

Rev. Daniel Van Valkenbergh, son of James and Elizabeth (McCombs) Van Valkenbergh, was born at Manheim, Herkimer county, January 8, 1805. He fitted for college at Hartwick Seminary, and entered Union and graduated from it in 1824. He took his theological course at Auburn, completing it in 1827, and was licensed by Cayuga Presbytery and ordained by Oneida. His ministry of thirty-six years was exercised at Evans Mills, Richfield Springs, Mexico, Taberg, Exeter, and closed at Springfield, where he was settled April, 1857, and where he died of inflammation of the bowels, November 24, 1864. He was twice married,--first to Mary Weber, of Richfield, and second to Julia F. Tracey, of Norwich, Ct., who with six children, survived him.

Rev. P. F. Sanborne, the present pastor of Springfield, speaks of him as "esteemed there and beloved until his death," and says:

Mr. Van Valkenbergh is remembered as a man of more than ordinary ability, whose sermons commanded the attention of the thoughtful, and who never dismissed a congregation unfed. He delighted to discuss the knotty points in theology, and make clear abstruse and difficult subjects. His was a logical mind, unimaginative, and rarely dealing in figures and illustrations. The common hearer would call him dry and dull, while the dryness and dullness were a part of themselves. In conversation he was reticent, unless in company with his peers, but with them he was more than ordinarily genial and communicative. Few were converted during his ministry, while all were enlightened and built up in truth and righteousness."

Another has said:

"As a theologian, he was thoroughly read, systematic and able, strictly Calvinistic, rigidly orthodox, and yet sufficiently bending to accommodate himself to the fraternising spirit of the age, without compromising the truth. As a preacher, he was faithful, direct, clear, not shunning to declare the whole counsel of God."

His appearance was that of the student,--spare and stooping in form, and neglectful of style in manner and dress,--denoting a man familiar with books, but a stranger to society. His person did not indicate his intellect, and his bearing depreciated it.

From " Genealogy of the Hyde Family", Page 446.

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1824.

Rec^d March 28, 1855

To *David Van Valkenburgh* of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 18 24

(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 Quinipeck, 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.

INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR THE FOREGOING SKETCHES.

1. Name. *Daniel Van Valkenburgh*

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

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

James & Elizabeth (McCombs) Van Valkenburgh

III. Birth Place.

Manheim N.Y.

Birth Day and Year.

Jan. 8th 1805

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—

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

*Manheim 1805-30 - Richfield Springs 1830-44 - Mexico
D. Y. 1844-7 - Duburg N.Y. 1847-52 - Exeter N.Y. since 1853.*

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

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

Warwick N.Y. Ernest Lewis Hazard 1819-22

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.

Union College 1824

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 at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-5 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]

Theology at Auburn Theological Seminary 1824-7

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.]

*Pres. Various places from 1827-30 - Richfield Springs 1830-44
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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.]

XI. The important offices he has held, with dates; thus:—

[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.]

Sermon in "National Preacher" July 1836 - an Article in
"American Biblical Repository" (Oct. 1839) - no spare copies
on hand -

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

Prof. Taylor Lewis, & I believe his brother John W. Lewis -
Cousins

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.

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.]

I suppose the questions on this page refer only to those who
are deceased —

Yours respectfully

J. Van Valkenburgh

Exeter N. Y. }
March 24. 1855 }

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FROM Genealogy of Lt. Thomas Tracy p. 76
Mrs. Matilda O. Abbey
D. S. Harkness & Co.
Milwaukee 1888.

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AUBURN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

*DANIEL VAN VALKENBERG, b. Manheim, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1805; Union Col. 1824; m. Mary Weber, Richfield; m. Julia F. Tracy, Norwich, Conn.; ord. p. at Vernon Centre, N. Y., Oneida Presb., July 13, 1831; Richfield Springs, 1830-45; Mexico; Taberg, 1848-52; Exeter, 1852-7; Evans Mills; Springfield from 1858; one account says Springfield 36 yrs. in all; d. do., Nov. 24, 1864.

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Rev. DANIEL VAN VALKENBURGH, 1824, of Manheim, N.Y., was a member of the Philomathean Society.
(Died: 1864)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830

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MARRIED: In Richfield, Otsego Co., on the 26th ult.
by the Rev. Mr. Snyder, the Rev. Daniel Van Valken-
burgh (late of Manheim),) to Miss Mary, daughter of
Michael Weber.

Albany Argus,
Aug. 4, 1830