



CAZENOVIA COLLEGE  
CAZENOVIA, NEW YORK 13035

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

22 January 75

Dear Bob --

A very hasty note, typed with my own ten thumbs, prompted by the arrival of UNION COLLEGE earlier this week.

Background: this is the 150th Birthday of Cazenovia College, going back to its founding as a Methodist Seminary in December 1824. Naturally there have been many Sesquicentennial activities, banquets, receptions, etc. We have also used the happy coincidence of this anniversary to try to raise funds to pull Caz out of the horrid swamp into which it collapsed last spring.

Where the historical reviews have been concerned, one of the major documents is a book called The First Fifty Years of Cazenovia Seminary, published in 1875. I was delighted to discover that two of my predecessors in this office (principals, as they were then called) were graduates of Union College: J. Wadsworth Tyler (1831-32) and George G. Hapgood (1838-44).

I enclose some pertinent materials. The passage on Tyler is touching, I think. Apparently he would have enjoyed a distinguished career, had he not been suffering a terminal ailment (consumption?).

Tyler and Hapgood may both be worth a few lines in some PR piece; or perhaps they may just be added to your files on interesting alumni. Use your own judgement.

UNION COLLEGE is admirable, and I have thoroughly enjoyed the two issues thus far in the new format. The last issue produced some pleasant memories. I was a very active Mountebank in my years at Union; and Howard Simons and I were pals in 1949-50, when I was a very junior instructor in the English Department and he was an undergraduate (a junior, I guess). In any event, "Excelsior!!" UNION COLLEGE is just fine, and I look forward to future editions.

All the best, as always.

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Conflict: one set of records has Hapgood 1838-44; another has him 1839-43. Several serious fires here in past years destroyed many files, so some guesswork may be called for.



### CHAPTER III.

Rev. George G. Hapgood, D.D., Principal—The First Graduating Class—Changes in Faculty, Stewards, and Trustees—Dr. Hapgood's subsequent History—Students during Dr. Hapgood's Administration.

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1. IN the spring of 1839 Rev. George G. Hapgood, A.M., was elected principal of the Seminary in place of Rev. H. Colburn. At the time of his election he was principal of Mexico Academy. He was a graduate of Union College, and was an experienced teacher. He attended the Cazenovia Seminary under Augustus W. Smith, at the time the only teacher. Then he taught in M'Grawville, where he subsequently married the daughter of Samuel M'Graw, Esq. Various other engagements to teach preceded his college graduation at "Union," which occurred in 1830. Subsequently he received the title of D.D. Soon after his graduation he entered a law office in Cortland.

The terms of the school had previously been arranged for two sessions of twenty-two weeks each; but it was found that there was a tendency to a decreased attendance near the close of the sessions. This led to a change to three terms of fifteen weeks each. A three years' "course of study" was adopted, on the completion of which diplomas were conferred. It is believed that this was the first graduating course adopted by any seminary in the State.

A material reduction of the Seminary debt was accomplished. The indebtedness was about \$10,000. 1839 being the centenary year of English Methodism, the Oneida Conference observed the celebration by religious services on the appointed day, and by raising an educational fund within its bounds. Sufficient funds were raised to reduce the Seminary debt to \$4,000, besides providing \$750 for apparatus and the library. The Seminary then ranked as the tenth in the State, as measured by numbers of students and public moneys. In 1843 it was the third; a few years later it was the second; and since 1872 it has stood first.

There was an advance in the salaries of the teachers, and some changes in the Faculty. Dr. Hapgood's first salary was \$600, afterward increased to \$700. Professors Bannister and Hawley's raised from \$400 to \$500, that of Professor Blanchard to \$400, and that of H. R. Clark from \$300 to \$400. All this shows a rising tide of prosperity in the affairs of the school. Bannister and Blanchard resigned, both to go to Fairfield. Professor Bannister returned to Cazenovia, and Professor Alverson, afterward principal of Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, was elected to fill the place of Professor Blanchard. Professor S. Waterman Keech, A.M., who had filled the chair of Natural Science and Teacher's Department, was succeeded by Alonzo B. Canfield, A.M.

4. Dr. Hapgood tendered his resignation May 17, 1843, and his relation to the Seminary ceased at the close of the academic year. Since then he has filled various stations in the educational field, besides doing much pastoral and other work. Leaving Cazenovia, he became agent for Wesleyan University within his own (Black River) Conference; then principal of Mexico Academy for two years, and from that position he returned to the pastoral work. After a number of years he again returned to the work of teaching, and became principal of Jordan Academy; then for a short time was professor of Hebrew and Latin in Belleville Seminary, Canada; then professor of theology in Albert College, Canada; and in 1874 professor of Hebrew for two terms in Syracuse University. He maintained his love for Bible study to the last. A remarkable record was found on the last page of his well-worn Hebrew Bible:—

SYRACUSE, December 31, 1875.

"This night, after just nineteen years, I have completed all the originals of all the Bible. All read—some more, and none less, than twice; each verse, with all the Septuagint, part of the Vulgate, and all the marginal references, mostly in the original, the meaning of proper names, the history, geography, chronology, and maps. *Laus Deo.* GEORGE GRANT HAPGOOD."

Two days afterward Mr. Hapgood was attacked with the sickness which terminated in his death. When asked why he bestowed so much time and toil in study, as he probably could not live long, he replied, "Why, I am just getting ready to live." He died in Apulia, New York, May 17, 1816, aged seventy-two years. He was buried in Mexico, New York.



a talismanic power over him. He said to Dr. Paddock, soon after that memorable night, "If I ever see you hereafter to the end of my life and do not refer to the 'blind man healed,' take it for granted that I have backslidden." "But," says Dr. Paddock, "he always did refer to it, making it a part of his invariable salutation." In consequence of declining health he sought restoration in the South, but failed to find it, and hastened homeward with hope that he might at least die in the midst of his much-loved domestic circle. He was disappointed in this hope, and died among strangers, exulting in the "blind man's Almighty healer." His death occurred at Eddyville, on the line of the Delaware and Hudson Canal, being unable to proceed further on his journey. He died at the age of twenty-six.

Professor Larrabee, his immediate successor in the principalship, writes of him: "His virtues were of the natural and unassuming kind, such as endeared him to all his friends. As a scholar, he was distinguished by a sound, vigorous mind. As a teacher, his equal is seldom found."

Dr. H. Bannister, also, who entered the school under his principalship, adds: "He received me, a green youth, with marked kindness, and thus disarmed me of the slight fear which at first seized me; for he had a firm, or, as I imagined, a gruff look, tall and spare, with hair combed, or else naturally, standing erect upon his brow. To my imagination he seemed a veteran in service, for his manly aspect and air bespoke more than twenty-five years, his age at that time." To the surprise of young Bannister, after examination he put him on a course direct for college, a thing the most remote from Henry's thought. He adds: "As a man, he seemed thoroughly genuine, without gloss upon the exterior, and something different within. One day with another, among friends or strangers, indoors or out, he seemed the same steady-nerved, right-minded, manly man, normally so, with no self-consciousness thereof. After his remarkable conversion he became a useful and honored member of the Presbyterian Church. As a teacher, the marked thing with him was his fidelity to his trust.

He brought no slipshod preparation to his duties. He favored the poorer but earnest students equally with the better ones—as gentle and patient with the former as he was proud of the latter. He united lecture and recitation with great facility. In chemical and physical experiments he never failed or blundered. Authority was read all over his countenance and mien; the ill-disposed could not but dread and fear him, while the mass of the students experienced his kindness and loved him. I remember him with great reverence and affection."



GEORGE G. HAPGOOD, '30

The Rev. George G. Hapgood, D. D., of Apulia, N. Y., a corresponding member, was born in Petersham, Mass., Feb. 11, 1804, and died in Apulia, May 17, 1876, aged 72 years.

He was the son of Eber, born Aug. 5, 1770, and Sally (Grout) Hapgood, born May 1, 1772, both in Petersham, Mass. H married Oct. 28, 1830, Marcia, daughter of Samuel McGraw, Esq., of McGrawville, N. Y., by whom he had ten children.

Mr. Hapgood's early education was in the common school at Petersham, and at Hadley and Amherst academies, Mass. He received the degree of A. B. at entered college and while preparing to do so, Mr. Hapgood taught school in the towns of Phillipston, Petersham and Princeton, Mass., and in Schodack and the high school in Cortland Village, N. Y. For more than forty years, or from the time of his graduation until his death, a busy and useful life as a teacher and preacher, and a kindly cherished memory, is the testimony borne of him by those for whom and among whom he labored. He is spoken of by one who was associated with him, and in connection with other teachers of Mexico Academy, N. Y.--of which Mr. Hapgood was principal, 1834-39, and 1844-46--as "noble minded, genial, popular and enthusiastic." As a teacher he filled many other places in schools and seminaries in the state of New York and in Canada. Mr. Hapgood was, in 1835, ordained as deacon in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Oswego, N. Y., by Bishop Hedding; in 1837, by the same bishop, as elder, at Potsdam, N. Y. He was presiding elder of the Syracuse District, 1851-55; of Oswego District, 1855-56.

As a minister and elder of a church ever awake in its Master's work, our necessarily limited sketch prevents an enumeration of all the stations and offices filled by the subject of our notice. May his example, like his Master's lead those who knew him to do what they can for truth and righteousness, so that, with his, their memories may be kindly cherished.

He became a member March 25, 1862.

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CLASS OF 1830

GEORGE G. HAPGOOD

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To G. G. Hapgood of the Class that graduated at Union College, in the year 1830

(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 Quinnepeck, 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 Camermile ; 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.

George Groat Hapgood.

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

II. Names of both Parents; thus:—

[John and Elizabeth (Smith) Johnson.]

Eber and Dolly (Groat) Hapgood.

III. Birth Place.

Petersham Mass.

Birth Day and Year.

Feb. 11. 1804

IV. Various residences and dates; thus:—

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

Troxton N.Y. 1830-33, Homer N.Y. 1833-4

Mexico N.Y. 1834-9, Cahoonia N.Y. 1839-43, Mexico N.Y. 1843-6, Butler N.Y. 1846-7, Jordan N.Y. 1847-8, Oswego N.Y. 1848-50, Colchester N.Y. 1850-51, Mexico N.Y. 1851-2, Colchester N.Y. 1852-5

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

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

Hadley Mass. Rev. Taylor M. D. 1825, Amherst Mass. Rev. Payne, 1826, Hallowell Mass. 1826 also Rev. Nash, teacher Rev. Dr. Briggs minister to China, Cahoonia N.Y. Augustus W. Smith L. L. D. Pres. Wesleyan University 1827-9, Orlando Catman, Colchester N.Y. 1829

VI. At what College he graduated, and when.

Union College 1830.

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.]

Teaching, Troxton N.Y. 1830-33, having been law before teaching with Judge Stephens and upon in Colchester village N.Y. and some while teaching at Troxton N.Y.

VIII. The profession he studied; where; with whom; when; thus:—

[Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, 1822-4 or Law in Albany, N. Y., with Hon. Harmanus Bleecker, 1840-2.]

entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church and appointed as a junior preacher with Rev. S. H. Stocking to Bainbridge circuit Oneida Conference, 1833-4.

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.]

Principal of New-York City Academy, Mexico N.Y. 1834-9, of Oneida Conference Seminary 1839-43, at Cahoonia N.Y. Agent for Wesleyan University in Black River Conference 1843-4, Principal Mexico Academy N.Y. 1844-6, Preacher in charge of Rose circuit 1846-7, Black River Conference 1847-8, at Oswego N.Y. in the M. E. Church 1848-50, at Bellville N.Y. 1850-1, Presiding Elder of Synodical District Black River Conference of M. E. Church 1851-1855.

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, Scholastic, N. Y., 1841-48; or Professor, teacher, banker, editor, &c.]

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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.]

admitted to the ministry of the M. E. Church 1833, ordained Deacon at Haddam at Oswego 1835, Elder by same 1837, several times Secretary of Black River Conference, etc. of from the Oneida Presbytery delegate to General Conference in 1844, 45, 52, Principal of Mexico Academy 1844-9, 1844-6 Oneida Conference Seminary 1839-43, Presiding Elder, Oneida District 1851-5

XII. The Literary or Scientific Works he has written or edited.

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

sermon on the Resurrection in the "Methodist Episcopal Pulpit" for the month, Lectures on Natural Theology, the Weather, Baptism, the Hapgood and Groat Families, The Apocalypse, Interpretation of the Sinaitic Inscriptions, The Pentateuch, etc.

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

Solom Groat of class 1826, a distant relative, I believe. John R. Groat a 1825, a maternal cousin. Nelson Brooke class of 1838, "died of a consumption, without graduation" at Petersham Mass.

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.]

A. B. Union College 1830, Diploma dated 1833; A. M. Diploma dated 1836 Union College not in General Catalogue. I obtained a both Diplomas in 1836 when I paid tuition bills that the charities of the college had previously offered to give me. G. D. Union College 1852.

XV. Is there an engraved portrait of him?

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

I have a reretyped only. Will forward one and a copy of books for your library at some convenient.

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. There are Hap-  
 goods in England. "Shadrach Hopgood, aged 14 embarked  
 from Gravesend, Eng. May 30. 1656 in the Speedwell,  
 Robert Locke Master for New England" arrived at Boston  
 next appears at Sudbury Mass. Married Elizabeth Tread-  
 way there Oct. 21. 1664, out of Capt. Hutchinson's party killed  
 by the Indians at Quabodoc (Northfield) Aug. 2. 1675.  
 2. Thomas born at Sudbury but settled and died in North  
 boro' Mass. 3. Capt. Thomas settled in Shrewsbury Mass.  
 4. Deacon Voth out of the first settlers of Peterborough (1754)  
 5. Eber, 6. George Great Hopgood. 7. Charles.  
 Richard Groat created Esq. by John Elizabeth in 1787 at  
 per coat of arms. Groat originally from west of England  
 John Groat Sen first of Waltham East of Sudbury Mass.

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.]

His "grandfather Richard aged 40, wife Note 45, embarked  
 at Ipswich, Eng. April 10. 1634 in the Elizabeth, Wm  
 Andrews, Master for New England". 2. John  
 Groat Jun 3. John Groat, 4. Col. Jonathan Groat  
 My maternal Grandfather, born 1737; died at Dor-  
 seth 76. 1807. He was an officer in the Revolution,  
 a member of Congress for the Worcester District  
 Mass. from 1789 to 90, the first Congress under  
 the Federal Constitution, and an extensive land  
 holder in Mass, Vt. and N.H. His residence was  
 Peterborough Mass. where my mother Dolcy was born  
 May 1. 1772, and died July 16. 1822. Her brother Jonathan  
 graduated at Dartmouth 1787, and telegraphed, 1799.  
 See Holmsted Journal "



after finishing a critical reading of the Old Testament, in six different languages, he was taken ill, and, although tenderly cared for by his three daughters and one son, his life-work was finished.

During his last illness, reclining in an easy-chair, and, with his attendant physicians hand upon his pulse, assisted by another minister, married the first one of his children, that had ever been given in marriage, April 27, 1876.

May 4, at his earnest request, he was taken to the home of his son in Apulia, N. Y., where he died. He was taken to Mexico, N. Y. for interment, and, with his old board of academy trustees as bearers, he was laid to rest by the side of his much-loved wife.

In 1868, while Professor of Ancient Literature in Albert University in Belleville he published a work on the "Origin of Language." He was an honorary member of the Boston Historic-Genealogical Society, and ranked as one of New York State's best scholars.

He married October 28, 1830, Marcia, daughter of Samuel McGraw, Esq., of McGrawville, N. Y., born January 3, 1811, every way a superior woman; died April 2, 1855, at Oswego, N. Y.

Rev. Dr. Hapgood died at Apulia, N. Y., May 17, 1876.

Children:

1. George Washington, born May 15, 1832 at Truzton; died of consumption November 29, 1852.
2. Charles, born June 17, 1834 at McGrawville; died Aug. 6, 1834 at Guilford, N. Y., where he was interred.
3. Marcia Elizabeth, born June 16, 1835 at Mexico; died March 1, 1857 at Fairfield and buried there.
4. Mary Francis, born April 24, 1837 at Mexico; graduated from Oneida Conference Seminary the last of June, 1861; died April 4, 1862 at Booneville.
5. Charles, born October 18, 1838 at Mexico; died Oct. 17, 1839 at Cazenovia.
6. Harriet Ellen, born July 14, 1840 at Cazenovia; graduated at Seminary there. Married at Syracuse April 27, 1876, Madison Paul Sawyer. Resides in Brooklyn. He holds office under the U. S. Government in customs department. Has 3 children.
7. Catherine Emma, born June 10, 1843 at Apulia; taught eight years in Syracuse and at the time of her marriage was an earnest, faithful teacher in Brooklyn; married Aug. 29, 1895 at Brooklyn, Howell Negus Webster, a widower, with six children. Resides, a farmer, at Fabins, N. Y. No children.
8. Emeline Angelina, born Sept. 2, 1845 at Mexico; died Sept. 26, same year at Syracuse.
9. Charles Henry, born Feb. 8, 1847 at Butler; died Jan. 8, 1895.
10. Rosalette, born Sept. 25, 1850 at Belleville; married June 28, 1878 at Apulia, Frank Wheelock, engineer. Died at Apulia, Dec. 1, 1878.

PORTRAIT avvompanies this sketch.

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Warren Hapgood  
Boston 1898.

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CLASS OF 1830

GEORGE GROUT HAPGOOD

Son of Eber and Dolly (Grout) Hapgood. She was a daughter of Hon. Jonathan Grout, a colonel in the Revolutionary War and a Member of Congress.

Born February 17, 1804 at Petersham, Mass.

Married Marcia McGraw.

"At the age of eighteen he was supposed to be in consumption; at twenty-one he resolved to obtain a classical education, and became a member of Hadley and Amherst academies, teaching winters as he had done since he was eighteen years old. At the age of twenty-three he removed to the State of New York, that he might teach more months in a year, in order to meet his educational expenses. He taught in Cazenovia, where he united with the Methodist Episcopal church, and in the autumn entered the Oneida Conference Seminary. In the winter of 1827-28, he taught at ~~the~~ McGrawville, afterwards ~~the~~ entered Union College at Schenectady, then under the presidency of the distinguished and venerable Doctor Nott. In the autumn of that year he engaged as a classical teacher in the Rensselaer High School, established at Cortland Village as a branch of the Rensselaer Institute at Troy, N. Y. He continued in the Rensselaer High School until the next spring, when he re-entered Union College, where he was graduated July, 1830, having met all his academic and collegiate expenses, save, perhaps \$50.00 for college tuition which he would not accept as a gift, but afterwards paid.

After graduation he studied law at Cortland Village in the offices of Judges Stevens & Wood, until he was called to take charge of a high school at Truxton, where he continued three years; meanwhile studying both law and medicine. In 1833 he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a junior preacher in the Bainbridge Circuit. After this he led a very active life as principal of Mexico Academy, and that of the Oneida Conference Seminary; agent for the Wesleyan University; preacher in charge of Rose Circuit, Jordan, Oswego and Belleville. He was presiding elder of Syracuse District four years, during which, in 1852, he received from his Alma Mater the degree of D. D. In 1855-56 he was presiding elder of Oswego District, when long-continued sickness in his family, resulting in the deaths of his eldest son and child and that of his wife, induced him to take a station at Fairfield, where the next year he was superannuated. After this he was stationed at Marcy, Delta, and Booneville."

Many newspaper articles, sermons, lectures, and books, upon various subjects resulted from his able, learned and accomplished pen, which the limited scope of this brief sketch forbids us to mention. From Booneville Doctor Hapgood removed to Martinsburg. The next year he was stationed at Madrid, and the next at Waddington, St. Lawrence Co. From there he went to Jordan, where he installed his daughter as principal of the academy. He then accepted a call to Albert University in Belleville, Canada, as Professor of Ancient Literature, which position he filled until 1874, when he joined his family in Syracuse, N. Y., and became Professor of Hebrew in Syracuse University. January 1, 1876,



Dr. Hapgood tendered his resignation May 17, 1843, and his relation to the Seminary ceased at the close of the academic year. Since then he has filled various stations in the educational field, besides doing much pastoral and other work. Leaving Cazenovia, he became agent for Wesleyan University within his own (Black River) Conference; then principal of Mexico Academy for two years, and from that position he returned to the work of teaching, and became principal of Jordan Academy; then for a short time professor of Hebrew and Latin in Belleville Seminary, Canada; then professor of theology in Albert College, Canada; and in 1874 professor of Hebrew for two years in Syracuse University. He maintained his love for Bible study to the last. A remarkable record was found on the last page of his well-worn Hebrew Bible:--

Syracuse, December 31, 1875.

"This night, after just nineteen years, I have completed all the originals of the Bible. All read--some more, and none less, than twice; each verse, with all the Septuagint, part of the Vulgate, and all marginal references, mostly in the original, the meaning of proper names, the history, geography, chronology, and maps. Laus Deo.

George Grant Hapgood."

Two days afterward Mr. Hapgood was attacked with the sickness which terminated in his death. When asked why he bestowed so much time and toil in study, as he probably could not live long, he replied, "Why, I am just getting ready to live."

He died in Apulia, New York, May 17, 1876, aged seventy-two years. He was buried in Mexico, New York. p. 119.

He was principal of the Seminary, 1838-1844. p. 394

In 1839 Rev. George G. Hapgood, a graduate of Union College, and an experienced teacher, succeeded Dr. Peck. His mind was active, versatile, speculative, and not without a slight dash of eccentricity. In his classes he discoursed admirably; indeed, the discursive tendency qualified somewhat his ability as a teacher. But, if not a drill-master, he powerfully inspired and quickened the minds in contact with him. Under his administration a formal course of study, extending over three years, was adopted, and in 1840 the first graduating class, consisting of two young ladies, received their diplomas. Since that time new courses have been organized, and the old extended to five years. The school continued to prosper. In 1843, Dr. Hapgood resigned, and since that time has filled various educational and pastoral positions. p. 290

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