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Recd March 26 1855

To *Oliver Alden Taylor* of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1825,
(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 death 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 Quinipex, 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 Camerville; 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.

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INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

- I. Name. *Rev. Oliver Alden Taylor*
 [Let this be written plainly and the middle names in full.]
- II. Names of both Parents; thus:— *Jeremiah and Martha Shaw (Alden) Taylor*
 [John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]
- III. Birth Place. *Farmouth, Mass.* Birth Day and Year. *Aug. 18, 1801.*
- IV. Various residences and dates; thus:— *Hawley, Mass. from 1803-20; Meadville, Pa.*
 [Pittsfield, Mass., 1814-24; Albany, N. Y., 1824-30; New-York City, 1830-54.] *1821-22; Schenectady, N. Y., 1823-25*
Andover, Mass. 1825-39 one year excepted at Gloucester, Mass. Man-
chester, Mass. 1839-1851
- V. At what Academy or Academies prepared for College, with Principals and dates; thus:— *Sandersons Academy*
 [Albany Academy, Benjamin Allen, L. L. D., 1815-17.] *Mass. 1819-20 Studied for College at Meadville, Pa.*
- VI. At what College he graduated, and when. *Union, Schenectady, N. Y., 1825*
- 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.]
- VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:— *Theology, Andover, Mass., 1825-1829*
 [Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.] *one year out teach*
- IX. Where he has practised his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs;
 thus:— *Pastor 12 years at Man-*
 [Epis., Somerville, N. J., 1827-30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5; New-York City, 1835-54.] *chester, Mass. 1839-51*
- X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus:— *Literary pursuits at Andover, Mass.*
 [Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35; or Farmer, Genesee, N. Y., 1835-54; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N. Y., 1841-43; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.] *from 1829-39*

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:— *Teacher in Andover of Hebrew one year*
 [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. *Catalogue of Andover Theol. Sem.*
 [Copies are solicited for the "Graduates Alcove" in College Library.] *Several articles, translations and others*
in the American Biblical Repository
and in other literary periodicals
Sermon at the Dedication of Sea Fore-
smith Taylor, his youngest brother at
Wenham, Mass. Translated Reinhardts
Planten from German prepared the
memoirs and Confessions of Reinhardts
of the Saviour Life of Andrew Lee

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 L. L. D., Amherst College, 1850, &c.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him? *There is - A copy of the Memoir*
 [One or two copies, together with his autograph, are solicited for College Library.] *will be sent to the College*

XVI. The date, circumstances, and place of his death. *Manchester Mass. Dec. 18-1851.*
 [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.]

Slatersville N. Y.
March 24, 1855
Timothy A. Taylor

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

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

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.]

1825 OLIVER ALDEN TAYLOR

Born in Yarmouth, Mass., August 18, 1801. His parents were Captain Jeremiah and Mrs. Martha Shaw Taylor. His mother was daughter of Rev. Timothy Alden, a descendant in a direct line of John Alden, one of the Mayflower immigrants.

His uncle Timothy Alden was president of Alleghany College and he made plans to enter there providing he could secure financial help. His uncle put his case before the American Education Society. This society informed his uncle that Oliver must study the Classics three months and be recommended to them by an authorized committee. Early in April he went to Williams College to be examined by the faculty that he might become a beneficiary of the American Education Society. This examination he passed successfully.

On April 29, 1820, he started on foot for Meadville, and after a detour to Athens, N. Y., arrived at Meadville the latter part of May.

In the fall of 1821, he became convinced that he could not enjoy the privileges at Meadville which were essential to his highest success in obtaining an education.

Having by letters and otherwise gained information relative to several colleges, he decided to remove to Union, Schenectady, New York, as affording the greatest pecuniary inducement.

On the 30th of April, 1822, Mr. Taylor left Meadville, with \$21 in cash, and arrived at Schenectady on the afternoon of May 16th, having walked most of the distance. He "soon called on Dr. Nott, and in a few hours was a regular member of Union College." From his diary under date of May 17th, he writes: "I have been borrowing and buying articles for fitting up my room. The students are kind to me; so is the College Registrar; otherwise I know not what I should do."

Sept. 1, 1822, he writes: "I reside in my room, which is in the fourth story, with only one window, and that opening to the west. No one else resides in this section of the college. Brick walls surround me. So you would naturally suppose that I am in a gloomy place; especially so when I tell you that I am fastened in with bolts and bars, such being the law. But I have a key by which I can lock myself in or out as I please, so that I am a voluntary prisoner. My fellow students remonstrated with me for desiring to spend a vacation here. But how can I be lonely?" "I spend the forenoon on mathematical, philosophical, and historical subjects. I am also examining a metaphysical point, on which I am to write a composition. French occupies me in the

afternoons. This language I can read and write considerably, though I can speak it but poorly. Yet I am happy to find my pronunciation is quite correct. Frenchmen understand me without difficulty. If my life be spared I expect to commence the Spanish next year. On the north side of my room is a library, containing several thousands of volumes, to which I have untrammelled access, all the keys of it being in my possession. There is another, to which I can be admitted if occasion require. If I look out from my window, I have a full view of the city, and the Mohawk river; also of the plain where the Indians used to dance."

Jan. 30, 1823: "Mrs. H. informed me that she hinted to Dr. Nott my aims and desires, saying that I disliked to leave my studies and teach school. He expressed great interest in my case, and said I should be assisted. Accordingly his son has called upon me to inquire into my circumstances. I explained them very freely. I fear too much so; as if I were expecting unreasonable aid."

Feb. 4, 1823: "Dr. Yates called upon me to-day and made various tender inquiries, and I freely opened my mind to him."

Sept. 11, 1823: "Tomorrow our vacation closes. One demonstration I have written in Latin. My knowledge of French has been so advanced that I can write a letter in it, and also converse a little. In reading I am quite at home. Furthermore, I have written seven or eight pieces of poetry, besides prose compositions."

In November, Mr. Taylor was taken sick. It was his opinion, and also that of some judicious physicians, that he would have soon recovered had not a mistake been made by a young medical student in administering to him. After remaining a while in college without improvement, his classmates raised a sufficient sum of money to defray his expenses and sent him to his mother's. He was attended by one of their number.

Nov. 30th: "I have just heard of the death of Abner Kingsley, whom I left at college in usual health. We were intimates."

Jan 10, 1824: We again find him at college.

Jan. 18th: "My instructors and fellow students all believe that my sickness was the result of too close application. Last evening Dr. Yates sent for me that he might caution me against late hours. He had noticed my lamp burning early and late."

May 3rd: "Was severely reprimanded to-day for applying myself too closely to study."

July 22nd: "Have just been notified of my election to a membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Society. This was entirely unexpected to me." The day following he was inducted into the above-named society.

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Feb. 1st, 1825: "Senior year is rapidly flying."

Feb. 6th: "Last week Professor Potter engaged me to translate from the French a geometrical work of four hundred and fifty octavo pages. He promises me almost any price I may please to ask."

March 3rd: "To-morrow my class-mate, (Marshall) Farnsworth, starts for a southern residence; his health renders such a course imperious. During the past session a number of the students have been sick."

April 27th: "I have completed three hundred pages in translating Biot."

May 25th: he says: "By some means, unknown to us, the varioloid has been introduced into Dr. Proudfit's family, and four of its members have already taken it, and as I board with the Doctor, I suppose I must be shut up a while."

July 12th: "I have just completed my translation of Biot."

July 18th: "Presented above work to Professor Potter, and received in payment for my services a sum which fully satisfies me."

August 17th, he was still in Schenectady, deliberating as to where he should resort for his theological education. His thoughts were turned toward Andover, but he says, "I am afraid of the dislike of eloquent speaking which is said to be characteristic of the faculty."

"Sept. 10th: "I have been bidding adieu to my friends in this place. Dr. Nott tells me that Andover is not opposed to good speaking, though the graduates are too generally poor speakers." He found the impression to be quite strong among some of the Presbyterians that Socinianism was gaining the ascendancy at Andover.

He entered Andover Theological Seminary Nov. 12, 1825.

He writes Jan. 23d, 1826, "This evening, the whole seminary meet in circles to pray for Harvard College."

Graduated from Andover Theological Seminary in 1829.

November 8, 1843, Mr. Taylor married Miss Mary Cleaveland, daughter of Nehemiah Cleaveland, M:D., late of Topsfield, Mass.

Mr. Taylor died Dec. 18, 1851.

Memoir of Rev. Oliver Alden Taylor-2nd ed.
Timothy Alden Taylor
Boston. 1854.

Portrait

His Library

Mr. Taylor had collected a large and valuable private library. His books, as numbered, amounted to 2,562. Some of them were indeed of little value, while not a few were very costly. He had a rare collection of foreign works. The purchasing of so many books may have been to some extent an error, but he denied himself many a luxury and even comfort in order to obtain them. Most of them were procured before he became a pastor. His salary did not, during the greater part of his residence in M., meet his current necessary expenses.

Before his death he gave directions in regard to the disposition to be made of his library. To Union College, his Alma Mater, he gave his Arabic works which cost him about \$150. These he intended as payment of a debt of honor to the institution. They were received, however, as a legacy, and the following acknowledgment was returned:--

"At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Union College, held July 27, 1852, the following preamble and resolution were adopted.

"The Rev. Oliver A. Taylor, an esteemed and erudite minister of the gospel, and a graduate of this college of twenty-five years' standing, having in his last will and testament bequeathed a valuable collection of books in Arabic and other branches of Oriental literature to the library of his Alma Mater,

"Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to express to the executors and the surviving friends of Mr. Taylor, the grateful sense entertained by this Board of such a memorial of attachment from one of its alumni.

"A true copy,

L. H. Willard, Clerk."

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It was probably towards the last of Jan. 1840, that he made the following record in his journal: "I must stop buying books, until I am out of debt & I will ask God to help me keep such a resolution. I must fast and pray on account of my undue

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tendency to purchase them, and never again, if possible, go into a bookstore, except to pay dues, until I am out of debt." And yet we suppose his old habit obtained the mastery of him the very next time he visited Boston.

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Timothy Alden Taylor
Boston 1854

OLIVER ALDEN TAYLOR

SPRING.

Sweet Spring is coming, is coming;
I smell her fragrant breeze,
And hear the birds a humming,
In merry glees,
Around me in the trees,---
Sweet Spring is coming, is coming.

As wont, the zephyrs quaffing,
I walked, at dawn, today,
And heard a robin laughing,
On a lofty spray,
And a warbling brown bird say,
Sweet Spring is coming, is coming.

And hark! the frogs are peeping;
See! the lambs are sporting by;
While the serpent forth is creeping;
And the wild geese cry,
On their journey through the sky,---
O, surely Spring is coming.

Just now, in beauties blushing,
I plucked a Venus' Pride,
And found my foot was crushing,
Yet undescried,
A violet at its side;
O, surely Spring is coming.

I know it, the word is spoken;
The reign of storms is o'er;
The chains of ice are broken,
From shore to shore;
I have heard the torrent roar,
For Spring was coming, was coming.

Farewell, departing Winter,
Thy favors we recall,
Long evenings for the printer,
Or the Lyceum-hall,
Or religion's solemn call,
Yet tearless, tearless sever!

Sweet Spring, our bosoms bless thee;
All hail thy gentle reign!
With flow'rets fair to dress thee,
We'll hasten to the plain,
With all the youthful train,
For welcome is thy coming.

OLIVER ALDEN TAYLOR.

DIES IRAE.

(Translation)

Lo the day! that day of ire,
Sung by Zion's hallowed lyre,
Burning with devouring fire!

O, the terrors vast arising,
Of the Judge all scrutinizing,
On a cloud the world surprising.

Hear the trumpet loudly swelling,
Through earth's dark sepulchral dwelling,
Man before the Throne compelling.

Death aghast, and wide creation,
See the dead of every nation,
Rise in Judgment expectation.

Forth is brought the Book of Ages,
Flashing direly with presages,
All things blazoned on its pages!

Jesus on his throne of wonder!
Every veil is rent asunder,
Round him rolling vengeful thunder.

Ah, me!---shrink those, righteous being!
Heaven and earth prepare for fleeing!--
Can I bear the eye all-seeing!

Yet, enthroned in sapphire-blazes,
Awful King, thy grace amazes,--
Save me for its endless praises!

By thee once in death extended,
Was a ruined world befriended!
On thee hang my hopes suspended.

For me thou didst bless the manger,
Bear the cross and brave its danger;
O, remember still the stranger!

Let compassion, kindly yearning,
The demands of justice spurning,
Blot the leaves against me burning!

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Hear the plea thy suppliant urges,
Trembling on destruction's verges--
'Neath him rolling fiery surges.

Must I from thy face be driven,
When vile Mary was forgiven,
And the thief assured of Heaven?

Justly may thy vengeance lower;
Yet in mercy show thy power--
Let not endless flames devour!

In the last adjudication,
Grant my guilty soul a station
With the children of salvation.

From thy joys celestial never
With the vile my spirit sever,
In thy wrath to burn forever.

Joined with myriads now before thee,
Would thy guilty worm adore thee--
Hear his trembling voice implore thee!

Day of grief and woe surprising,
When to judgment all are rising,
Then,--in mercy veiled, each feature,--
Spare, \emptyset spare, the guilty creature;
With thee, Lord and Saviour blest!
Let him find eternal rest.

Amen.

My object has been, in connection with the spirit, to retain, as far as possible, the exact rhythm of the original, so that both the one and the other could be sung to the same tune. Of course, like all poetry transferred from one language into another, it must be regarded as an imitation rather than a translation.

The hymn is supposed to have been written by Thomas de Celano, a Minorite monk, and a native of Italy, about A.D. 1250.

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pp. 489-490.

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To His Wife on the Death of Her Mother.

The vital spark of heavenly flame,
Has surely, surely fled;
The cold that creeps along her frame,
Proclaims that she is dead.
She wings her way among the spheres,
To where the throne appears.

Last eve she sweetly closed the day,
Rapt in redeeming love;
This morn she's on her shining way,
To join the songs above.
She wakes amid seraphic strains,
Upon the heavenly plains.

O, gentle death, without a sting!
Is this indeed to die?
Borne on an angel's balmu wing,
She passes to the sky!
And yet we're drowned in tears of grief,
For here's the withered leaf.

We knew that eighty years had spanned
Life's checkered scenes away;
And long in Beulah's happy land,
Had heard her sing and pray,
With Zion's city full in view,
Yet it seemed not so true.

Though she had felt the stern control
Of age, disease, and care,
Warm were the affections of her soul---
There was no winter there;
And in God's house she still was seen,
Fragrant, and fair, and green.

Tis sweet to call her form to mind,
That glowed with inward grace;
Her looks benign, her words so kind,
The gentlest of her race!--
The charity, the prayer, and praise,
In which she passed her days.

Who can her listening ear forget,
Her eye devoutly closed;
When round the mercey-seat we met,
In holy thought composed;
Or with what joy her soul would beam,
When Jesus was the theme.

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Alas, to think she's gone, she's gone!
That tenderest earthly friend!
While here we sought to cheer her on,
And every want attend!
O, how we'd fear to give her pain,
If she were here again!

But ah, no tears will her restore,
To cheer our lonely home;
We find her in the room no more,
Smiling to see us come.
Her books we find, her place of prayer,
But mother is not there!

You need not go, my dear, to-night,
Before your eyelids close,
Or rise, betimes, ere morning light,
To look for her repose.
Deep sleep is on her aged brow,
She sleeps in Jesus now.

Yet Mary, wipe away that tear,
Nor be with sorrow riven;
For shining angels have been here--
This is the gate of heaven;
Ethereal fragrance spreads around,--
I feel 'tis holy ground.

We'll bear the precious dust away,
And plume our wings to fly;
While waiting for eternal day,
We hope like her to die,--
To wake amid angelic strains,
Upon the heavenly plains.

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OLIVER ALDEN TAYLOR.

To His Sister Mary.

Mary, my dear, you do not hear me,
For hills divide and many a care;
Yet I am often sighing near thee,
And weeping for thee fast in prayer;
O, surely you might feel me there.

But late my closing eyes espied thee
In anguish sore; much gone to waste;
I rose and ran and knelt beside thee,
And called salvation's cup in haste;--
Methinks my sister would not taste.

Just laid upon my anxious pillow,
That oft for thee sith tears I lave,
I saw thee on a broken billow,
And a life-boat gliding near to save;
Yet Mary struggled with the wave.

I've borne thee oft to Zion's mountain,
And walked with thee around the brink
Of Calvary's gushing, healing fountain,
Where I was cured; yet hard to think
My sister would not stoop to drink.

I see it all around me flowing---
God's love---an ocean deep and wide,
I feel its raptures through me glowing,
And fain would sail along the tide,
With Mary smiling at my side.

O come, my sister, cease thy weeping,
A brighter day must sure be nigh---
The star of morn I feel is sleeping
For thee in yonder cloudless sky;
Come, yield they heart and wipe thine eye.

What though no more the spring delight thee,
And flow'rets vainly strew thy way---
Eternity is dawning brightly,
How lovely is the opening day!
While angels whisper, 'Come away.'

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p. 286

Written March 28, 1839.

CLASS OF 1825

OLIVER A TAYLOR

Brother of Revs. Jeremiah (Amherst 1843), Rufus (Amherst 1837, and Timothy A., (Amherst 1835), was born at Yarmouth, Mass., August 18, 1801; when about three months old his parents removed with him to Ashfield, and when about two years old, removed with him to Hawley; graduated at Union in 1825; finished the theological course at Andover in 1829; resided at Andover for some time as a resident licentiate and as an instructor in the seminary, and supplied different churches; received calls to settle in several places, and among others, Topsfield, Braintree, and Hatfield; ordained as an Evangelist at Newburyport, November 14, 1838; installed as pastor at Manchester, September 18, 1839; and died while pastor of the church there, December 18, 1851, aged 50. Rev. Dr. Crowell of Essex preached his funeral sermon. Mr. Taylor was married to Miss Mary Cleaveland of Topsfield, November 8, 1843.

From an Obituary notice in the Puritan Recorder of June 12, 1852:

He was the eldest son of Jeremiah and Martha Shaw Taylor. His mother was the youngest daughter of Rev. Timothy Alden, pastor of the Congregational Church in Yarmouth, and granddaughter of Rev. Holyoke Weld, pastor of the church in Attleborough.

"His pecuniary means being exhausted, he borrowed ten dollars, and commenced a journey on foot of more than 500 miles, to Alleghany College in Pennsylvania, where he entered at the age of 20, under the patronage of his uncle, the Rev. Timothy Alden, President of the college. The following year he was transferred to Union College, N. Y., where he had graduated in 1825."

"In 1835, he brought through the press his 'Brief Views of the Saviour for the Young.' The same year, he translated from the German, (appending copious notes of his own) an elaborate work on the 'Music of the Hebrews.' This, in two articles, was published in the Biblical epository of that year. These articles secured his election to the Oriental Society. In 1838 he issued his 'Catalogue of Andover Theological Seminary,' concerning which work, Prof. Tholuck of Germany remarked to a professor in that seminary, that he regarded it the best evidence of the existence of ripe scholarship in America, of anything which had fallen under his eye.

In 1844 he gave to the Sabbath School Society "The Memoir of Andrew Lee."

FROM History of Churches and Ministers of Franklin Co., Mass.
pp/ 216-217

Rev. Theophilus Packard, Jr.
S. K. Whipple & Co.,
Boston, Mass. 1854

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OLIVER WALDEN TAYLOR

Born Yarmouth, Mass., August 28, 1801
Allegheny College 1821-22
Union College 1825
Andover Theological Seminary 1829
Literary work Andover, Mass., 1829-38
Resident licentiate, Andover Theol. Sem., 1836
Instructor Sacred Literature, Andover Theol. Sem., 1836-37
Ordained Newbury, November 14, 1838
Preached at Greenfield and vicinity 1838-39
Pastor Manchester from 1839
Died December 13, 1851.

General Catalogue 1808-1908 p. 107
Andover Theological Seminary

Rev. OLIVER ALLEN TAYLOR, A.M., 1825, of Meadville, Pa., was a member of the Adelpic
Society.
Adelpic Catalogue 1830 (Died: 1851)