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Union College
Schenectady, N. Y. 12300

Gentlemen:

My great-great-grandfather, Dr. John Taylor Temple, is said to have received an A.M. Degree from Union College, and I believe it would have been between 1824 and 1833. If your records go back this far could you verify this for me and tell me in what subject he received the degree.

I would be interested in having any information you can give me regarding Dr. Temple.

Very truly yours,

Marcia Romeo

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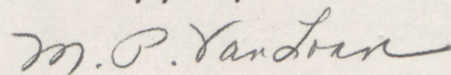
Dear Mrs. Romeo:

The degree conferred by Union College upon your great-great-grandfather, Dr. John Taylor Temple, was an honorary Master of Arts. This appears in the record of the Trustees meetings for June of 1826 and on the Commencement program for that year. Unfortunately, I am unable to send you a copy of either of these documents. I am enclosing, however, a copy of the listing from Raymond's History of Union University, page 55, on which your ancestor's name appears.

The honorary degrees of the early 1800s were master's degrees rather than the doctorates of today. We are unable to tell you who Dr. Temple was that he was so honored. Obviously his accomplishments were well known to the educators here in New York State since no further word is recorded. We note that he lived until the year 1877 and was, at that time, in St. Louis. It would not have been necessary for Dr. Temple to be in residence at Schenectady nor to have taken courses here.

I am sorry that we are unable to provide additional information. We always welcome letters of inquiry and biographical material for our permanent records.

Sincerely yours,


) Mrs. C. J. Van Loan(
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