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1. True Relation of the Conversion and Baptism of Isuf the Turkish Chasie: Lon., 1634, sm. 8vo.

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1. Sermons preached at Welbeck Chapel, Marylebone, Lon., 1817, 8vo.

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1. Lately published: 1. The Editor has been an eminent ornament among them; and it has been a question among some of their number whether ever any secular priest of England went beyond him in secular matters."—Wood.
To Dr. Samuel P. White,

of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1822,

(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 descendents 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.

Specimens of Biographical Sketches for the Proposed Catalogue.

John Glidden Brown was born in Quinnipeek, 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 Hoezen, 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 Maribetown, 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 "Communicants 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 Camermiie; attended medical lectures at the College of Surgeons and Physicians, and was admitted to. and commenced the practice of medicine in La Rhine, in 180C. 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.

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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.

1. Name. Samuel Powery White

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

II. Names of both Parents; thus: — Samuel and Rebecca (Powery) White

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

III. Birth Place. Hudson, New York

Birth Day and Year. November 8, 1801

IV. Various residences and dates; thus: —

[Hudson 1801-20; Albany 1825-6; Hudson 1825-33; New York 1833-54.]

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

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

VI. At what College he graduated, and when. Union College 1822

but entered Middlebury College in 1816, left 1818 for Union.

VII. The occupation he followed after leaving college before studying his profession; thus: —

[Teaching, Washington, D. C., 1847-49; or Merchant's Clerk, New York City, 1849-51.]

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.]

IX. Where he has practiced his profession, with dates; and in case he be a clergyman, mention the denomination to which he belongs; thus: —

[Episc. Somerville, N. J., 1827-30; Pres., Albany, N. Y., 1830-5; New York City, 1835-54.]

X. The other occupations he has followed; when and where; thus: —

[Merchant, Rochester, N. Y., 1829-35; or Farmer, Geneseo, N. Y., 1835-54; or Manufacturer, Schoharie, N. Y., 1841-48; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c. Has given four courses of Lectures in Surgery at the Berkshire Medical College, Pittsfield, Mass., 1825-31.]
XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

Copies are solicited for the "Graduates' Alcove" in College Library.

XIII. The names of his relatives who graduated at Union College.

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.]

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

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

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

[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.

Dr. White, since long, has been wholly occupied in studying and practising the different branches of his profession. He has repeatedly performed all the most important operations in surgery and medicine. The most important and difficult operation, however, and the one which has been most retold by the Medical Profession, is the successful application of this ligature to the internal iliac artery. It was in fact the first operation of the kind in the United States and about fourth in any country. The rare and difficult operation was performed in 1827 at Cambridge near Hudson and was just taken by the American Medical Journal, Society of Pennsylvania in 1828 and is mentioned in Osgood's Surgical Dictionary.

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

Dr. W. is a direct lineal descendant from John White who was among the party of Separatists that first settled the town of Cambridge near Boston in 1632. They subsequently found the party who were among the first settlers of the City of Hartford Con. The descendants of John White remained mostly in Connecticut until the tide of emigration began to move in the latter part of last century in a westerly direction. The father of Dr. W. moved from Rhode Island to Pennsylvania about 1796 and after spending a life of usefulness in his profession, died in 1845. He emigrated as a Pennsylvanian and became the citizen of Colchester in the State of Connecticut.

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:

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Feb., 1807—First annual meeting of the Medical Society of the State of N. Y., nine counties represented, but Columbia was not included.

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Son of Dr. Samuel and Wealthy (Pomeroy) White. Born in Hudson, N.Y., Nov. 8, 1801. He graduated at Union College in 1822, and at New York Medical College. He is a physician in New York and has been lecturer in the Berkshire Medical College at Pittsfield, Mass. The honorary degree of M.D. was conferred on him by Williams College in 1832. He married June 29, 1825, Caroline M. Jenkins.

Children:

5. Henry Kirke b. April 12, 1837.

Memorial of Elder John White pp. 245-246
Allyn S. Kellogg
Case, Lockwood & Co.
1860.
The son of Dr. Samuel White, this surgeon was born November 8, 1801, in the city of Hudson, New York, and went as a boy to Middlebury College, Vermont, and Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., where he received an honorary diploma when recalled by his father to work under him. Later, two years in the medical departments of the University of New York and the University of Pennsylvania well fitted him to be his father's partner. In 1823 the Medical Society of the County of Columbia, New York, granted him a license to practice.

In 1827 he had his attention called to a case of gluteal aneurysm for which he ligated the internal iliac artery, this being the second time on record the operation had been performed for this disease.

Successful in ligating the internal iliac artery, which he termed his "darling operation," it seemed a fit reward that he should be invited to the chair of surgery and obstetrics in the Berkshire Medical Institution, Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and in 1830 that of theoretical and operative surgery.

But he coveted a wider field and three years later he went to New York and there was equally successful.

He was singularly reluctant to appear before the public even in writing and never yielded to those who wanted some of his valuable lectures printed, yet at all times he gladly helped anyone by conversation.

About ten days before his death he was seized with a violent chill, the prelude to typhoid fever and he died June 6, 1867, when sixty-five years old. He married Caroline Jenkins of Hudson, who with three sons and four daughters, survived him.

By Davina Waterson.


FROM American Medical Biographies.

Kelly and Burrage


SAMUEL P. WHITE, M.D., 1822, of Hudson, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.

Philomathean Catalogue 1830
28. Samuel White

Attended Fairfield, session 1823-24 from Ulysses, Tompkins Co.

Hon. M.D. 1829 Berkshire

Professor Obstetrics, Berkshire


Is there anything to indicate this man as identical with your man, who was A.B. 1822 and d. in 1867. You call him M.D. and place him at Hudson.

Samuel White was the father of Samuel Pomeroyst White, Union 1822. Both were connected with Berkshire Med. Institution

from F. C. Waite of Western Reserve
MARRIED: In Hudson, by the Rev. Mr. Staunton, Dr. Samuel P. White, formerly of this city, to Miss Caroline M. Jenkins, daughter of the late Robert Jenkins, esq., former mayor of this city.

Albany Argus
July 15, 1825.
CLASS OF 1822  SAMUEL POMEROY WHITE

Entered from Hudson, N. Y.
In College, 1817-1822.
A. B. Union, 1822, and M. D.
Physician, New York, N. Y.
Died, 1867.

Middlebury College
General Catalogue
p. 57  1917
The following notice is taken from the Rural Repository of Hudson, N.Y., under date of August 30, 1828:

Berkshire Medical Institution.—No circular nor catalogue of this school, having as yet come under our observation, we make the following extract from the Dutchess Intelligencer:—

"We are informed that the professorship of Surgery and Obstetrics, in the Berkshire Medical Institution, has been offered and accepted by Dr. Samuel White, M. D. in connection with his son, Dr. S. P. White, M. D., both of the city of Hudson. These gentlemen cannot fail to add to the celebrity as well as the actual value of the Institution."

This is as it should be. Our Medical Institutions, like our agricultural, have too long and too generally been under the guidance of mere theorists. A laboured compilation or a finished essay have frequently placed in these most responsible Professorships, men, who have scarcely seen a patient and rarely if ever touched an instrument. From such men, students can hardly expect any benefit. But Doctor Samuel White has been for thirty years in most constant and successful practice— during a part of which time, both himself and son, Doctor S. P. White, have been advantageously known to the public in a series of the most critical and dangerous Surgical operations—some of which, we believe, have never been performed by any others in this country.—We congratulate the Institution on this acquisition to its former celebrity and hope it will receive that patronage which it so highly merits.