

Blatchford Memorial II

A Genealogical Record of the Family of
 Rev. Samuel Blatchford, D. D.
 With Some Mention of Allied Families

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ALSO
 AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF
 REV. DR. BLATCHFORD
 FROM
 "THE BLATCHFORD MEMORIAL."

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children; to such as keep His covenant, and to those that remember His precepts to do them.—Psalms 103:17, 18.

"He who careth not from whence he came,
 careth little whither he goeth."—Daniel Webster.

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League. In the fall of 1864, upon his return from the East, he was drafted by the National Union League of Nevada as a candidate for governor of this new-born state. He was elected by a large majority and was reelected in 1866, serving until 1870, after which he turned again to the business of mining. He was six feet, five inches in height; he had keen intelligent eyes, handsome features, and a smile that won all hearts. Until old age he retained his youthful appearance. In character he was unswerving. At one time he failed in a wheat deal for \$80,000 but he later paid all his debts, even to the extent of forcing money upon his creditors when it was not collectible in law. His creditors then presented him with a watch which he carried till his death. Inside the cover was engraved: "Presented by a few friends, who can appreciate integrity." He was buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland.

[Files of the *Gold Hill News*, 1864, 1866, and of the *Reno Evening Gazette*, 1900; Alonzo Phelps, *Contemporary Biog. of Cal.'s Representative Men* (1881), II, 122-24; *Hist. of Nev.* (1881), ed. by Myron Angel, pp. 87, 89, 679; H. H. Bancroft, *Hist. of Nev., Colo., and Wyo.* (1890), p. 184; *Statutes of Nev.*, 1864, 1866, 1868; *Jour. of the Nev. Assembly*, 1864-65, 1866.]

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BLATCHFORD, RICHARD MILFORD

(Apr. 23, 1798-Sept. 4, 1875), lawyer, was the ninth of the seventeen children of Samuel Blatchford, a Nonconformist minister from Plymouth Dock, Devon, England, who came with his wife Alicia (Windeatt) to the United States in 1795. Born at Stratford, Conn., Richard attended the common schools, and completed his education at Union College, Schenectady, where he graduated in 1815. He then became a school teacher at Jamaica, L. I., studying law in his spare time. On his admission to the New York bar in 1820, he commenced practise in New York City, devoting himself more particularly to mercantile law and finance. In 1826 he was appointed counsel and financial agent of the Bank of England in the United States and shortly afterwards was retained in a similar capacity by the Bank of the United States. When the charter of the Bank of the United States expired in 1836, to him was confided the adjustment of all outstanding matters between it and the Bank of England. His services were also requisitioned on occasion by the Bank Commissioner of the State of New York. In politics he was a prominent adherent of the Whig party of that time, was an intimate friend of W. H. Seward, and in 1855 was elected a member of the state Assembly, serving one term. When the war broke out in 1861 Blatchford was indefatigable in organization work in

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the New York area, and President Lincoln appointed him one of the Committee of Three to superintend the disbursement of the public moneys for the Union. In 1862 he was appointed United States minister to the States of the Church at Rome. Though he held this post only until the following year, his conduct of his delicate diplomatic duties at a critical period earned unstinted praise from the Administration.

Blatchford always manifested an intense interest in the public park system of the City of New York. In 1859 he had been appointed commissioner of Central Park, continuing as such until the new city charter came into operation in April 1870. In December 1872 he became commissioner of public parks of the city, but impaired health shortly compelled him to retire. He died at Newport, R. I., after a long illness. He was married three times: first on May 17, 1819, to Julia Ann, daughter of J. P. Munford of New York City, who died in 1857; second, on Nov. 8, 1860, to Angelica, daughter of James A. Hamilton of Nevis, Westchester County, N. Y., who died in 1868; third, on Jan. 18, 1870, to Katherine, daughter of Philip Hone. His son by his first marriage, Samuel, became successively United States district judge of the southern district of New York, United States circuit judge of New York, and finally associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. A man of spotless integrity, high ideals and single-hearted devotion to public service, Richard Blatchford enjoyed unreservedly the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

[A brief account of his immediate antecedents will be found in *Abridged Compendium of Am. Genealogy*, ed. by F. A. Vickers (1925). Various incidents of his life are recounted in *Blatchford Memorial II, A General Record of the Family of Rev. Samuel Blatchford*, by E. W. Blatchford (1912). Obituaries appeared in the *N. Y. Times*, *N. Y. Tribune*, *N. Y. Herald*, Sept. 5, 1875.]

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BLATCHFORD, SAMUEL (Mar. 9, 1820-July 7, 1893), lawyer and jurist, was the grandson of a dissenting minister who had come to the United States in 1795 from Devonshire and after trying several different localities had settled in Lansingburg, N. Y. His father, Richard Milford Blatchford, was born in Stratford, Conn., graduated from Union College, was admitted to the bar of New York, was counsel for the Bank of England and the Bank of the United States, and served in the New York legislature. His mother, Julia Ann, daughter of John P. Mumford, a well-known publicist, was a noted belle. Samuel was born in New York City. His first education was received at Pittsfield, Mass., at the school of Wil-

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He was the first member of Congress whose death was announced in that body; and although buried in Trinity church-yard, the sermon in the church was preached by a pastor of the Dutch Reformed denomination. He was present at the battle of Brandywine, and enjoyed the confidence of George Washington. He was a man of literary culture, and his correspondence with eminent men was published in 1843 as "The Bland Papers."

Bland, Theodorick.—Born in 1777, was a lawyer by profession; was Judge of the County Court in Baltimore, and Judge of the United States District Court of Maryland, and was twenty-two years Chancellor of the State. From 1836 to 1841 he published in Baltimore, "Reports of Cases decided in the High Court of Chancery, Maryland." Died at Annapolis, November 16, 1846. His father, bearing the same name, was in the Continental and Federal Congresses.

Blatchford, Richard M.—He was the son of Rev. Samuel Blatchford, and born in Stratford, Connecticut, in 1798; graduated at Union College in 1818, of which institution he was for many years a trustee and aided it with his money; taught school on Long Island and studied law at the same time; and on coming to the bar settled in New York city. In 1826 he was made a financial agent for the Bank of England; in 1836 appointed to the same position by the Bank of the United States, and assisted in winding up its affairs; in 1855 he was elected to the State Legislature; in 1859 Commissioner of Central Park; subsequently, of the Public Parks generally; when the Rebellion commenced he was entrusted with funds for the recruiting service; and in 1862 he was appointed Minister to Italy. He was a warm personal friend of Daniel Webster and one of the executors under his will, and was the father of Samuel Blatchford, the United States District Judge for New York. He died at Newport, September 4, 1875.

Blatchford, Samuel.—He was born in the city of New York, March 9, 1820; educated at the Pittsfield Academy, Massachusetts, and at the Grammar School of Columbia College, New York, from which college he graduated in 1837; was Private Secretary to W. H. Seward from 1839 to 1841, and Military Secretary on Governor's Staff up to 1843; admitted to the bar in 1842; was made a Counselor of the Supreme Court of the State in 1845; in the latter part of the same year went to Auburn and joined Mr. Seward and Christopher Morgan as a law partner; in 1851 he was nominated for a Judgeship on the Supreme Bench, but was not elected; in 1854 he returned to New York city, and in the following year was appointed a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State for the First District, but declined; and after devoting himself to his profession, was appointed, in 1867, District Judge of the United States Court for the Southern District of New York, and still holds the office.

Bledsoe, Jesse.—He was at one time a distinguished advocate and jurist of Kentucky, and a Senator in Congress from that State from 1813 to 1815; he was also Professor of Law in the University of Transylvania, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Kentucky. He died at Nacogdoches, Texas, June 30, 1837. UCLAF1815 blatchford - r. 0003

Bliss, Archibald M.—Born in Brooklyn, Long Island, January 25, 1837; received an academic education; was for many years engaged in mercantile pursuits; was for four years an Alderman, from 1864, and President of the Board in 1867; defeated for Mayor in the latter year; was a Delegate to the Baltimore Convention in 1864, Chicago Convention of 1868, and to the Cincinnati Convention of 1872; in 1869 and 1870 he was Commissioner of Public Works for Brooklyn; was a Director in several banks, Vice-President and a Director in the New York and Long Island Bridge Company, President of the Bushwick Railroad Company, and in 1874 he was elected a Representative from New York to the Forty-fourth Congress.

Bliss, George.—Was born in Jericho, Chittenden County, Vermont, January 1, 1813; received an academical education; went to Ohio in his twentieth year, and spent one year in Granville College; studied law, and came to the bar in 1841; in 1850 he was appointed President Judge of the Eighth Judicial District of Ohio, serving one year, or until the State Constitution was changed; in 1852 was elected a Representative from Ohio to the Thirty-third Congress, and in 1862 he was re-elected to the Thirty-eighth Congress, serving on the Committee on the Judiciary. He was also a Delegate to the Philadelphia "National Union Convention" of 1866.

Bliss, Philemon.—Born in Canton, Connecticut, July 28, 1814; educated at Fairfield Academy, Oneida Institute, and Hamilton College, New York; was a lawyer by profession; removed to Ohio, and was elected President Judge of the Fourteenth Circuit Court, and, in 1854, a Representative to the Thirty-fourth Congress, and re-elected to the Thirty-fifth Congress. He was a member of the Committee on Manufactures. He was subsequently appointed a Territorial Judge in Dakota.

Blodgett, Henry W.—Born at Amherst, Massachusetts, July 21, 1821; removed with his parents to Illinois in 1831; worked on a farm until twenty-one years of age, with the exception of one year's attendance at Amherst Academy when about eighteen; studied law in Chicago and was admitted to the bar in 1844; in the spring of 1845 located at Waukegan in the practice of his profession; was elected to the Legislature of Illinois, in 1852, and to the State Senate in 1858; and was appointed Judge of the United States Court for the Northern District of Illinois in 1870, and is still in office.

Bloodworth, Timothy.—He was born in North Carolina, and was a Representative in Congress from North Carolina in 1790 and 1791, and a Senator of the United States from 1795 to 1801. He was one of those who voted for locating the Seat of Government on the Potomac. He died August 24, 1814.

Bloom, Isaac.—He was elected a Representative from New York to the Eighth Congress, but died before taking his seat, in 1803.

Bloomfield, Joseph.—Born in the town of Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey; studied law until 1775, when he became an active friend of the Revolution; was afterwards Attorney-General for New Jersey; Governor of that State from 1801 to 1802; and was appointed Secretary of the President

five visits to Italy, several pedestrian trips through Switzerland, and spent some time in Germany and Belgium. His studio is in New York, and when he is in the United States his summers are passed at Little Compton, R. I. He is a member of the society of American artists, an associate of the national academy, and a member of water-color and pastel societies. His favorite subjects are figures, with carefully studied landscape or architecture. Historical subjects and portraiture, with particular devotion to accuracy of detail, also claim his attention. Some of his principal paintings are: "A Poet" (Paris salon, 1876); "Toreador" and "Monseigneur" (1877); "The Augur" (1878); "A Roman Emperor" (1879); "The Fencing-Lesson—Roman Ladies" (1880); and "The Besieged," a fine picture, has been exhibited in the royal academies of London and Edinburgh; at the national academy, Dublin; and at Liverpool, Manchester, Bristol, and Glasgow. He has been very successful in the execution of large canvases for the interior decoration of some of the finest private houses in New York city.

BLATCHFORD, Richard Milford, lawyer, b. in Stratford, Conn., 23 April, 1798; d. in Newport, R. I., 3 Sept., 1875. He was graduated at Union in 1818, taught school in Jamaica, L. I., and studied law at the same time. After being admitted to the bar he settled in New York, and rose rapidly in his profession. In 1826 he was appointed financial agent and counsel for the bank of England, later he held the same appointment from the bank of the United States, and in 1836, when the charter of that bank expired, he satisfactorily settled the affairs between it and the bank of England. In 1855 he was elected to the state legislature. At the beginning of the civil war he was a prominent member of the union defence committee, and President Lincoln appointed him on the committee charged with the disbursement of the large sums of money appropriated for obtaining soldiers for the union army. The other members of the committee were Gen. John A. Dix and George Opdyke. In 1862 he received the appointment of minister-resident to the States of the Church, and remained in Rome until October, 1863. He was a commissioner of Central Park from April, 1859, till April, 1870, when he was removed by the operation of the new charter. In 1872 he was appointed a Commissioner of Public Parks, but was afterward removed by the enactment of a new

charter. He was a warm personal friend of Daniel Webster, and one of the executors to his will.—His son, Samuel, jurist, b. in New York, 9 March, 1820, was graduated at Columbia in 1837. Two years later he became private secretary to Gov. William H. Seward, and he was military secretary on the governor's staff till 1843. In 1842 he



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settled in Auburn, and became associated with W. H. Seward and Christopher Morgan in a law partnership. In 1854 he removed to New York city, and resumed the practice of his profession. He was appointed in May, 1867, district judge of the U. S. court for the southern district of New York, and in March, 1882, became an associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States. Since 1867 he has been a trustee of Columbia college. For several years he published reports of cases in the circuit courts of the United States.

BLATHWAYT, or BLATHWAYTE, William, politician, b. at St. Martin in the Fields, England, about 1649; d. at Dyrham Park, Worcestershire, in August, 1717. He was in the English diplomatic service as early as 1668, clerk of the privy council, and one of the important witnesses at the trial of the seven bishops for libel under James II., in 1688. He is identified with American affairs through his commissions of trade and plantations, under William III. This board was created by the king in May, 1696, for the more efficient administration of colonial affairs. The instructions under which it acted are suggestive, in the light of subsequent history, as indicating the spirit with which England aimed to utilize her colonies. The commissioners were directed to inquire into the means of making the colonies "most useful and beneficial to England," and as to the means of "diverting them (the colonies) from trades which may prove prejudicial to England." Blathwayt drew up the new charter of Massachusetts, and with the rest of the commissioners vainly endeavored to devise some plan whereby the colonial governments could be consolidated and yet left independent. In 1686 he married Mary, only surviving daughter and heir of John Wynter, of Dyrham Park, Gloucestershire, on which estate he died, and was buried in its parish church. Many of his manuscripts are preserved in the Bodleian library, in the British museum, at Dyrham Park, and in the collections described by the Historical manuscripts commission.

BLAUVELT, Augustus, clergyman, b. in Covert, Seneca co., N. Y., 7 April, 1832. He was prepared in the Ovid Academy, was graduated at Rutgers in 1858, and at the theological seminary in New Brunswick, N. J., in 1861. After which he was invited by John Wanamaker to take charge of Bethany chapel in Philadelphia, and later became assistant in the Madison street chapel, New York, and from 1862 to 1864 was missionary to China. He was pastor at Bloomingdale, N. Y., from 1866 to 1871, subsequent to which he devoted his attention to literary work. The degree of D. D. was conferred on him by Rutgers because of certain able articles which he wrote in defence of Christian truth. He contributed numerous articles to the New York "Times," "The Independent," "Princeton Review," and other journals. Among these was a series specially prepared for "Scribner's Monthly," on doctrinal subjects, in which he admitted certain views, and in consequence was deposed from the ministry of the Protestant Reformed (Dutch) church in 1877. Incessant labor and mental anxiety resulted in loss of health and he became insane. Dr. Blauvelt was an occasional writer of verse, and was the author of the "Kingdom of Satan" (New York, 1868) and of "The Present Religious Conflict" (1882).

BLAVATSKY, Helene Petrovna, theosophist, b. in Russia about 1831. She is a daughter of Col. Peter Hahn and widow of Gen. Nicephore V. Blavatsky, some time governor of Armenia. She has been prominent in the modern movement toward

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United States Commissioner, and Registry in Norfolk, Va.

THE EXCISE RAID.

**VILE DENS IN THE TENTH
AND ARREST OF THE INMATES.**

A raid on several of the most infamous dens in the Tenth Precinct was made last evening by Commissioner Stiner, aided by Inspectors Inndover, Forbes, Jackson, Newburgh, Hunt, and Brady, and a posse of Police. In contemplating this raid, Mr. Stiner a few minutes selected one of his officers to disguise himself as a salaried tailor, and solicit drink at all the pseudo saloons established within the limits of the Tenth Precinct. So well did the officer personate the character that he experienced very little difficulty in getting supplied with any quantity of whisky, at extravagant prices, the stuff being probably served from small earthenware casks drawn from secret recesses. Evidence was thus obtained against some of the most notorious saloons in the city. Justice Morgan issued warrants for all persons found within them. The raid was completed at 9 o'clock last evening, No. 81 Rivington being the first place to which Commissioner Stiner was assisted by four policemen, directed by Inspector Inndover. Alois Wandling, the proprietor of the wretched-looking women named Maggie Hart, and Annie Farrell, and the place closed up. While the raid was engaged in disposing of these dens, Inspector Jackson made a descent on No. 42 Canal street, a "cigar store," and succeeded in obtaining the proprietor, William West, Bronce, and Annie Switzer. No. 42 Canal street was visited by Inspector Inndover, who arrested Mary Hanner, Mary Ston, Ida Ray, Ida Gailfield, Belle Robinson, Inspector Hunt confined his operations to No. 42 Canal street, in which an old hag, Maria Kraus, who has been repeatedly arrested for disorderly houses of the worst kind, is found, together with two other women, Wood and Josephine Batterson. During the raid the streets in the vicinity were filled with people, who applauded the officers, and a large batch of prisoners was brought forth. The raid was taken to the Elbridge Street Police Court, and will be brought before Justice Morgan at the Essex Market Police Court.

NAME AT HIDE AND SEEK.

Yesterday last Mr. Culver C. Safflen, Assistant Secretary to the President, called at his quarters in Mulberry street, and reported that his wife was missing, and said that as she had a very valuable jewelry on her person, and that he had not seen her, he feared that she might have been kidnapped and robbed. He had parted from her in Fifth Avenue where he had handed her to a stage, telling her to go to his brother's house in Brooklyn, where he was to meet her in the afternoon. He had gone to his brother's house to the appointment, and finding her name was not there, thought that his

Island, on Thursday, at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

OBITUARY.

RICHARD M. BLATCHFORD.

Mr. Richard M. Blatchford, a prominent citizen of New-York, died at his residence at Newport at an early hour yesterday morning. Mr. Blatchford was the son of Rev. Samuel Blatchford, an eminent clergyman of Lansingburg, N. Y., and was born in the town of Stratfield, Conn., in 1798. After receiving a rudimentary education, he was sent to Union College, in Schenectady, from which institution he graduated about the year 1818. He afterward became a contributor to the endowment of this college, and was one of its Trustees, a position he held at the time of his death. He then came to this City with the object of studying law, and shortly after obtained a position as school-teacher in Jamaica, Long Island. While attending to these duties he devoted himself assiduously to the study of law, and about two years later was admitted to the Bar and began the practice of his profession in this City. About this time he was married to his first wife, Miss Mumford, the daughter of Mr. John T. Mumford, a prominent merchant of Schenectady. By this lady he had six children, three of whom are now living—Judge Samuel Blatchford, of the United States District Court; Mrs. Edward Tuckerman Potter, and an unmarried daughter. Mr. Blatchford was an excellent office lawyer, rapidly gained the confidence of the business portion of the community, and was soon in the possession of a handsome practice among them. In 1825 or 1826 he was appointed counsel and financial agent of the Bank of England in this country, and subsequently was appointed to the same position in regard to the Bank of the United States. Upon the termination of the charter of the last-named institution in 1836 he arranged and settled the affairs pending between it and the Bank of England in a manner highly satisfactory to the parties in interest. His first public employment in this City, however, was that of Receiver to close up the affairs of a bank which had failed, to which position he was appointed by the Bank Commissioner of the State. The next public position occupied by Mr. Blatchford was that of member of the Assembly in 1855, representing the Fifteenth Ward of this City. On April 21, 1859, he was appointed Commissioner of Central Park, and remained in that office until he was retired on April 20, 1870, by the action of the new charter. On Dec. 3, 1872, he was appointed Commissioner of Public Parks by Mayor Hall and was again retired when the offices of all

CITY AND SUBURBAN

NEW-YORK.

The arrests by the Police during the week numbered 2,215.

The Apprentices' Library, No. 472 Broadway, will reopen to-morrow.

Hugh Lawler, aged six years, of No. 100 Broadway street, was run over by an ice wagon yesterday, and was seriously injured.

Patrick McGraw, fireman on the City of Clyde, fell through a window at No. 73 Broadway street and sustained serious injuries.

Edward Hart was held in \$1,000 bail yesterday, by Justice Duffy, at the Tombs for picking the pocket of Peter J. Graf.

At Castle Garden yesterday 528 steamers and engers were landed from the steamer Bremen. Three births occurred on board during the voyage.

Bartholomew Sullivan, of No. 100 Broadway, while at work in an excavation on Eighth Avenue, was seriously injured by a fall of earth falling on him.

The body of a man, supposed, to be Richard Warren, found on his person, to be Richard Warren, of North Wall, England, was found drowned at North River, yesterday.

Charles H. Light, aged nine years, of East Eighty-first street, fell down on the sidewalk at Fourth Avenue and Eighty-first Street, and sustained serious injuries.

Another large lot of Meunonites was brought yesterday, making 1,500 now in this City, on way to Dakota Territory. These were brought with them seventeen drafts on the Bank of Brothers, aggregating \$69,000, gold.

There were reported at the Bureau of Statistics during the past week 674 deaths, 120 marriages, showing an increase of 10 marriages, and a decrease of 10 compared with the preceding week.

The pie-stand which had been doing a thriving business in the corridor of the Police Office since its opening, and which was removed as a nuisance, was removed last evening by the proprietor, in compliance with the order of the Police master.

James Curran, aged fifty years, of No. 100 Broadway, whose residence could not be ascertained, died yesterday evening, in the liquor store of James C. Bowery, 82 Centre street. There were found three bank-books, showing deposits in his credit amounting to \$5,823.

Early yesterday morning a fight took place in the kitchen in the rear of the dining room, between Mary Murphy, of No. 240 M Street, and Hannah Ford, of No. 240 M Street.

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Brooklyn, where he was to meet her tomorrow. He had gone to his brother's to the appointment, and finding he was out of town, thought that his return to the house of a Harlem, with whom they had been visiting. Finding that she was not to become alarmed and visited other relations, but the search proving to be fruitless, he came to the conclusion to ask the assistance of the police. In the meantime, the lady having at her brother-in-law was out of town, she went to the house of her husband's klyn, thinking that he would first seek as he did not make his appearance with-able time, she became alarmed in her-ling several of her friends to her assist-ting a vigorous search for him. The in-ome at hide and seek was at last ended, a happy accident, and the husband and-ain united on Thursday evening, and-at home in Washington.

RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN NEWARK.

Coroner's jury in the case of Nicholas was killed on Thursday while driving Pennsylvania Railroad track at Tichenor park, having rendered a verdict condemning also sent a communication to the City Council to take steps to secure safety of life at the several railroad crossings. A general discussion upon the necessity of the tracks of the several railroads in the case of the Morris and Essex Railroad presented that propositions had been made for tracks, which had been favorably en-tered. The negotiations are still pending, and the case was postponed until the next meeting of the Council. All other propositions for additions on other lines were laid over for

REMARKABLE ESCAPE.

A remarkable escape from death occurred at near the Passaic Falls, yesterday. Mrs. of Carroll street, visited the falls with her son, a boy of ten years of age. While the boy was looking down a fissure in the rocks, eighty feet from the point known as Sam Patch's Leap, he fell into the chasm. Bound to the ledge to side against the projecting ledges, he was saved from a terrible death. A man who was at the falls climbed down the rocks and drew the boy to the surface. Examined, he was found that he had sustained a few slight scratches.

BURGARS AND SNEAK-THIEVES.

Independent Walling yesterday received the following robberies: A man from Herman Bower, at No. 196 West street, was robbed of \$56 worth of clothing by a thief.

Appartments of Mrs. Baughan, at No. 302 West street, were entered by sneak-thieves and robbed of clothing.

A beer-salon of Henry Roberts, at West street, was entered by burglars, who

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MR. OTTO WILHELM CHRISTIAN SCHACK.

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At a meeting on the 3d inst. of the District Anti-Tammany Convention, delegates to Syracuse, the following were named: John A. Dinkel, Malcolm Campbell, P. Mitchell; alternates, Frederick R. William Daly, and George Kuster.

Cyrus Polhemus and Henry M. two negroes arrested on Friday night by Detective Donnell and Detective Murphy, of the 5th Precinct, for being concerned in the murder of a known negro at No. 57 Thomson street, yesterday morning, were committed to the custody of Coroner Woltman.

At a meeting of the American Bible Society, held at their rooms, No. 222 Broadway, on the 2d inst., decided action was taken in regard to the appointment of Bible-readers and distributors among freedmen in the city. One was also engaged for the island of St. John, and others are to labor for the society.

Following is the abstract of the Central Park Meteorological Office for the week ending at 1 P. M. yesterday: Mean, 23.870 inches; maximum, at 2 P. M., 30.045 inches; minimum, at 1 P. M., 18.685 inches; range, .464 inch. Thermometer, maximum, at 3 P. M. Sept. 3, 89°; minimum, at 1 P. M. Aug. 29, 64°; range, 25°.

The notorious "Jack" Corbett, arrested on Friday night was arrested for attempting to break into a store on Fourth avenue, in company with several thieves, was brought to the Washington Police Court yesterday morning before Judge Van Hook. The evidence against him being insufficient for his retention on the charge, he was immediately re-arrested and held for trial on a charge of assault on the officer who arrested him.

BROOKLYN.

On the 27th of this month the evening schools attached to the public schools will be opened.

During the past month there were 1,200 mail letters delivered in this city, and 1,500 newspapers.

Frank Sinclair was committed to the custody of Justice Walsh for stealing a coat from a store at No. 437 Fulton street.

To-morrow the public schools will be opened for the Fall term. It is expected that the attendance of children will be large.

Extensive depredations have been committed by burglars in the Fifteenth Ward during the past week. The thieves in all cases escaped.

Nearly all the clergymen of the city have spent their vacations in the country, and will officiate in their respective churches on Monday.

Mary Claver, aged forty-six, was committed to the custody of Justice Walsh for committing suicide in a cell of the Eight Precinct, yesterday morning.

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NEW YORK September 27, 1944.

Dear Mr. Brown:

Mr. Halsey Thomas, of Columbia University, has suggested that you might be able to help me in connection with tracing the history of my present law firm. Mr. Thomas tells me that you have collected biographical and other material covering graduates of Union College.

The original founder of my firm was Richard Milford Blatchford, who graduated from Union in 1818 and who established himself in New York City in 1819. In 1822 he formed a partnership with Ira Clizbe (Union 1815) under the firm name of Blatchford & Clizbe, which partnership continued until about 1826. I obtained this information from Longworth's Directory of the City of New York.

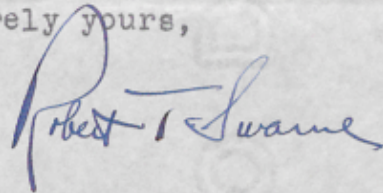
I have been able to find out quite a bit about Richard M. Blatchford and his brother, Edgecumbe Heath Blatchford (Union 1826) from the "Blatchford Memorial," a genealogical record of the Blatchford family, but the only information I have about Ira Clizbe is that which appears in the Union College Register, which states that he graduated A.B. 1815, received the degree A.M. in 1818, and was elected a Phi Beta Kappa in 1817. The Register also shows that he died in 1842 at Owego (Oswego?), N. Y. Mr. Clizbe is listed in the New York City Directory until the issue of 1833/1834, the listing being "Clizbe, Ira, New Haven." Presumably he moved to New Haven, Connecticut, at about that time.

I would be interested in obtaining such information about Mr. Clizbe as you may have, and am particularly interested in getting a picture of him if at all possible. The Blatchford Memorial referred to above contains photographs of both Blatchfords, but the biographical material on Edgecumbe Heath Blatchford is not as complete as I would like to have it. Accordingly, if you have further information I would like to have it also.

I might call your attention to the fact that the Union College Register spells the name "Clisbe," but both the Phi Beta Kappa Directory and the New York City Directory spell the name "Clizbe."

Any information which you may be able to give me will be greatly appreciated. Needless to say, if any of the material which I have is of interest to you I will be happy to make it available to you. A copy of the Blatchford Memorial is in the New York Public Library, and it may be that your own public library has a copy.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert T. Swame". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Joseph R. Brown, Esq.,
29 West Erie Street,
Albany, New York.

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RICHARD M. BLATCHFORD

[Newspaper obituary -- date and name of paper not given]
[Obtained from diary kept by Mrs. Justice Samuel Blatchford]

The Hon. Richard M. Blatchford, one of the oldest and best known citizens of New York, died yesterday at his summer residence at Newport, R.I. For this event the family and friends of Mr. Blatchford were not unprepared. For more than three score years he was in the enjoyment of uninterrupted good health. Since 1872 his physical and mental powers have been gradually failing. We are without particulars, but from the nature of his disease it is to be presumed that he passed away without suffering, surrounded by a household from whom he received every attention that duty and affection could minister. Mr. Blatchford was a son of the Rev. Samuel Blatchford, an eminent divine, who became pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lansingburg toward the close of the last century. Mr. Blatchford graduated at Union College, and, after his admission to the Bar, commenced the practice of the law in this city, more than half a century ago. By his intelligence, industry and fidelity he gradually secured a large practice, and after a few years became counsel for several strong moneyed corporations. For more than forty years he was the law agent of the Bank of England. He was counsel also for the Bank of the United States. No man ever enjoyed, more enduringly, the confidence and regard of clients. With the financial heads of our moneyed institutions, as with the old and distinguished merchants of our city, Mr. Blatchford maintained social relations of an endearing character--relations which, however, have been severed link by link until scarcely more than one (Moses H. Grinnell) survives.

Mr. Blatchford was a zealous politician, basing his action upon convictions and laboring to elevate those whom he believed qualified to render good service to their country. Constantly and advantageously occupied in his profession, he sought no office, but worked as hard for his friends as many politicians work for themselves. He was, however, elected to the Assembly from the Fifteenth ward in 1855. President Lincoln, at the request of Governor Seward, appointed Mr. Blatchford Minister to Rome. He was also for several years a Central Park Commissioner, but the strength of his character was brought out in the devotion of head, heart and purse to the support of political friends. No man was more zealously or efficiently connected with the Whig Gubernatorial canvass

of 1838 and the Presidential campaigns of 1840, 1844, and 1848 than Mr. Blatchford, while few men contributed more largely to the success of Governor Seward and Presidents Harrison and Taylor. Between Daniel Webster and Mr. Blatchford an intimate and life-long personal and political friendship existed. He enjoyed also in a marked degree the friendship of Louis McLean, an eminent statesman, who was General Jackson's Secretary of the Treasury; of Nicholas Biddle, President of the Bank of the United States; of President Nott, of Union College, and of Governor Seward. Nothing in life could be stronger and at the same time more tender than the ties which bound Mr. Blatchford to Mr. Seward. Every wish and every interest of the former was anticipated and responded to by the latter. Mr. Blatchford leaves an ample fortune. His eldest daughter, long since deceased, was the wife of Mr. Griswold, for many years and still connected with the law firm of Blatchford, Griswold, Seward & Co. His second daughter married Mr. Potter, an architect and son of Bishop Potter, of Pennsylvania. His youngest daughter is unmarried. His only son, Judge Samuel Blatchford, of the United States District Court, was Governor Seward's private secretary and subsequently his law partner at Auburn. His widow, who was devoted and untiring in her attentions during his long illness, is the youngest daughter of the late Philip Hone, formerly Mayor of the city. In all his business relations Mr. Blatchford was systematic, accurate and just. His friendships were sincere and earnest; his personal character was irreproachable, his habits blameless.

Between Mr. Blatchford and the writer of this brief tribute to his character, a close and unbroken friendship existed for more than forty years. Our intercourse during that long period was not only constant, but constantly growing closer. His friendship often took substantial forms, for he was interested in my welfare. He was always my friend and often my guide; and during the brief space allotted to me to live his memory will be affectionately cherished.

[No signature or other indication as to the identity of the writer]

1815 R. M. BLATCHFORD.

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A lawyer and agent of the Bank of England. He has been distinguished as a politician of the Whig party. His father was a clergyman at Bridgeport, Ct., where a brother (now deceased) was also settled a few years sone. Mr. Blatchford graduated at Union College.

Wealth and Biography of Wealthy Citizens.

p. 4
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RICHARD M. BLATCHFORD.

Richard M. Blatchford, Esq., now one of the solid men of New York, between whom and myself there has been a lifelong, unbroken, cherished friendship, came to New York in 1815 from Union College, to seek his fortune, like the late Luther Bradish, as a schoolmaster.

Autobiography of Thurlow Weed
Harriet A. Weed, Editor
Boston, Mass. 1884.

p. 55.

RICHARD M. BLATCHFORD, A.M., 1815, a resident of Lansingburgh, N.Y., was a
member of the Philomathean Society. (Died: 1875)

Philomathean Catalogue 1830

March 15, 1957

Mr. C. Hammond Blatchford
508 Munroe Avenue
North Tarrytown, New York

Dear Mr. Blatchford:

Since writing to you on the 11th of March we have conducted a little research on the Blatchford Prizes and find the following in an "Annual Catalogue of Union University, 1894-1895":

"Blatchford Oratorical Medals" -- The Hon. Richard M. Blatchford, LL.D. of New York City, founded oratorical prizes, consisting of two gold medals of the value of the interest on \$1,000, which are given to the two members of the graduating class who deliver at Commencement the best orations; 'regard being had alike to their elevated and classical character and their graceful and effective delivery.' These medals, of the value of forty and thirty dollars, respectively, for the orations first and second in merit, are awarded by a committee appointed by the Trustees and are presented at the close of the exercises."

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. J. Van Loan, Jr.)
Administrative Assistant

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RICHARD MILTON BLATCHFORD

For many years a well known lawyer and prominent and esteemed citizen of New York died on Friday, the 3d of September, 1875, at the residence of his son in Newport, R. I.

He was the son of Rev. Samuel and Alicia (Windeatt) Blatchford and was born at Stratfield, Conn.

He was graduated at Union College, Schenectady, N. Y. At an early age he was chosen one of the trustees of the college, which position he occupied until his death. He has held many positions of honor and trust in the public service and was the life-long political and personal friend of Daniel Webster.

He married May 17, 1819, Julia Ann, daughter of John P. Mumford, Esq., of New York., by whom he had five children, of whom the eldest and his only son is the Hon. Samuel Blatchford, Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

He married secondly November 8, 1860, Angelica, daughter of James A. Hamilton, Esq., of Nevis, Westchester Co., N. Y., granddaughter of Gen. Alexander Hamilton;

thirdly, January 18, 1870, Katharine, daughter of the late Philip Hone, Esq., of New York.

New York Genealogical & Biographical Record
Vol. 7 1876
p. 47

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RICHARD MILFORD BLATCHFORD

Born in Stratford, Connecticut, April 23, 1798; died in Newport, Rhode Island, September 3, 1875, was graduated at Union College in 1818, admitted to the bar, and entered upon professional practice in New York, where he made rapid progress to distinction. He became a specialist in banking law, and was successively financial agent and counsel for the Bank of England and the Bank of the United States, settling the affairs between the two institutions upon the expiration of the latter's charter in 1836. A personal friend of Daniel Webster, he was one of the executors of his will. For many years he was one of the very prominent and well-known citizens of New York. He was one of the leading members of the union defence committee at the outbreak of the war, and, by President Lincoln's appointment, was associated with John A. Dix and George Opdyke on the committee having in charge the disbursement of appropriations for obtaining soldiers for the army. He was minister-resident to the States of the Church in 1862 and 1863, commissioner of Central Park from 1859 to 1870, and afterward a member of the commission public parks.

History of the Bench and Bar of New York Vol. 1 p.262
New York History Co.
New York
1897.

A well-known resident of this city, died early on Saturday morning (Sept. 3d) at his residence in Newport, at the age 77 years. Mr. Blatchford was the son of the Rev. Samuel Blatchford, a Presbyterian, at Lansingburgh, N. Y., and was born at Stratford, Conn., in 1798. He was graduated at Union College at Schenectady in 1818. He was subsequently chosen/one of that College which /one of the position he occupied until his death. He also contributed /trustee toward the endowment of the college. Soon after completing his collegiate course he taught school in Jamaica, L.I. While engaged in teaching, he studied law, and in about two years was admitted to the bar. He began the practice of law in this city, and soon after was married to Miss Mumford, his first wife, and the daughter of John T. Mumford of Schenectady. By her he had six children; three of them, Judge Samuel Blatchford, of the United States District Court; Mrs. Edward Tuckerman, and an unmarried daughter, are now living.

Mr. Blatchford rapidly rose in his profession, and in 1862 he received the appointment of financial agent and counsel in the United States for the Bank of England. At a later date he held the same position in relation to the Bank of the United States, and in 1836, when the charter of that bank expired, he satisfactorily settled the affairs between it and the Bank of England. Mr. Blatchford was afterward appointed by the Bank Commissioner of the State as the receiver to close up the business of a broken bank. In 1855 he was elected member of the Assembly from the 15th Ward of this city, and in April, 1859, he was appointed Commissioner of Central Park, which position he held until April 28, 1870, when he was removed by the operation of the new charter. On December 3, 1872, Mayor Hall appointed him as Commissioner of Public Parks, and he remained in office until the adoption of the present charter, which vacated the offices of all Commissioners. When Mayor Havemeyer made the new appointments under the charter, Mr. Blatchford's health would not admit of his again acting as a Commissioner of Public Parks. At the beginning of the late war, Mr. Blatchford became a very prominent member of the Union Defense Committee, and President Lincoln appointed him on the Committee charged with the disbursement of the large sums of money appropriated for obtaining soldiers for the Union Army. Besides Mr. Blatchford that committee consisted of ex-Gov. Dix and George Opdyke. In 1862 President Lincoln appointed Mr. Blatchford United States Minister at Rome, and he discharged the duties of that office to the satisfaction of the Administration under which he acted. He was a personal friend of Daniel Webster, who selected him as one of the executors of his will. His social position brought him in contact with all the prominent men of his time, and he was a member of the old Kent Club, the Hone Club, and the Union League Club. He was also an intimate friend of Wm. H. Seward.

Mr. Blatchford's reputation for integrity, both in public and in private life, was above reproach, and he was prominently connected with a number of benevolent and literary institutions. He was thought to be wealthy. For several years he was a member of the Presbyterian church under the ministration of the Rev. Dr. Mason. At the time of his death, he was connected with the Rev. Dr. Hall's church. He was three times married, his first wife being Miss Mumford; his second, a daughter of James A. Hamilton, of Dobb's Ferry, a son of Alexander Hamilton; and his third, a daughter of ex-Mayor Philip Hone of this city. She survives him and was with him when he died. The funeral of Mr. Blatchford will take place at Newport to-morrow.

New York Daily Tribune
Sept. 6, 1875
p. 5 col. 4.

Funeral at All Saints' Chapel.

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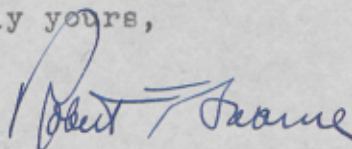
Dear Mr. Brown:

My partners and I are greatly indebted to you for all the trouble you have taken in getting together the valuable information sent with your letter of October 3rd.

Particularly do we appreciate your having located a picture of Ira Clizbe. We have taken your suggestion and are today writing to Dr. Waldron asking him to arrange to have the picture in the office of the Graduate Council copied. We are also asking Dr. Waldron to furnish us with a copy of Ira Clizbe's signature, if he can find one.

As to Richard M. Blatchford, your material is very complete. However, we do have one newspaper obituary which you apparently do not have. A copy is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,



J. R. Brown, Jr., Esc., Chairman,
Graduate Council, Union College,
27 West Erie Street,
Albany, New York.

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October 3, 1944.

Mr. Robert T. Swaine,
15 Broad St.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Swaine:

I enclose copies of the references in my files to Richard M. Blatchford, Edgecombe H. Blatchford and Ira Clizbe. If these do not contain the information you need, perhaps I can get what you want from the alumni files in the Graduate Council office at the college. I have here only the references I myself have looked up.

There is a photograph of Clizbe, said to be a very excellent likeness of him in middle age, in the office of the Graduate Council from which a copy might be made if you care to pay the expense. The Secretary of the Council is Dr. Charles N. Waldron.

I have the references in the Blatchford Memorial, but if you have other references than those I am enclosing, I will be glad to have them for our files at the college.

Richard M. Blatchford was graduated in 1815 and Edgecombe in 1829.

Yours very truly,

Richard Milford Blatchford
A/B 1815

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