.D.

John S. Stone, a descendant of an old Puritan family, was a noted Episcopal clergyman and author, of evangelical opinions; especially remembered in his church as the founder of the Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and dean of the Theological Seminary at Cambridge, Mass.; married Mary Kent.

The N. C. of A. B., Vol. VII, Page 7----J. K. Stone.

Rev. JOHN S. STONE, 1823, of West Stockbridge, Mass., was a member of the Philomathean Society. — (Died: 1882)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830



1823

Rec<sup>d</sup>. Mar. 26. 1855.

To *Rev. John S. Stone* of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1823  
(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 Quinipock, 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 Marletown, 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 Camer mile; 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.

*John Seely Stone.*

[Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.]

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

*Ezekiel & Mary (Seely) Stone.*

III. Birth Place.

*West Stockbridge, Mass.*

Birth Day and Year.

*October 7, 1795.*

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—

[Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.]

*West Stockbridge, 1795-1825; ~~Albany, N.Y.~~*

*~~1814-24~~ Geneva, N.Y. 1825-6; Littlefield Ct. 1826-7; Fredericktown, Md. 1828-9; New Haven Ct. 1830-31; Boston Mass. 1832-41; Brooklyn, N.Y. 1841-52; Brookline, Mass. 1852-53.*

V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:—

[Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.]

*Hudson Academy, N. J. & St. Ruddy's Latin School, Elizabeth town New Jersey. (John Churchill Ruddy, D.D.)*

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.

*Union College, 1823.*

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.]

*None.*

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.]

*General Theological Seminary, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, located in the City of New York.*

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.]

*Tutor in Geneva College in 1825-6; Rector of St. Michael's Church Littlefield Ct. & of all Saints in Fredericktown Md.; Associate Rector of Trinity Church New Haven; Rector of St. Paul's, do Boston; Rector of Christ Church, Brooklyn; Rector of St. Paul & Ch. Brookline, Mass. (see periods, specified under No. IV.)*

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.*

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:— *None - Same those specified under No. IX*  
[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.]

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.  
[Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.]

*Lectures on the Christian Sabbath;  
Scriptural Views of Preaching & the  
Sacraments; The Church Universal; Memoirs of Bishop  
Grismald & of Dr. Melnor; The Contrast; - & Various Separate  
Sermons - besides Editing the publications of "The Prot. Eps. Soc. for  
the promotion of Evangelical Knowledge," for three years.*

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.]

*D.D. from Kenyon  
College, Ohio, about 1837.*

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

*None.*

[One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.]

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

*Still living.*

[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.]



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

*Thus*

*must answer on these points.*

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

*His grandfather, Silas Stone, lived in Guilford, Ct. - as a good Subject of King George: Ancestors from England; probably settled first in the Massachusetts Colony.*

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.]



Stone, John S.

1823

Author

No record

4/29/09

rec'd from Lorna Gentile

Dear Brother. Elis. Town. Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> 1819.

I hereby acknowledge the receipt of your 2 last letters of the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Inst. I forwarded, immediately, the letter enclosed to Mr. Greene. In my last, I stated, if I recollect rightly, that I should go to Schenectady this fall, provided my stay in N. York had not left me too little time for a preparation for college. This, I fear, has been the case, though I have not entirely given up the idea of going thither. If I do not go so soon as the commencement of the ensuing term of study, I may, nevertheless, do so, sometime in the fall; or I may go there and join the grammar school, attached to the coll. till such time as I shall be able to join the class, wh. I propose entering. I regret, exceedingly, the necessity, wh. detained me so long from my studies - & excused many circumstances concur to render my ~~entering~~ commencement of studying in col, this fall, very flattering; - circumstances, wh. I fear, may never offer themselves again. All, however, is, doubtless, for the best; & I feel a perfect acquiescence in the allotments of that Providence, who has hitherto directed my course in wisdom.

Should I finally conclude not to enter col this fall, I shall nevertheless <sup>long as</sup> as a prudent use of my present funds will allow, when I shall either relinquish, entirely, the idea of col. and take some step to finish my education, & professional studies, in a private manner; or, should circumstances favour, enter col. next fall, when, health, & providence permitting, I shall be fully qualified for the stand I wish to take. This, you may say, is a very loose & indefinite calculation; & I very readily allow it to be so. But it is as definite an one as I can, at present, make. I feel, as I ever have done, a reluctance in taking any step, wh. I cannot reasonably consider a safe & prudent one: as an important one. ~~now~~ might be of fatal tendency. I moreover, fully agree with you, that the experience so necessary, for a clergyman, will be more likely to <sup>follow</sup> a delay of study, than if I were to press hastily into the Ministry. You are, however, aware that nothing but difficulties of the most serious nature, will ever be able to turn my mind from its first & favorite object - College.



Of the \$200. due for my services at Mr. Palmers Seminary, I have received  
\$100. - part of which \$<sup>31</sup>~~30~~ I have advanced to Mr. Ridd for board, - I paid  
Jan. 24, I have paid for sundries of books, clothes &c. - With the remainder  
\$45, I should be happy to oblige you, & with so much of what is yet due me, as  
you may need. - (Should I be in the receipt of it when we meet; - as I  
presume I shall be) -

Since my resumption of study, I  
have reviewed some of my former Greek & Latin. - I am now going on with  
a further study of those languages, & a course of Mathematics. - I  
find that I have been so long from close study, that it requires a  
considerable length of time to get my mind steadily fixed upon it again, so  
as to go on with advantage. - I hope, however, to spend a profitable  
winter, wherever I may be, especially if I remain here. -

- You request me to write, when I think I shall be at Hudson; -  
under present circumstances, it is impossible to say - for I have given  
up all idea of visiting either that place or Berkshire, this fall, unless  
it be on my way to Col. - I receive frequent communications  
from Sister A. - by the last, she, her husband & family were well, - circum-  
stances as usual. - I have also lately received a letter from my Ohio  
correspondent. - but shall not answer it. - motives of duty & propriety re-  
straining me, while affection, in my bosom, remains the same. - Pardon  
my frankness - On this subject, when writing to you, I have, long since, laid  
aside all reserve. - I consider that I am writing to you, & to nobody else.

Let me now turn myself from my excessive egotism, (a fault pardonable  
only, when writing to familiars) & close with a few remarks on another subject.  
- It gave me great pleasure to hear, in your last, that you hoped, through  
God's blessing, to succeed in extricating yourself from difficulty. - My dear  
Brother, you ever have had, & ever shall have, my most hearty prayers  
to Heaven, for your prosperity in life. I know you have had difficulties  
to encounter, serious difficulties; & I also know that you have made the  
most honest & indefatigable exertions to surmount them, & raise yourself &  
family to a respectable standing in life: & that, so far as human exertions  
merit any thing, you have merited such a standing: therefore, may God,  
in the plenitude of his blessings, grant it you



But whether he sees fit, in his wisdom, to favour your exertions of this kind, or not, you may rest assured, with an holy confidence, that as this blessing is pledged, so it will descend, on those well intended, & well directed, exertions of yours, wh. tend to the securing of an infinitely more important object: I mean those wh. through the merits of a Sav<sup>r</sup>. are directed to the promotion of your interests in that goodly country, whose riches fade not away, whose enjoyments are as bright, and unclouded, as the clear Sun at noon day — lasting as Eternity. — Therefore, my Brother, faint not, nor be weary in well doing; knowing that he that continueth to the end, — unwearied in good works, unmoved amidst temptations, & undismayed by trials & afflictions, "The same shall be saved". —

Amidst the vicissitudes of life, never lose sight of your duty as a candidate for the glories & riches of immortality — above all, never forget what a compassionate Sav<sup>r</sup>. has suffered in our behalf, to render effectual, our sincere endeavours to secure those glories and riches: — I never cease to rely unreservedly, on his merits alone for all your desire or hope. — The good things of this world, though there be a strong, & universal propensity, in the breast of man, to desire & seek them; I thought, to a certain extent, this be his duty, and nevertheless, of little consequence to him who feels that he is interested in those better things, wh. belong not to this world, & wh. it can neither give nor take away. If in this life, we have peace of mind, in an unaccusing conscience towards G<sup>d</sup>? I mean, & an humble, yet well grounded, hope of everlasting life, though the merits of Ch<sup>r</sup> it matters little what are our vicissitudes of fortune, what our portion of prosperity, or adversity. — For we know that our Sav<sup>r</sup>. drank the bitterest dregs from adversity's cup — and yet is now set down forever, at the right hand of his father, in glory. — Him we have as our example in all things; & if like him, we suffer, & endure suffering, submitting to the will of his & our heavenly Father, like him, also, we shall reap the due reward of our suffering, in sitting down forever, in the kingdom of heaven — I write as a Brother, not as teacher. Farewell. John Stone —



