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HAVE BEEN A GUIDE AND AN INSPIRATION
FOR MORE THAN FORTY YEARS
THIS VOLUME IS INSCRIBED
WITH SINCERE REGARD
Subsiciiva quaedam tempora incurrunt, quae ego perire non patior.

*Cicero, De Legibus, I, 3, 9.*

Difficile est propri comminia dicere.

*Horace, Ars poet., 128.*

Read no history, nothing but biography, for that is life without theory.

*Disraeli, Contarini Fleming, pt. 1, ch. 23.*
PREFACE

Circumstances have delayed the preparation of the present volume; but the compiler now hopes to follow it within the ensuing year by another, continuing the record through the Class of 1815.

With that date the work will be terminated; and with that volume a statistical summary of the entire field covered may be expected.

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the fever, and died, after an illness of a very few days, at
the age of twenty-one.

The stroke was overwhelming to his relatives, who had
formed high expectations from his brilliant mind and
exemplary morals. He was unmarried. A portrait is
preserved in the family.

AUTORITIES.

Pres. Stiles, Literary Diary, iii, Windham, 62.
470. Weaver, Genealogy of Ancient

WILLIAM BOTSFORD, the second child and only son of
the Hon. Amos Botsford (Yale 1763), was born in New
Haven on April 29, 1773. His father, with his family,
went out of New Haven with the British in July, 1779, and
in October, 1782, settled in Annapolis, Nova Scotia. The
son was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Elizur Good-
rich of Durham, Connecticut,—his education at Yale being
defrayed from the payment of debts due to his father in
Connecticut, as authorized by the General Assembly.

Immediately after taking his degree he returned to his
father's house in the Province of New Brunswick, and
began to read law,—for a part of the time in the office of
the Hon. Jonathan Bliss (Harvard 1763), then Attorney-
General.

He was admitted to the bar in 1795, and settled in prac-
tice in St. John. In 1803 he was appointed Judge of the
Vice-Admiralty Court, over which he presided until 1807;
when, at the request of his father, he resigned that office,
and removed to the family homestead at West Cock, in
Sackville, Westmoreland County.

On his father's death in 1812 he succeeded to the repre-
sentation of the County, and was Speaker of the Assembly
from 1817 to 1823, when he was promoted by royal
authority to the Executive and Legislative Council. In
1817 he was also appointed Solicitor-General, and held that
office until elevated to the Supreme Court Bench in 1823.
In 1831 (in conjunction with one of his fellow-judges) he tendered a resignation of his seat in the Council, from an apprehension that it might be thought incompatible with his judicial duties; but the offer was declined.

In the autumn of 1845, in consequence of advanced age and a slight impairment of hearing, Judge Botsford resigned his seat on the bench, with universal testimonies of respect.

He spent the rest of his life on his patrimonial estate in Westmoreland County, where he died on May 8, 1864, aged 91 years, being the last survivor of his class.

During his whole career he had labored unselfishly for the public interest. In his latter years he was especially devoted to the advancement of agriculture, and his own estate furnished a model for imitation. He was a devout and consistent member of the Church of England; of noble personal presence, and most genial and winning manners.

On January 21, 1802, he married Sarah Lowell, second daughter of the Hon. William and Sarah (LeBaron) Hazen, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and St. John, and widow of Thomas Murray (who died in 1797). She died on May 4, 1850, in her 75th year. Their children were eight sons and two daughters.

AUTHORITIES.


JONATHAN BUSH was born in Sheffield, Massachusetts, on February 20, 1769, being the son of Samuel Bush of that town, who was a native of Westfield, Massachusetts. His mother was a Steele, of (West) Hartford, Connecticut. He entered College in May of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he studied medicine, probably with his eldest brother, Dr. Samuel Bush, who was for some years
a practicing physician in Sheffield, but later removed to New Orleans.

After completing his course of study in 1795 he went to Loudoun County, in northern Virginia, where he was engaged for five or six years in practice.

At the urgent request of his brother-in-law, George Webster, a bookseller in Albany, New York (of the firm of Webster & Skinner), he removed to Albany in 1800 or 1801, and thence to Schenectady, where he remained for only a single year.

In 1803, strong inducements being held out to him, he removed to Lowville, a new and flourishing settlement in Lewis County, in the northern part of the State. Here he was successful, and was extensively employed,—so constantly that his health became seriously impaired, and he was finally obliged to relinquish practice.

About 1824 he retired to a small farm some two miles from the village, where he died on June 14, 1839, in his 71st year.

He married in 1805 Miss Charlotte Peck, then resident in Lowville, who was a native of Bristol, Rhode Island, and the daughter of an emigrant from England. Their children were six sons and two daughters. The two eldest sons became clergymen.

Dr. Bush had a speculative turn of mind, and while living in Virginia imbibed skeptical sentiments. He was a great admirer of the philosophical views of Dr. Erasmus Darwin.

Asa Chapman was born in Saybrook, Connecticut, on September 2, 1770, the third son of Phineas and Mary (Hillier) Chapman, and grandson of Deacon Caleb and Thankful (Lord) Chapman, of Saybrook. He was fitted for College by his pastor, the Rev. Frederick W. Hotchkiss (Yale 1778).

He stood well in College, and after graduation taught for a year in an Academy in North Salem, Westchester
County, New York, and for a second year in the Academy in Norwalk, Connecticut. He also continued to teach after he was settled in his profession.

He studied law with the Hon. Tapping Reeve in Litchfield, Connecticut, was admitted to the bar in 1795, and settled in practice in Newtown, in Fairfield County. He represented that town in the General Assembly in six sessions between 1801 and 1815, and in 1817 he was elected to the Governor's Council. He was an Episcopalian in faith, and thus fell naturally into the ranks of the party dominant in the State at that date.

In 1808 he was elected a Judge of the Superior Court, and held that office until his death.

For many years he had instructed students in law; and in the autumn of 1824 he removed from Newtown to New Haven, where he opened a Law School, but was very quickly obliged to relinquish it, from declining health.

His disease was consumption, and after two journeys in search of health, he died in New Haven on September 25, 1825, at the age of 55.

He was married, at Newtown, on September 2, 1798, to Mary ("Polly"), eldest daughter of Dr. Bennett and Sarah (Beers) Perry, by whom he had three sons and one daughter. The eldest son was a distinguished lawyer in Hartford and a Member of Congress.

Mrs. Chapman died in Brooklyn, New York, at the residence of one of her sons, on March 24, 1850, in her 70th year.

Judge Chapman had eminent legal ability and made a very acceptable and popular judge. Many of his manuscript letters addressed to Judge David Daggett are preserved in the Yale Library, and bear evidence to his genial temper and vein of humor.

AUTHORITIES.

5. Parents and their children meeting at the day of judgment.—
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October 6, 1811, on the occasion of the death of Homer Moore,
Esquire. Hartford, 1812. 8°, pp. 15.


Mr. Moore was graduated at Yale in 1806.

7. The primitive ministers of Christ.—A Sermon [from Hebr.
xiii, 17], delivered at the Ordination of the Rev. Elisha Cook, .. in
East Hartford. .. Hartford, 1814. 8°, pp. 20.

[A. C. A. C. H. S. U. T. S. Y. C.

8. A Sermon [from John iii, 30], delivered in Springfield, before
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field, 1817. 8°, pp. 20.


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Hartford, 1824. 8°, pp. 19. [A. C. A. Br. Mus. Y. C.

10. A Sermon [from Acts xvii, 30], addressed to the Bible class
and Sabbath School, in Granville, Lord's Day, Oct. 24, 1824: on
occasion of the death of Louisa Maria Cooley, .. aged fourteen
years. Springfield, 1824. 12°, pp. 15. [Harv. Y. C.

11. Memoir of Mary West, a Sabbath Scholar, who died at
Granville, Mass., May 19, 1829, in the thirteenth year of her age.
Fourth edition. (Copyrighted 1837.) Boston (Mass. Sabbath
School Society). 12°, pp. 54. [A. C. A.

12. Sketches of the Life and Character of the Rev. Lemuel
Haynes, A.M., for many years pastor of a church in Rutland, Vt.,

Mr. Haynes was a mulatto, brought up in Dr. Cooley's native town, of remarkable ability.


14. Permanent Ministry.—A Half Century Sermon [from 2 Cor. vii, 3], preached at Granville, Mass., February 8th, 1846. Hartford, 1846. 8°, pp. 16+ pl. [A. A. S. A. C. A. B. Publ. Harv. Y. C.] He also contributed many articles to periodicals, of which may be specified:—


To the Rev. Dr. Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit he contributed brief notices of Dr. James Dana (vol. 1, pp. 570-71), President Jonathan Edwards (pp. 659-60), Professor Samuel Wales (pp. 712-13), and Lemuel Haynes (vol 2, pp. 181-87).

One useful service which he performed was the compilation of the Memoirs of most of his College classmates, which he presented in manuscript to the Yale Library in 1850, and which has been of material assistance in the present labor.

The Library has also the manuscript of his Valedictory Oration delivered before the Brothers in Unity in June, 1792.

AUTHORITIES.


ENOCH ELY, the second son and child of Josiah Ely, a farmer of North Lyme, Connecticut, was born in North Lyme on February 10, 1769. His mother was Phebe,
a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, but was graduated at the 
College of William and Mary in Virginia in 1755, and 
spent most of his life in Bermuda, where he was at one 
time Attorney-General.

The son entered the Senior Class at Yale in September, 
1791, and graduated with honor.

He then studied law in the School of the Hon. Tapping 
Reeve in Litchfield, Connecticut, and afterwards in 
London.

About 1800 he married Esther Strangeway, daughter of 
John Grove Palmer, Esq., of London.

He settled in practice in Bermuda, and after holding the 
ofices of Solicitor-General, Attorney-General, and Judge 
Advocate, he received about 1804 the appointment of Chief 
Justice of the Bermuda Islands, which he retained until his 
retirement on a pension in 1836.

In the latter years of his life his mind was for a time 
affected.

He died at the residence of his elder son in Toronto, 
Canada, where he had lately arrived from England, on 
August 9, 1838, aged 66 years, from disease induced by 
excessive exertion in his professional duties and by resi-
dence in a hot climate.

Judge Esten sustained a very high character as a man, 
a magistrate, and a christian. He was distinguished by 
uncommon courtesy of manners and the polished eloquence 
of the old school; by singular purity of life, and unbend-
ing integrity.

His children were two sons, of whom the elder was edu-
cated in London, was called to the bar at Lincoln's Inn in 
1830, and was a Judge of the Court of Chancery in 
Canada for fifteen years. The younger son was a Major 
in the Canadian army.

Judge Esten received the honorary degree of Doctor of 
Laws from Yale in 1825.

He was for many years President of the Bermuda Bible 
Society. He published several pamphlets on the condition
of the blacks of Bermuda, and on the system of the Colonial government.

AUTHORITIES.


WILLIAM HART was baptized (by the name of BILLY) in New Britain, Connecticut, on March 16, 1772. He was the youngest child of Thomas Hart, a farmer and shoemaker of New Britain, and grandson of Deacon Elijah and Abigail (Goodrich) Hart. His mother was Mehitabel, an elder sister of Jonathan Bird (Yale 1768). In 1784, at the unusually early age of 12, he joined the Congregational Church in New Britain under the charge of the Rev. Dr. Smalley, by whom he was prepared for College.

After graduation he taught a high school in Middletown, Connecticut, for a season, and then went into a partnership in mercantile business with his brother, Abijah Hart (honorary M.A. Yale 1795), in New York City. After a little while he went to England on the firm's affairs. In process of time they failed in business, in consequence of the French spoliations, and he found himself in debt to a widow for his board. He married in London in 1798 her daughter, Hannah Bridge Campe, who was seven years his senior, and they soon after came to America, settling in Middletown, where he resumed the business of teaching.

He was licensed to preach by the Hartford South Association of Ministers, on June 3, 1800, but owing to feeble health preached but little.

His wife's conduct was such as to destroy his comfort and (in a measure) his usefulness. She died in Hartford, from fever, on April 30, 1817, aged 52 years, leaving two daughters and a son.

Mr. Hart then took charge of a select school in Madison, Connecticut, and in October, 1818, married Mrs. Joanna Hand, the eldest sister of the Hon. Return J. Meigs (Yale
1785), and widow of Janna Hand, of Madison, who died in August, 1794.

He lived with her in her own house very happily; but her children and friends had opposed the marriage bitterly and on her death, on June 20, 1825, in her 59th year, turned him out of his home.

He was chosen a deacon of the church in Madison in April, 1824, but resigned in September, 1825.

His later years were spent in teaching in New York State, at first in Durham, in Greene County, and later in Tioga County, in Owego and in Candor (where his son kept a store).

He was chosen a deacon in the church in Candor, and in that office rendered himself very useful. He died in that village on August 2, 1836, in his 65th year.

Portraits of himself and of his second wife, painted in 1818, are in the possession of the New Haven Colony Historical Society.

AUTHORITIES.

Andrews, Hart Family, 398, 444; Steiner, Hist. of Guilford, 360.
New Britain Genealogy, 163, 200-01.

JESSE HEDGES was born in Southampton, Long Island, on September 16, 1771,—the third son of Deacon David Hedges, a prominent and wealthy farmer of Sagg, a hamlet in Southampton, and grandson of Daniel Hedges. His mother was Charity, eldest child of Lemuel and Eunice Howell.

He was prepared for College at Clinton Academy in his native town, and entered at the beginning of the Sophomore year.

He did not study a profession. His occupation was that of a druggist, in connection with mercantile concerns and manufactures. He was an active, exemplary, and worthy citizen of Sag Harbor, a village in his native town, and took an intelligent interest in all public concerns.
He had a vigorous constitution, and enjoyed firm health until a short time before his death. He died of dropsy, after a distressing illness, in Sag Harbor, on May 29, 1826, in his 55th year.

He married Naomi, eldest daughter of Deacon Recompence and Naomi (Burnham) Sherrill, of East Hampton, who was drowned with her youngest son, a boy of 14, by the sinking of a packet-boat in Long Island Sound, while on her way from Southold to New York City. She was born on August 14, 1769.

Their children were three sons and a daughter.

**AUTHORITIES**

*Hedges, Hist. of East Hampton, 295, 334.*

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Amos Hoyt was born in Stamford, Connecticut, on November 30, 1762, the eldest child of Peter and Sarah (Hait) Hait, of Stamford, and grandson of David and Hannah (Hait) Hait, or Hoyt. He labored on the farm with his father until he arrived at man's estate, after which he engaged in school-teaching; and finally was prepared for College under the instruction of his pastor, the Rev. John Avery (Yale 1777).

He was the oldest member of his Class, and distinguished for cheerfulness, of unblemished moral character, and respectable as a scholar.

He was also the first to die. Immediately on graduation he took charge of a school in Glastonbury, Connecticut, and at the same time pursued the study of law with Judge Jonathan Brace (Yale 1779). He was ready to take up his profession when he died there of a fever on September 30, 1793, in his 31st year. His remains were brought to Stamford the succeeding winter for interment. He was regarded as a young man of great promise.

**AUTHORITIES.**

*Hoyt Genealogy, 400. Huntington, Hist. of Stamford, 395.*
Bela Hubbard, second son and fourth child of the Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard (Yale 1758), of New Haven, was born on December 18, 1773, and was baptized by his father on February 5, 1774.

He followed the profession of the law, and soon settled in Assumption Parish, in the southern part of Louisiana, where he filled the offices of Parish and County Judge for many years with uncommon acceptance.

He died at his residence in Assumption Parish on August 30, 1841, in his 68th year.

AUTHORITIES.


Henry Hubbard, son of Levi and Anna (Gold) Hubbard, of New Haven, and first cousin of his classmate Bela Hubbard, was born in 1774. Two brothers were graduated here, in 1785 and 1796 respectively.

Soon after graduation he entered the store of Elijah Austin, a merchant in New Haven. In June, 1794, Mr. Austin and he were engaged in opening a chest of clothes from the West Indies, and contracted yellow fever. Mr. Hubbard went to the adjoining town of Derby, where he died early on the morning of June 21, and Mr. Austin died in New York on June 23. Both were brought to New Haven for burial, and the fever raged here alarmingly for four months.

AUTHORITIES.


David Bryan Ingersoll, second son of David Ingersoll (Yale 1763), of Milford, Connecticut, was born in Milford on August 16, 1771, and was baptized by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Wales two days later. His father died in his infancy.
After completing his Collegiate course he entered the Litchfield (Connecticut) Law School under the Hon. Tapping Reeve. On his admission to the bar he began practice in his native town, where he spent the rest of his days.

Soon after entering on his profession he invested largely in Georgia lands with disastrous consequences, and became heavily burdened with debt. As one result of his circumstances, he plunged into dissipation, and for many years led a reckless life of drunkenness and profanity.

In the latter part of the year 1820 a reformation overtook him, with dramatic suddenness; and thenceforth he lived an upright, religious life.

In December, 1820, he re-opened his law-office, and by his familiarity with legal principles, his practical good sense, and accurate business habits, he secured a moderate share of practice and a respectable standing in his profession.

He died in Milford in 1838, aged 67 years.

He married in Milford on May 14, 1799, Martha (Patty), daughter of Daniel and Ann (Green) Mallery, of Milford. She was born on April 26, 1778, and survived her husband.

AUTHORITIES.

youth his entrance was deferred until 1788, in his 14th year.

He resided in New Haven after graduation, and held for one year (1793–94) the Berkeley Scholarship, afterwards pursuing theological studies under the Rev. Drs. Edwards and Dana, and being licensed to preach by the West Association of Ministers on October 18, 1796. On the expiration of his license in 1800, the Association declined to renew it, on account of reports of unbecoming behavior.

From January, 1802, until April, 1803, he was Rector of Washington Academy, in Wilkes County, Georgia; and about the close of his term he received a license to preach from the Hopewell Presbytery.

He then returned to New Haven, and after strong opposition, was ordained and installed on June 6, 1804, as Colleague Pastor of the Congregational Church in Bethany, a parish in Woodbridge, in his native county. The senior pastor died in a few weeks, and Mr. Jones continued in charge of the parish for over two years, amid growing opposition.

He was arraigned before the Association in October, 1806, but evaded a trial, and seceded with a part of his congregation, establishing a so-called Independent Church.

For this action he was deposed from the ministry by the Consociation; and two years later, on December 11, 1808, he withdrew from his position and from the Congregational denomination, on the ground of theological and political differences. A large portion of his people followed him into the Episcopal Church.

He now returned to New Haven, and after a period of study was ordained Deacon on September 24, 1810, in New York City, by the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Moore.

After officiating for a short time in Stamford, Connecticut, he began in January, 1811, a service as Assistant Minister in St. Michael’s Church, Litchfield, Connecticut, where he remained until February, 1826. He was
advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Hobart, in Coldenham, New York, on June 29, 1813.

From 1827 to 1831 he was employed as instructor in a select school in Litchfield. In April, 1831, he was invited to the rectorship of St. Paul’s Church, Huntington, Connecticut, where he continued for five or six years. In December, 1837, he became Rector of Union Church, in Hitchcocksville, Barkhamsted, Connecticut, but resigned on April 1, 1839; and from May, 1840, to March, 1842, he was Rector of Christ Church, Bethany.

For the rest of his life he resided in Litchfield, performing occasional services in the church there (especially in connection with the outlying parish of Milton) and elsewhere. For the latter part of the time he was Chaplain to the County Prison. He died in Litchfield on March 1, 1850, aged 75 years.

On October 17, 1804, he was married by the Rev. Dr. James Dana to Tabitha, daughter of Captain Hezekiah Thomas, of Bethany, who died in Litchfield on October 9, 1852, in her 65th year.

A son and a daughter survived him.

He published:

1. The Gospel only to be preached by Ministers:—A Sermon [from 1 Cor. ii, 2], delivered on Sunday, June 10, 1804, before the Church and Society of Bethany, in Woodbridge, of New-Haven County: being the first Sabbath after Ordination. .. New-Haven, 1804. 8°, pp. 22. [Br. Mus. Y. C.

2. The Vineyard destroyed:—A Sermon [from Jer. xii. 10-11], preached at Bethany, the 11th December, 1808, on the Lord's Day: being a Farewell Discourse .. New-Haven, 1809. 8°, pp. 22. [A. A. S. A. C. A. N. Y. Publ. Libr.

Yale College

With a valuable historical appendix, in which is included a funeral discourse by the author, on the death of the Rev. Benjamin Birge, 1820.

AUTHORITIES.

Stiles, Literary Diary, iii, 449.

PHILIP DODDRIDGE KETELTAS, the next to the youngest of eleven children of the Rev. Abraham Keteltas (Yale 1752), was born in Jamaica, Long Island, on December 7, 1771.

Immediately after graduation he began the study of medicine with Dr. Nicholas Romeyn, of New York City; and after a thorough preparation he established himself in 1795 in practice in New Rochelle, New York.

On May 7, 1796, he was married by the Rev. Theodosius Bartow, to Lavinia Gedney, of New Rochelle, and he then removed to the City of New York, where he practiced physic for more than forty years with distinguished success.

By his first wife he had two daughters and one son who grew to maturity; and by a second wife, Mary W. Allen, a son and a daughter. His elder son entered the Class of 1822 at Yale, but withdrew after two years and was graduated at Union College in the corresponding class; he was admitted to an honorary degree here in 1870.

During the summer of 1844 the health of Dr. Keteltas rapidly declined, and he lingered in great debility until his death, at his home in New York, in Christian hope, on February 16, 1845, in his 74th year.

NATHANIEL KING was born on December 26, 1767, in Amenia, Duchess County, New York, the only son of Lieutenant Samuel King, an extensive farmer of Amenia, and grandson of Hezekiah King (who removed early in life
from Boston, Massachusetts, to Bolton, Connecticut) and Sarah King. His mother, Rebekah Thompson, was the daughter of Amos and Sarah (Alling) Thompson, of New Haven.

His father died in 1784, and he was subsequently fitted for College, in part by his uncle, the Rev. Amos Thompson (Princeton College 1760), pastor of the Congregational Church in North Canaan, Connecticut, and in part in the Academy at Sharon, Connecticut, under John Thompson Peters (Yale 1789). He entered in December, 1791.

After graduation he studied law in the office of Ambrose Spencer (Harvard 1783), of Hudson, New York, and with Jacob R. VanRensselaer (Yale 1786), of Claverack, New York, and Moss Kent, younger brother of Chancellor Kent.

Being admitted to practice, he settled in February, 1797, in the village of Hamilton, now in Madison County, New York, where he remained until his death, on July 28, 1848, in his 81st year.

He maintained the reputation of an honest lawyer, whose controlling desire was to give furtherance to justice.

He was three times a member of the New York State Assembly (in 1798–1800, and 1802); and was a Brigadier-General of the Militia from 1807 to 1811.

General King first married, on December 15, 1803, Ottilia Mayer, of Hamilton, who bore him four sons, two of whom died in infancy, and three daughters.

After her death he married, on September 19, 1816, Mary Bates, of Paris, New York, who had one son.

He married thirdly, on November 22, 1818, Mrs. Elizabeth Tefft, of Hamilton, by whom he had two sons and one daughter.

Three of the sons entered their father’s profession.

SAMUEL LATHROP, the sixth son and child of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lathrop (Yale 1754), of West Springfield, Massachusetts, was born on May 1, 1772. He was pre-
pared for College by his father, and ranked among the first in his Class in scholarship.

He remained in New Haven as a graduate student for two years, serving at the same time as College Butler.

He then returned home and took a thorough course of legal study, chiefly with Judge John Hooker (Yale 1782), of Springfield. On being admitted to the bar he began practice about 1796 in his native town; and on November 4, 1797, he married Mary, sister of his classmate, McCrackan.

He soon attained eminence in his profession, and was early called into public life by being chosen a member of the Senate of his native State in 1808. He was re-elected in 1809, 1810, and again from 1814 to 1818; and then for four successive sessions, from December, 1819, to March, 1827, he represented his District in the Congress of the United States.

In 1824 he was the candidate of the Federalists for the office of Governor of Massachusetts, against Governor Eustis, who was re-elected, receiving 38,000 votes to 34,000 for Mr. Lathrop. Governor Eustis died before the next election, but Mr. Lathrop declined a renomination.

During the latter part of his Congressional service he suffered from a severe attack of illness, which gave a shock to his constitution from which he never fully recovered. He was able, however, to serve again in the State Senate from 1828 to 1830, and was President of that body in 1829 and 1830, or until he retired from public life. He was, however, the anti-Masonic candidate for Governor in 1831 and 1832.

After this he gave some slight attention to his profession, but it was not long before his infirmities became so serious that he was obliged to decline everything that required severe effort. During the last five or six years of his life he never left home, unless for a few hours, and for a considerable time previous to his death was so infirm as to be an object of incessant solicitude.
After one week of acute suffering and partial unconsciousness, he died in West Springfield, on July 11, 1846, in his 75th year.

His widow died on November 22, 1853, in her 76th year. Their children were seven daughters and five sons,—of whom five daughters and three sons survived their parents. One son was graduated here in 1829, and two daughters were married to the Rev. Dr. William B. Sprague (Yale 1815), one to Dr. Henry Bronson (M.D. Yale 1827), and one to the Rev. Dr. Artemas A. Wood (Amherst College 1831).

Mr. Lathrop's mental powers were solid rather than brilliant, and his judgment and reasoning faculty were specially developed. To impressive dignity and uniform courtesy of manner he united great prudence and integrity. He was for many years a professor of religion, and to the last manifested a deep interest in its prosperity. In his later years, when forbidden by his infirmities to attend church, the hours of Sunday were largely occupied in reading the manuscript sermons of his venerable father.

His only publication, so far as known, was:


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SAMUEL ANDREW LAW was born in Cheshire, Connecticut, in November, and baptized on December 29, 1771, being the eldest child of William Law, and grandson of Jahleel and Anne (Baldwin) Law, of Cheshire. The
Rev. Andrew Law, a well-known writer on psalmody, was his uncle. His mother was Sarah, daughter of Jason and Abigail (Atwater) Hotchkiss, of Cheshire.

One sister married the Rev. Stephen Dodd (honorary M.A. Yale 1845), and another married Abraham Bishop (Yale 1778). A brother was graduated here in 1803.

After leaving College he studied the profession of law with Judge Simeon Baldwin (Yale 1781), of New Haven, and at the Law School of Judge Reeve in Litchfield, and was admitted to the bar in 1795. He then returned to his native place, and opened a school of a high order, which after satisfactory progress was merged in 1796 in the Episcopal Academy then begun in Cheshire.

In 1797 he received an ad eundem degree of Master of Arts from Columbia College, and also from Princeton.

About this date he went to Franklin, Delaware County, New York, as agent and part owner of the land in that township. He settled in 1797 in the portion of Franklin, which was included in the town of Meredith, incorporated in 1800, and there spent a long and useful life. He influenced a large immigration of New Englanders, thus giving to Meredith many of the characteristics of a New-England community.

He was for many years postmaster of the village, and also engaged extensively in the pursuit of agriculture, owning several of the finest farms in that vicinity.

His excellent judgment, in connection with his legal attainments, led to his appointment as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, the duties of which office he performed for a number of years to the satisfaction of his fellow-citizens.

He died in Meredith on January 28, 1845, in his 74th year, after a long and distressing illness.

He married Sarah, eldest daughter of Colonel William and Lois (Mansfield) Lyon, of New Haven, and widow of Eli C. Sherman, of Hartford (to whom she was married in December, 1795, and who died in September, 1799).
She died in Meredith on March 10, 1840, in her 65th year.

Two of their four sons were graduates of Yale, in the Classes of 1838 and 1841, respectively.

Judge Law became in mature life a professor of religion, and was a liberal and influential member of the Congregational Church at Meredith Square. He was a man of courteous and dignified address, affable in social life and abounding in anecdote.

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JOHN McCrackan was born in New Haven on February 7, 1775, the son of William McCrackan, a native of Glenluce, Wigtownshire, Scotland, and of Sarah Miles, of Wallingford, Connecticut.

He settled in Hartford, Connecticut, as a merchant, and on June 21, 1801, was married to Rebecca, daughter of Doctor Lemuel Hopkins, the Hartford poet, who had died two months earlier.

Mrs. McCrackan died in Hartford on November 14, 1803, aged 21 years, leaving an only son; and her husband removed in 1811-12 to New York City. He entered largely into the importation of burr-millstones and bolting-cloths, and was very successful in business, accumulating a handsome fortune.

Though his residence continued in New York until his death, he spent several years on the continent of Europe. An early New Haven friend found him in Naples, in December, 1832, declining rapidly with pulmonary consumption. They traveled together through Italy and the south of France, and within a few days after Mr. McCrackan reached Paris, he died there, on July 12, 1833,
in his 59th year, and was buried in the cemetery of Père la Chaise.

He was a gentleman of much humor, great intelligence, and warmly beloved. His religious views were those of the Liberal Unitarians.

His son succeeded to his business.

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Conn. Quarterly, v, 522.

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**WILLIAM MARCHANT**, a son of the Hon. Henry Marchant (College of Philadelphia 1762), of Newport, United States Judge of the District Court of Rhode Island, was baptized by Dr. Ezra Stiles on December 18, 1774. His mother was Rebecca Cooke, of Newport.

He joined the Sophomore Class in November, 1789, and though among the younger part of the Class won distinction as a speaker and writer. On taking his second degree, in 1795, he delivered an Oration on Commerce.

He settled in Newport, and was early elected a member of the State Senate. From 1808 to 1810 he was an Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Rhode Island, and was afterwards Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas.

In his later years he removed to South Kingston, in his native State, where he died on January 21, 1857, in his 84th year.

He married, on December 25, 1797, in Newport, Sally, daughter of Captain William Shaw, who died at South Kingston, in January, 1803, at the age of 26.

He was afterwards twice married, his third wife being a sister of his second; and had in all fourteen children, of whom only three survived him.

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R. I. Vital Record, xii, 22; xiv, 80. *Pres. Stiles, Diary*, i, 502; iii, 370.
Biographical Sketches, 1792

Samuel Mather, the third of eleven children of Samuel Mather, of Lyme, Connecticut, and grandson of Richard and Deborah (Ely) Mather, of Lyme, was born on January 4, 1771. His mother was Lois, daughter of Deacon Thomas and Susannah (Lynde) Griswold, of Lyme, and niece of the first Governor Griswold. One sister married Dr. William Lord (Yale 1784), and another married Dr. Thomas Miner (Yale 1796).

At the age of 15 he was placed in the family of the Rev. Richard Ely (Yale 1754), of Centerbrook, by whom he was prepared for College.

On graduation he entered his father's store as a clerk, and the next spring became a partner in business with his elder brother Thomas, in Albany, New York. Here, in the midst of their earliest successes, a disastrous fire destroyed (in August, 1797) all their property; but they resumed business the following spring, and pursued it for four or five years with increasing prosperity.

The firm was then dissolved, and after spending two years in travel, principally in the western country, our graduate settled in Troy, New York, in mercantile business.

In 1807, he married Katharine, third daughter of Captain Abraham and Maria (Peoples) Livingston, of Stillwater, New York.

He resided in Troy for twelve years, and the war with England having very much impaired his business, he removed to Middletown, Connecticut, in the summer of 1815, with the principal object of educating his children.

He was then for two or three years engaged in the shipping trade; but not meeting with sufficient encouragement he retired from active business and devoted himself to the supervision of his family.

His children were six daughters (two of whom died early) and three sons. The eldest son was graduated at Wesleyan University in 1835. The eldest daughter married Major-General Joseph K. F. Mansfield, a hero of the
Mexican and Civil wars; and the fourth daughter married her first cousin, Thomas G. Mather (Yale 1826).

Mr. Mather died in Middletown on April 6, 1854, in his 84th year. His widow died on February 1, 1855, in her 68th year.

He was one of the wealthiest citizens of Middletown, and of excellent, exemplary character.

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Holgate, American Genealogy, 186. Mather Family (1890), 163, 229-30.

DONALD GRANT MITCHELL, the eldest son of Chief Justice Stephen Mix Mitchell (Yale 1763), of Wethersfield, Connecticut, was born in Wethersfield on April 5, 1773, and was baptized on May 8, 1774, with the name of his maternal grandfather.

His early preparation for College was acquired in the school kept by the Rev. Timothy Dwight in Greenfield, Connecticut, and in 1787 he returned home, where he studied in the grammar school under the tuition of Azel Backus, who was just graduated from Yale.

During the latter part of his Junior year in College, and the first part of his Senior year, he attended lectures in Judge Reeve's Law School at Litchfield, Connecticut; and after receiving his degree at New Haven, he resumed his studies in Litchfield, but found them uncongenial.

At this time our troubles with France led Congress to pass a resolution to raise a body of troops which were to be employed as exigencies might demand. In August, 1794, Mr. Mitchell was offered and accepted the commission of Captain of Artillery in this corps, and recruited in Vermont a body of men for a Captain's command.

With the other newly appointed officers he then repaired to the School opened by the Government at West Point, for instruction in the rudiments of military tactics. Colonel Rochefontaine, a Frenchman who was in command at the post, soon quarrelled with the subordinate officers, the
result of which was the dispersal of the School. Captain Mitchell was ordered to Detroit, and after a period of service there under General James Wilkinson, was ordered to return to Philadelphia, where he arrived, probably in July, 1798.

He was then appointed to the command of Fort Mifflin on the Delaware, below Philadelphia. His duties obliged him to have frequent intercourse with the shipping on the river, and in this way he became exposed to yellow fever.

He was taken ill at his boarding-house in Philadelphia, and died there on August 6, 1798, in his 26th year. At the time of his death he was about to be appointed aide-de-camp to General Knox.

He was never married, but his name was given to a nephew, who added to it fresh lustre; the latter owned an interesting miniature of his uncle, who was by tradition an unusually handsome young man.

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Genealogies, i, 179-80. Stiles, Hist.

WILLIAM PERKINS was born in Chaplin, then part of Mansfield, Connecticut, on February 22, 1770, being the eldest son of Deacon Isaac Perkins, an emigrant from England, and of Tamasine, daughter of Deacon Benjamin Chaplin, from whom the town received its name, and sister of Benjamin Chaplin, Junior (Yale 1778). While an infant his father’s family removed to the adjoining township of Ashford, where the subject of this notice resided until his death.

In 1793 he began his professional studies under the instruction of the Hon. Zephaniah Swift (Yale 1778), of Windham, and in 1795 he was admitted to the bar of Windham County. He became known as a powerful, though not a graceful pleader, with a profound knowledge of the law, and a clear, mathematical style of reasoning.
He attended regularly the courts in Windham and Tolland counties, and his business was so extensive that he was with his family but four or five months in a year.

He was a Federalist in politics, and represented the town in the General Assembly during two sessions, in 1812-13. He was also a member of the Governor's Council for the two years (1816-17) before his party lost control of the State. In 1818 he was a delegate to the Convention for forming the new Constitution. In 1817 he was appointed State's Attorney for Windham County, and held the office until his death.

His constitution was feeble and for years he was not free from a cough. In the fall of 1819, while on his way to Windham, his carriage was overturned and he received a severe contusion in his side, besides the dislocation of several bones in his foot. By neglecting proper care in these circumstances he fell into a decline, and died on January 20, 1820, at the age of fifty. He had been a consistent and devoted member of the Congregational Church in Ashford for seven years before his death.

He married, on February 12, 1795, Mary, second daughter of the Rev. Dr. Andrew Lee (Yale 1766), of Lisbon, Connecticut, by whom he had eight sons and three daughters, of whom all but one son survived him.

The second son was a Sophomore at Yale at the time of his father's death, but left College in a few months. The fourth son was graduated here in 1828.

Mr. Perkins was careless and easy-going in the conduct of his affairs, and accumulated no property. One of his professional maxims was, never to undertake a lawsuit for one neighbor against another until he had made every effort to bring about a settlement by a personal interview between the parties.

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Bailey, Early Conn. Marriages, vi, Genealogies, iii, 32-33.
91. Salisbury, Family-Histories and
JOHN RADCLIFF, of Dutch descent, was born in Rhinebeck, Duchess County, New York, in January, 1772, and was baptized on the 7th of the following June. He was the third son of General William Radcliff of Rhinebeck, and grandson of Joachem and Hellitje (Hogeboom) Radcliff. His mother was Sarah Kip, also of Rhinebeck.

His eldest brother (Jacob) was graduated at Princeton in 1783, and his next brother (William) at the same College in 1784; while the remaining brother (Peter) was graduated at Yale in 1793.

He was prepared for College at the Academy in Sharon, Connecticut, under the instruction of Elisha Sterling (Yale 1787), while he lived in the family of the Rev. Cotton Mather Smith (Yale 1751), one of whose daughters was the wife of his brother Jacob. (It was probably a consequence of this marriage that the younger Radcliffs were diverted from Princeton to Yale.) He entered College in May of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he engaged in an extensive mercantile business in New York City, which was broken up by the War of 1812, when he returned to Rhinebeck, where the rest of his life was spent.

In 1813 he was appointed by the Governor and Council High Sheriff of Duchess County,—the highest and most lucrative office in the county, which by legal limitation he could hold but four years. He had always been a Federalist, and was induced to accept this appointment to reconcile some party divisions then existing among local politicians.

He married, on October 25, 1798, his second cousin, Jane, daughter of General David and Cornelia (Heermance) Van Ness, of Rhinebeck, who died on September 26, 1844, in her 67th year. Of their ten children two died in infancy, and four sons and four daughters grew to maturity.
Yale College

He died in Rhinebeck in June, 1852, in his 81st year. One son and three daughters survived him.

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Samuel Rudd, the only surviving son of Jonathan and Talitha (Ormsby) Rudd, of Norwich West Farms, now Franklin, Connecticut, and grandson of Jonathan and Joanna (Gregory) Rudd, of Franklin, was born in Franklin on November 3, 1772. His father died of the smallpox in the year of his birth. He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Nott (Yale 1780), and entered College in February of the Freshman year.

By election of his Class he pronounced a funeral Oration, in December, 1790, on two deceased classmates, John Tilden and Timothy Larrabee.

He intended on leaving College to study theology, but on account of ill health abandoned the plan and took up school-teaching in New York City, where he married Cornelia H. Soule.

His wife died in New York, after bearing him one son, who died early, and one daughter, who survived him.

His health was never firm, and he was often feeble for long periods. He taught for a time at Norwich Landing, Connecticut, and afterwards in the central part of the town,—his mother keeping house for him.

He taught in Boonville, Oneida County, New York, in 1822, and then opened, early in January, 1823, a grammar school in the adjoining town of Leyden, Lewis County, where he died nine weeks later in great peace, on March 13, in his 51st year.

His talents were respectable, and solid rather than brilliant. As a teacher he was acceptable. He united with the Dutch Reformed Church in New York City, and sustained a character of unblemished piety.
THOMAS SAVAGE, son of Thomas Savage, of Charleston, South Carolina, who died in 1786, was born in Charleston on August 23, 1776. His mother, Mary Elliott, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Butler) Elliott, of Charleston, died in 1787. He entered in May of the Sophomore year, and was the youngest member of the Class at graduation.

He studied law with Judge Tapping Reeve, in Litchfield, Connecticut, and was admitted to the bar in Savannah, Georgia, but never practiced,—his time being devoted to literary and agricultural pursuits.

Having ample wealth he settled on a plantation in Bryan County, a few miles south of Savannah, and married in 1810 Mary, eldest daughter of the Hon. John Wallace, British Consul at Savannah.

Mr. Savage died in Bryan County, on October 12, 1812, in his 37th year, leaving one son and one daughter. The former died in infancy, and the latter married George Jones (Yale 1829).

The newspaper notice of his death describes him as "an accomplished gentleman, and finished scholar, of great dignity of deportment... more devoted to books than society."

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G. Jones, MS. letter, July 26, 1847. The Republican, and Savannah Even-

LEDYARD SEYMOUR was born in Hartford, Connecticut, on August 2, 1771, being the youngest son of Colonel Thomas Seymour (Yale 1755), and deriving his christian name from his mother, Mary, a sister of Colonel William Ledyard, who was massacred at Fort Griswold in 1781. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Elizur Goodrich, of Durham, Connecticut.

Soon after graduation he was married to Amanda, the youngest child of Dr. John and Amanda (Russell) Redfield, of Guilford, Connecticut; and immediately went into
mercantile business in the city of New York under the patronage of some of his maternal relatives. His wife died in New York of the smallpox, on January 24, 1795, in her 20th year, leaving one child, who died in infancy.

After prosecuting his business for a short time, he found himself unsuccessful and relinquished it, probably in 1796. In 1800 he went to Havana, and resided there for three years.

After his return, he made a short stay in Boston, and then settled in his native city, where he resided for the rest of his life.

On September 13, 1807, he married Widow Hannah (Thomas) Berkenhead, of East Haddam, Connecticut, by whom he had ten children, of whom only two, a daughter and a son, survived him.

He died in Hartford on March 8, 1848, in his 77th year. His widow died there on March 8, 1871.

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JOHN SHERMAN was born in New Haven on June 30, 1772. His father was John Sherman, the eldest son of the Hon. Roger Sherman by his first wife, Elizabeth Hartwell, and his mother was Rebecca Austin, a sister of the eccentric Rev. David Austin (Yale 1779). One sister married the Rev. Erastus Ripley (Yale 1795), and another married the Rev. Ira Hart (Yale 1797); two brothers were graduated here, in 1802 and 1803 respectively.

After graduation he began the study of theology with his uncle, in Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and completed it under the direction of President Dwight, in New Haven, where he was licensed to preach by the West Association of ministers, on October 18, 1796.

After preaching as a candidate for several months in the First (Congregational) Church in Mansfield, Tolland
County, Connecticut, he accepted a unanimous call to the pastorate there, and was ordained and installed on November 15, 1797.

His early labors met with much favor. Divisions in the congregation were healed, and about five months after his settlement a revival of religion took place, which resulted in the admission of nearly one hundred to the church.

At the outset he had been earnest for the stricter sort of orthodoxy; but he soon began to be in doubt about the Trinity and allied doctrines, and within three years after his settlement it became evident that he had become a Unitarian (or, at least, an Arian) and desired to reconstruct the church covenant in that sense.

He seems to have made no concealment of his views, and his hold upon his people was so strong that a majority of both church and congregation desired his continuance in the pastorate. Under his influence, a Presbyterian form of government was adopted in February, 1803, and the jurisdiction of the County Association and Consociation was thus set at naught. The Association suspended ministerial relations with him in October, 1804. The aggrieved minority of the church continued to agitate for the discipline of the pastor; and during the summer of 1805 he visited some relatives residing in Oldenbarneveld, later Trenton, now Barneveld, in Oneida County, New York, and received an invitation to settle in that place.

In September, 1805, he published a volume under the title "One God in one Person only; and Jesus Christ a Being distinct from God. . .", being the first formal and elaborate defence of Unitarianism that had ever appeared in New England; and shortly after, the majority of the church decided to call a council to advise as to his dismission. This council, of which the Rev. Henry Channing (Yale 1781) was moderator, met on October 23, and two days later agreed that it was expedient that the pastoral relation be dissolved, owing to the difficulties and embarrassments which existed.
This result was unwelcome to the friends of Mr. Sherman (though not to himself), and on December 19 they gave him a call to resettle, which he wisely declined. During his pastorate 105 members had been added to the church.

Mr. Sherman immediately removed to Oldenbarneveld, and on March 9, 1806, he was installed there over the first Unitarian church in the State of New York, called the Reformed Christian Church in Oneida County, and consisting of fourteen members.

This connection continued only until March, 1810, when he resigned on account of inadequate support, in view of his large and growing family.

He subsequently established an academy in the same neighborhood, which soon acquired great popularity, and occupied nearly all his attention for many years.

In 1822 he caused a hotel to be built at Trenton Falls, for the entertainment of visitors, in which he resided as host after 1823.

He died in this house on August 2, 1828, in his 57th year, and was buried by his special request on the grounds of his hotel.

He married, on February 13, 1798, Abigail, or Abby, daughter of Jacob and Abigail (Thomas) Perkins, of Norwich, Connecticut, who died on December 8, 1860, in her 87th year, at Trenton Falls.

Their children were four sons, two of whom died in infancy, and five daughters, one of whom married the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Bouton (Yale 1821).

Mr. Sherman was a man of superior talents; but like his brothers inherited from his mother a nervous temperament, with some tendency towards unstable reason.

He published:

1. One God in one Person only: and Jesus Christ a being distinct from God, dependent upon him for his existence, and his various powers; maintained and defended. Worcester, 1805. 8°, pp. 200.

A reply was published in 1806 by the Rev. Daniel Dow (Yale 1793).

2. A View of Ecclesiastical Proceedings in the County of Windham, Connecticut, in which the Original Association of that County and a few Members of the First Church in Mansfield were concerned; containing public documents, letters, &c. relative to the subject. To which are annexed the Result of Council, and Addresses to the Society, the Church, the youth of Mansfield and others. Utica, 1806. 8°, pp. 110. [B. Ath. B. Publ. Y. C.

3. A Vision respecting the fate of the Rev. John Sherman's last publication, or his "View of Ecclesiastical Proceedings," &c. &c. Offered to the Public as a Spur to the Lovers of Truth and long established Doctrines to defend the Religion of our Fathers against the daring Attempt of modern Innovators in Church and State. ... Worcester, 1806. 8°, pp. 14. [A. A. S. B. Ath. M. H. S.

Anonymous. A pretended vision of an assembly of editors and reviewers of the Panoptist at Boston, in consultation over Mr. Sherman's View.

4. Trenton Falls. 1822. 12°, pp. 6. [U. S.

Anonymous.

5. The Philosophy of Language illustrated; an entirely new system of Grammar ... Trenton-Falls, 1826. 12°, pp. 324. [B. Publ. Y. C.

Dedicated to the Hon. Philip Hone, of New York City.

6. A Description of Trenton Falls, Oneida County, New-York. Utica, 1827. 12°, pp. 18. [Y. C.

Also, in several later editions. Republished in 1851 (New York, 12°, pp. 91 + 9 pl.) with additional matter by N. P. Willis (Yale 1827), who pays a high tribute to Mr. Sherman and his public spirit.

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ROGER MINOTT SHERMAN was born in Woburn, Massachusetts, on May 22, 1773. He was the youngest of six children of the Rev. Josiah Sherman (Princeton College
1754), of that town, who was a brother of the distinguished Roger Sherman; and his mother was Martha, daughter of the Hon. James and Elizabeth (Merrick) Minott, of Concord, Massachusetts. His eldest sister married the Rev. Justus Mitchell (Yale 1776). In his infancy his father removed to Milford, and thence to Goshen, Connecticut; in the summer of 1789 he accepted a call to the church in Woodbridge, Connecticut, but died about a month after his son entered College, at the opening of the Sophomore year.

By this event the son was thrown upon his own resources, except so far as his uncle, for whom he was named, assisted him. Through his Sophomore year he boarded at his uncle's house; and for the later years of his College course he supported himself by teaching in New Haven.

After graduation he began the study of law in Windsor, under the direction of the Hon. Oliver Ellsworth, and at the same time taught an academy. After about two years he removed to Litchfield, where he continued his studies with the Hon. Tapping Reeve, while teaching a common school.

In February, 1795, he was elected a Tutor in College, and on March 12 began his duties, succeeding James Gould, of the Class of 1791, in the instruction of the Sophomore Class, and at the same time continuing the study of law with the Hon. Simeon Baldwin (Yale 1781). He united with the church in Yale College by profession of his faith on May 1, 1796, and ever after made the advancement of the interests of religion a prime object.

He was admitted to the bar in New Haven early in 1796, and in May of that year resigned the tutorship and settled in the profession of the law in Norwalk, Connecticut.

On December 13, 1796, he married Elizabeth (or Betsy), daughter of Dr. and Colonel William Gould, formerly of Branford, but at that time of New Haven, and sister of Dr. Orchard Gould (Yale 1783) and of Judge James Gould (Yale 1791).
His eminence in his profession was early acknowledged, and his influence exerted in other relations. He represented the town in the General Assembly in the two sessions of 1798.

In 1807 he removed to Fairfield, in the same county, where the principal courts were at that time held, and where he resided until his death.

He continued at the bar for forty-three years, and his business as an advocate was very extensive.

It is believed that he argued more causes than any other lawyer who practiced in Connecticut during the first half of the nineteenth century. He did comparatively little office-business, but devoted his time to the trial of causes in court, and he also for more than twenty-five years attended the Legislature as an advocate in cases pending before that body. He was deeply interested in the administration of justice as provided for by legislative enactment, and many of the statutes of the State in the department of municipal law during his active life were drawn up and their passage procured by him.

In 1814 he was elected to the Governor's Council, and continued in that office until May, 1818, when the constitution of the State was altered. During this time he declined a nomination to the United States Congress. In 1814 he was appointed a delegate to the Hartford Convention, in the proceedings of which he took an active part. He had been actively interested also in the steps preliminary to the call of the Convention, and was the author of the Report to the Connecticut Legislature, of the Committee which had recommended the appointment of delegates.

After the death of President Dwight in 1817 he was considered by some as a candidate for the presidency of Yale.

In 1829 the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by the Corporation of Yale College. He was a representative of Fairfield in the General Assembly in 1825 and 1838.
In May, 1839, he was appointed a Judge of the Superior Court and of the Supreme Court of Errors of Connecticut, but resigned in May, 1842, on account of ill health. His legal knowledge, his thoroughness and independence, and his inflexible integrity contributed to make his tenure of this office highly successful.

During the last years of his life he suffered from acute disease, and consequently lived in retirement, though his intellectual powers remained unimpaired.

In December, 1844, he was seized with more severe illness, and declined rapidly until his death, in Fairfield, on December 30, in his 72d year. The discourse preached at his funeral by his pastor, the Rev. Lyman H. Atwater (Yale 1831), was afterwards published. Judge Sherman had been elected a deacon in the church in Fairfield in 1810, but resigned before his death.

His widow died in Fairfield, after years of feeble health, on August 3, 1848, in her 75th year.

Their only children were twin sons, both of extraordinary promise, whose health failed early.

Mrs. Sherman's will, made in pursuance of her husband's, bequeathed their homestead (which was, when built, the finest house in town), with an endowment fund, to the First Ecclesiastical Society of Fairfield. Among other public bequests was one of $4,000 to Yale College. The value of the entire estate was over $71,000.

There is no doubt that Mr. Sherman's rank as a lawyer was among the very first in the country,—to be compared with that of Jeremiah Mason and Daniel Webster.

He published:


On the banking system of the State.

Anonymous. Recommending the establishment of a national bank.

His opinions as Judge are included in the Connecticut Reports (vols. 13 and 14). He uniformly declined all invitations for the delivery of public addresses.

His correspondence and other private papers are deposited in the rooms of the County Historical Society in Fairfield.

A copy of his portrait, painted by Jocelyn in 1840, belongs to the College,—the original still hanging in his mansion in Fairfield.

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ASA SPALDING was a son of Dr. John Spalding, a native of Canterbury, Connecticut, who removed to New Haven about 1780.

He became dissipated after graduation, and was reputed to be a confirmed gambler.

He died in Charleston, South Carolina, while on his way home from a point further South, on October 13, 1794, aged 21 years.

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Conn. Journal, Nov. 26, 1794.

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EPHRAIM STRONG was born in Southbury, then part of Woodbury, Connecticut, on December 20, 1771, the only son of Ebenezer Strong, a farmer of Southbury, and
grandson of Ebenezer and Mary (Smith) Strong. His mother was Patience, daughter of Ephraim and Rebecca (Lee) Hinman, of Southbury.

After graduation he studied law, and on June 6, 1798, married Clarissa, daughter of Josiah and Anna (Wells) Hale, of Glastonbury, Connecticut.

On account of poor health he abandoned his profession, and in 1800 or 1801 settled in Greensboro, in northern Vermont, in mercantile business combined with agriculture. He had a useful career there as postmaster, justice of the peace, etc., and during a special revival of religion in 1806 he came into the membership of the church.

The war of 1812 broke up his business plans, so that in 1814 he removed to Silver Lake, in Northeastern Pennsylvania, where he cleared a farm. In 1819 he removed to the northwestwards for a similar duty to Waverly, in the present township of Barton, Tioga County, New York; and thence in 1825 to Ogden, near Rochester.

Finally, in 1836, he settled in Hudson, Ohio, the seat of Western Reserve College, where he continued to live until his death, on January 25, 1860, aged 88 years.

His wife died on April 12, 1854, in her 78th year.

They had seven sons (the youngest of whom died in infancy) and two daughters. One son, who became a clergyman, was graduated at Williams College in 1833. The younger daughter was the principal of a flourishing Female Seminary in Hudson. Of his entire family, only three sons survived him.

Mr. Strong was a man of vigorous intellect and ardent piety; he was prominent as a radical abolitionist.

AUTHORITIES.

Eli Whitney was born in Westboro, Worcester County, Massachusetts, on December 8, 1765, the eldest child of Eli Whitney, a prosperous farmer, of Westboro, and grandson of Nathaniel and Mary (Child) Whitney. His mother was Elizabeth, eldest child of Benjamin and Martha (Miles) Fay, of Westboro.

As a boy he manifested unusual mechanical genius and a thirst for learning. His step-mother, however, opposed his wish for a liberal education, so that it was not until his twenty-third year that he was able to leave home, having laid up some money by the avails of manual labor and by teaching a village school.

He then spent some months with the Rev. Dr. Elizur Goodrich, of Durham, Connecticut, in preparation for College, and was admitted to the Freshman Class on April 30, 1789.

He finished his education with little expense to his father, and was looking forwards to the law as his profession. But the way was not clear, owing to his pecuniary necessities, and he accepted an offer to go to Georgia as a private tutor, with the expectation of prosecuting legal studies at the same time.

He sailed for Savannah on the same vessel with the widow and family of General Nathanael Greene, and spent a few weeks on Mrs. Greene's plantation at Mulberry Grove, about twenty-five miles from Savannah, before proceeding to fulfil his engagement.

While there his attention was called to the need of some device for separating the cotton staple, of the upland green-seed variety, from its seeds, and he almost at once hit upon a plan for such a machine. Meantime he had learned that his promised employment as teacher was not to be as lucrative as he had expected, and he concluded to relinquish his school and devote himself to perfecting his invention. Before the close of the year 1792 he had constructed an imperfect model of such a machine; and by the following April he had completed, under great difficulties, a
specimen cotton-gin,—the machine which was destined to revolutionize the problem of slave-labor at the South.

On the 27th of May he formed a partnership for the manufacture of cotton-gins with Phineas Miller (Yale 1785), a planter living near Mrs. Greene, who became her second husband in 1796.

Mr. Whitney then returned to the northwards, to apply for a patent and to superintend the manufacture of the machines; but was pursued by calamities. Almost at the outset the model left in Georgia was stolen, and a variety of copies with slight changes were put upon the market. Further, his own illness, the difficulty of procuring funds, and a serious loss by fire combined to embarrass his movements. A patent was issued on March 4, 1794, but almost interminable lawsuits ensued, arising from the numerous infringements on the patent-rights. In 1801 the South-Carolina legislature purchased the right of using the machine in that State; and in 1802 North Carolina did likewise. No small portion, however, of the money thus obtained was absorbed in carrying on law-suits in Georgia; and no decision on the merits of the inventor’s claim was given until thirteen years of his patent term had expired. In 1812 he made application to Congress to renew the patent; but owing to opposition from those who had been most benefited he was unsuccessful.

But these harassing experiences brought out most finely the strength and nobility of his character.

Despairing of any adequate return from the invention which had so absorbed his energies, he turned in 1798 to a new interest, from which he might reasonably hope for a successful result.

In June of this year he obtained a contract for the manufacture of muskets for the United States army. To this end he purchased a tract of ground (now called Whitneyville) on Mill River, at the foot of East Rock and within two miles of the New Haven Green. Here he established an armory, and labored with great diligence to fulfil his
contract. Heavy expenses were incurred in providing the plant, and unforeseen difficulties in securing skilled labor; but the result was highly creditable to Mr. Whitney's prudence and genius.

Other contracts followed and the business had become prosperous before Mr. Whitney's death. He introduced the principle of the division of labor as never before, and did much to inaugurate the industrial development of the new century.

In September, 1822, he was attacked with enlargement of the prostate gland, and after successive periods of intense suffering he died at his house in New Haven on January 8, 1825, in his 60th year.

He married, on January 6, 1817, Henrietta Frances, the youngest child of the Hon. Pierpont Edwards (Princeton Coll. 1768) and Frances (Ogden) Edwards, of New Haven. Their children were three daughters (one of whom died in infancy) and one son, who was graduated at Princeton in 1841.

Mrs. Whitney died in New Haven on April 16, 1870, in her 84th year, being the last surviving grandchild of President Edwards.

A portrait of Mr. Whitney, painted by S. F. B. Morse about 1822, belongs to the College; and another in the possession of his family has been often engraved.

In 1823 he presented $500 to the College, on condition that the interest should be expended in purchasing for the Library books relative to practical mechanics and mechanical and physical science generally.

In his person he was considerably above the ordinary size, of a dignified carriage, and of an open, manly and agreeable countenance.

The only separate publication from his pen which has been noticed is the following:

An Oration on the death of Mr. Robert Grant, a member of the Senior Class, in Yale-College, Connecticut: who died on the fourth of April, 1792, ætat. xxiii. New-Haven. 8°, pp. 15. [Y. C.
SoloMOn WIllIAMs was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, on January 6, 1772. He was the oldest child of the Hon. William Williams (Harvard College 1751), a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and a nephew of the Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Williams (Yale 1743). His mother was Mary, second daughter of Governor Jonathan Trumbull (Harvard 1727). His only brother was graduated here in 1795.

His natural abilities were of a high order and of very early development, so that he passed a creditable examination for admission to Yale when only ten years of age; but his entrance was postponed for six years. While in College his health suffered from too close application.

After graduation he returned to his native town, and filled for some years a useful place in the community. He represented the town in four sessions of the General Assembly in 1799–1803, and had the prospect of a promising career in civil life. His preference, however, was for the ministry, and he finally began his preparation for that profession; but his health continued to be exceedingly delicate, and he was forced to relinquish his hopes.

He then decided that the best way open to him to serve the cause of religion was through the circulation of good literature; and in 1807 he removed to New York City, where he opened a Classical and Theological Bookstore, which came to be a favorite resort of the evangelical public and promised to be a means of extensive usefulness. He united with the Cedar Street Presbyterian Church, and was chosen one of its ruling elders.
He died in New York, from typhus fever, on October 5, 1810, in his 39th year.

He married in 1806 Harriet, third daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Stillman) Burr, of Hartford, Connecticut, who survived him with two sons and one daughter. The latter married the Rev. Dr. Elisha L. Cleaveland (Bowdoin College 1829).

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The most interesting event of the year was the laying of the cornerstone of a new College building. It had been agreed, at a special meeting in October, 1792, that the building should be placed at right angles and to the northwards of the present Connecticut Hall; and in shape should resemble the original College, narrow and long, with only one room in depth; but the abundant public criticism of this plan led to a reconsideration in January, and the adoption of a plan substantially the same as that of Connecticut Hall, on a site in line with that building nearer Chapel Street. The cornerstone of South College was accordingly laid on April 15 with due ceremony.

The Hon. Roger Sherman was present on this occasion in his official capacity as Mayor of the city; his death, on the 23d of the following July, in his 73d year, removed the most distinguished citizen of New Haven, at whose funeral the students and tutors of the College led the procession.

At Commencement in 1793, a distressing situation of long standing was relieved by the removal of the Rev. Dr. Wales from the Professorship of Divinity. He had suffered for ten years, with increasing frequency, from epileptic fits; and the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lathrop (Yale 1754), of West Springfield, Massachusetts, was now offered the vacant chair.

At the same time Amos Bassett, of the Class of 1784, resigned the tutorship, and James Gould, of the Class of 1791, was elected as his successor.
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Jeremiah Atwater, the second and eldest surviving child of Jeremiah Atwater, a New Haven merchant, and grandson of John and Hannah (Thompson) Atwater, of Cheshire, Connecticut, was born in New Haven on December 27, 1773, and was prepared for College by Eli Bullard (Yale 1787). His mother was Lois Hurd, of Killingworth, Connecticut. A younger brother was graduated here in 1805.

Though among the youngest in his Class, he was distinguished in scholarship, and won the rank of Berkeley Scholar, which entitled him to reside as a graduate for three years on that foundation.

He also received in 1794 and 1795 the Premiums established by Noah Webster (Yale 1778) for the best essay,—his subjects being respectively, The true dignity of Genius, and A view of the origin of the Heathen Mythology, and its influence on the moral and intellectual powers.

He entered on a tutorship at Yale in 1795, when Dr. Dwight assumed the Presidency, and studied theology with him, winning his high regard.

He was licensed to preach by the New Haven Eastern Association of Ministers on May 29, 1798, and early in 1799 resigned his office as tutor, to accept the place of Principal of the Addison County Grammar School, in Middlebury, Vermont. President Dwight had visited Middlebury in 1798, when plans were being formed for the opening of this school, and by his advice its future
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Development into a College was undertaken; and with this in view Mr. Atwater was, on Dr. Dwight's recommendation, secured as Principal. From December, 1799, to 1802 he supplied the Congregational Church in Middlebury.

A charter incorporating Middlebury College was granted by the legislature in November, 1800, and Mr. Atwater was by the same act made President, and retained that office until August, 1809, when he resigned to accept the presidency of Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to which he had been elected on June 29.

His experience in academic discipline was emphasized by those who favored his appointment, and a great improvement in this respect was claimed for his administration.

Shortly before leaving Vermont, on June 14, he was ordained to the work of the ministry, at New Haven, in that State, on the occasion of a pastor being installed there.

The interference of the trustees in the internal management of Dickinson College led to his resignation in September, 1815, when he returned to his native city, to reside permanently. During his later years he was intently interested in political affairs, and much absorbed in the accumulation of property.

He died in New Haven, after two years' suffering from partial paralysis, on July 29, 1858, in his 85th year.

He married, on February 7, 1802, Clarissa, daughter of the Rev. Eleazar Storrs (Yale 1762), of Sandisfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, who died in New Haven on February 8, 1834, in her 58th year.

He then married, on December 2, 1834, Susan, third daughter of Amos and Betsey (Woodward) Morris, of East Haven, Connecticut. She first married Willet Bradley of New Haven, who died in 1811, and next married Eli Barnes, of Fair Haven, who died in 1827. She died in New Haven on February 17, 1854, in her 70th year.
By his first marriage he had one daughter, who married the Rev. Oliver B. Butterfield (honorary M.A. Yale 1845), and four sons, two of whom died early. The elder surviving son was graduated at Yale in 1827, and the younger in 1834.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Dickinson College in 1810, as well as by the University of Pennsylvania in 1811 and the University of North Carolina in 1813.

The house on College Street in which Dr. Atwater spent his later life was removed in 1905 to furnish the site for the second Vanderbilt-Scientific Hall; and a part of his adjoining estate, given to the Sheffield Scientific School by his youngest son, was used for the erection of Byers Hall.

An engraving from his portrait in advanced life is prefixed to the Record of the Centennial Anniversary of Middlebury College in 1900.

He published:


2. An Inaugural Address delivered at the Public Commencement of Dickinson College, September 27th, 1809 .. Carlisle, 1809. 8°, pp. 19. [B. Ath. Y. C.

AUTHORITIES.


Asa Bacon, son of Captain Asa Bacon, a somewhat opulent farmer of Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut, and grandson of Lieutenant John and Ruth (Spalding) Bacon, of Canterbury, was born in Canterbury on February 8, 1771. His mother was Abigail, daughter of Joshua and Amy (Blodgett) Whitney, of Plainfield, Connecticut, and niece of the Rev. Dr. Josiah Whitney (Yale 1752).
two brothers were graduated at Yale, in 1796 and 1806, respectively; and his eldest sister married his classmate Cleaveland.

After graduation he studied law for about six months in his native town with General Moses Cleaveland (Yale 1777), and then joined the Litchfield Law School.

After his admission to the bar in September, 1795, he went to Leesburg, Virginia, where he pursued his profession for nearly three years with fair success. He then returned to Canterbury on a visit and found such excellent prospects of business there, that he opened an office, meeting early with distinguished success. He was a member of the General Assembly at the October session in 1800.

He had begun to have some reputation as an instructor for students of law, when in 1803 he removed to Litchfield, and formed a partnership with the Hon. John Allen (honorary M.A. Yale 1791), who died in 1812.

In 1806 he was the candidate of the Federalists for Congress, but failed of an election. He continued, however, to be a candidate at every election until the political revolution in 1818.

He stood for many years at the head of his profession in Litchfield County, at a time when the bar of that county embraced a number of unusually brilliant lawyers. He had untiring industry, with the advantage of a fine personal appearance and of genial, social manners, and if not a fluent, was always an interesting and often a witty speaker. He was always well dressed, and was the last member of the county bar to discard the fashion of powdered hair and a queue.

In 1831 he was chosen President of the Phoenix Bank of Litchfield, and after that was never again seen professionally in court; repeated attacks of illness of a threatening nature at about that date admonished him of the danger of much public speaking.

In October, 1851, when over eighty, he removed to New Haven, that he might enjoy in his last years the compan-
ionship of some of his old friends in this city. He had already spent the two preceding winters here, with great satisfaction.

He was deeply interested in the College, and his gifts to the institution in his closing years and by will amounted to ten thousand dollars.

He died, in New Haven, after two days' illness, on February 5, 1857, at the age of 86 years.

He married, in East Haddam, Connecticut, on March 16, 1807, Lucretia, eldest child of General Epaphroditus and Lucretia (Hubbard) Champion, of East Haddam, a lady of marked individuality and attractive characteristics. She died in New Haven, in the family of her granddaughter, on January 19, 1882, aged nearly 99 years.

Their children were three sons, all of whom died in early manhood, and three daughters who died in infancy. The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1833, and the youngest in 1838.

An engraving from his portrait is given in Kilbourn's *Bench and Bar of Litchfield County*.

He published:

An Oration delivered at Canterbury, June 27, 1799, before Moriah Lodge, on the celebration of the festival of St. John the Baptist.

In the *Windham Herald*, August 1 and 8, 1799. On the evils of the French Revolution, and in condemnation of the Anti-Federalists for favoring it.

**AUTHORITIES.**


**Burrage Beach**, the only son of Deacon Samuel Beach (Yale 1757), of Cheshire, Connecticut, by his second wife, Esther Cook, was born in Cheshire in 1773, and was baptized on September 26 by his pastor, the Rev. John Foot
(Yale 1765), who afterwards prepared him for College. His christian name was the family name of his maternal grandmother.

He became an attorney-at-law in his native town, and for some time before his death had been the oldest member of the New Haven County bar. He was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church, and often a delegate to the diocesan and general conventions.

He died in Cheshire, on December 28, 1844, in his 72d year, and is buried in the cemetery adjoining St. Peter's Church.

He married, on June 12, 1800, Julia, eldest daughter of the Rev. Dr. John Bowden (Columbia College 1772) and his wife, Mary (Jervis) Bowden.

Their children were seven daughters, of whom one died in infancy. The second daughter married the Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Turner, a professor in the General Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Beach died in Cheshire, after long feebleness, on July 31, 1824, in her 49th year.

'Squire Beach, as he was commonly called, though somewhat irascible in temper, was highly respected as a lawyer and as a public-spirited citizen. He had besides large agricultural interests, and was engrossed during much of his career by various other occupations. He was from an early date, for example, the treasurer of the Cheshire Turnpike Company, and also treasurer of the Episcopal Academy of Connecticut, of which his father-in-law was the principal from 1796 to 1802.

The amount of his estate at his death was about $15,000.

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AUTHORITIES.

Joseph P. Beach, MS. Letter, Nov. 1825, iv, 6-10.

Heman Berry, son of Nathaniel and Hannah (Cassell) Berry, of Kent, Litchfield County, Connecticut, was born
in Kent on January 31, 1770, and was fitted for College by his pastor, the Rev. Joel Bordwell (Yale 1756).

He studied law, and settled in the town of Grand Isle, on the island of the same name in Lake Champlain, belonging to Vermont. There he died on August 20, 1805, in his 36th year.

Hezekiah Woodbridge Bissell, a son of Colonel Hezekiah Bissell (Yale 1762), of Windham, Connecticut, was born in Windham, on November 29, 1772. About the middle of his College course, his father returned to his native parish, in Bloomfield, Hartford County.

After graduation the son studied medicine. He obtained a commission as Surgeon, with the rank of First Lieutenant, in the artillery and engineer corps of the United States Army, on February 16, 1801.

He died in Hartford, Connecticut, after a long illness, at the house of the Rev. Abel Flint (Yale 1785), his brother-in-law, on the 10th of November, 1802, aged 30 years. His will disposed of his estate to his mother and sister.

AUTHORITIES.


Samuel Curtiss Blackman was born on March 22, 1768, in that part of Stratford, Fairfield County, Connecticut, which became the town of Huntington, and was prepared for College by the Rev. Elisha Rexford (Yale 1763), of Huntington.

After graduation he studied law, and established himself in Newtown, in the same county, where he continued in practice until a very few years prior to his death.

He represented the town in three sessions of the General Assembly between 1803 and 1810, and held the office of
Judge of Probate of the Newtown district for nearly twenty years, from its organization in 1820 until he became constitutionally disqualified by age.

He was an exemplary christian magistrate, and during his whole life the patron and active friend of education.

He died in Newtown on November 17, 1858, in his 91st year.

He married Sarah, daughter of Zalmon and Jerusha Tousey, of Newtown, who died on December 6, 1835, in her 59th year. A son was graduated at Yale in 1828.

David Sherman Boardman was born in New Milford, Connecticut, on December 8, 1768, the youngest child of Captain Sherman and Sarah (Bostwick) Boardman, of that town. A brother had been graduated here in 1781.

When about seventeen he began the study of Latin with his uncle by marriage, the Rev. Daniel Farrand, of (South) Canaan, Connecticut; but a serious failure of his eyesight led to a return to his father's farm.

In January, 1791, he took up Latin again with his pastor, the Rev. Stanley Griswold (Yale 1786), with a view to entering directly on the legal profession. In pursuance of this plan he began in May a short course of classical and scientific study with Elizur Goodrich (Yale 1779), of New Haven, who after a brief trial of his powers advised him to fit himself for advanced standing in College. Accordingly by Mr. Goodrich's instruction he was prepared to enter the Junior Class at Yale in May, 1792.

Having studied law with Judge Reeve in Litchfield, he was admitted to the Litchfield County bar in March, 1795.

In 1796 President Dwight proffered him a nomination to a Tutorship, but he declined the offer; and after visits to other localities in New York and Vermont he decided to open an office in his native town, where he maintained through a long life a high professional reputation.
He was made Judge of Probate for the district of New Milford in 1805, and held the place by successive annual appointments for sixteen years. He was eight times a member of the General Assembly between 1812 and 1829.

In May, 1831, he was appointed Chief Judge of the County Court, and was reappointed annually until 1836, when he was displaced for political reasons. His party sympathies were with the Federalists and Whigs.

During the latter part of his life he devoted much time to historical and literary enquiries, often writing for the press, and continuing to maintain an acquaintance with Greek and Latin writers. Specimens of his papers are: a review of J. C. Hamilton's History of the United States, in the New Englander for November, 1858; a review of Parton's Life of Burr, in the American Quarterly Church Review for January, 1859; Reminiscences of Colonel Seth Warner, in the Historical Magazine for July, 1860; and brief notices in Dr. Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit of Daniel Farrand (vol. 1, pp. 490-92), and Gideon Bostwick (vol. 5, pp. 274-76).

He published separately:


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He died in New Milford, on December 2, 1864, having nearly completed his 96th year, and having been for some months the oldest living graduate of Yale.

He married, on May 18, 1806, Charlotte, the only surviving daughter of Colonel Nathaniel and Ann (Northrop) Taylor, of New Milford, and sister of the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel W. Taylor (Yale 1807). She died on July 22, 1846, in her 65th year. Their children were five sons and two daughters, the majority of whom died in infancy.

Judge Boardman was universally respected and beloved for his high integrity and his genial flow of kind feeling. He was a finished legal scholar, of bland and courteous manners, but his disposition was too retiring and his voice too feeble for effective appearance before a jury.
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HEZEKIAH BRAINERD, the eldest child and only son of Dr. Hezekiah Brainerd (Yale 1763), of Haddam, Connecticut, was born in Haddam on August 11, 1773, and was fitted for College by his pastor, the Rev. Eleazar May (Yale 1752).

After leaving College he began the study of law in the Litchfield Law School, but returned to his father's house in Haddam, stricken with pulmonary consumption, which closed his life on June 20, 1795, in his 22d year. On the morning of the day of his death he drove out, and died sitting in his chair after his return. He is credited with a most amiable and promising character. His death was the first in the ranks of the Class.

AUTHORITIES.


ELIAB BREWER, the second son of Colonel Josiah and Mary (Hall) Brewer, of (South) Tyringham, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, which is now Monterey, was born on January 9, 1770.

He married soon after graduation Theodosia, the youngest child of his pastor, the Rev. Adonijah Bidwell (Yale 1740), and began the study of law with his brother-in-law, Barnabas Bidwell (Yale 1785), in Stockbridge, in the same county.

In 1796 or 7 he settled in the adjoining town of Lenox, where he engaged in the practice of his profession, and
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was also for some time postmaster. He received a Master's degree from Williams College in 1798. He suffered from indulgence in the convivial habits of the time, and died in Lenox, of a lingering consumption, on April 6, 1804, in his 35th year.

His widow was left with five young sons and a daughter dependant on her exertions. She taught school for some time in Pittsfield, Massachusetts; and died on April 5, 1841, in her 75th year.

The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1823, the second in 1821, and the third in 1824. The second (the only one of these to marry) was the father of Justice Brewer (Yale 1856).

Authorities.

Bidwell Genealogy, 88-89. Field,ingham Vital Records, 13, 15. Hist. of Berkshire County, 343. Tyr-

Pardon Brown was born in Tiverton, Rhode Island, on January 25, 1772. He was probably a son of Abraham and Abigail Brown, of that town, and his eldest sister was the wife of the Rev. Adoniram Judson (Yale 1775), who prepared him for College.

He settled in Hartford, Connecticut, as a merchant, at least as early as 1802; but retired in middle life to the neighboring village of (South) Glastonbury, where he died on May 11, 1846, in his 75th year.

He was married in Glastonbury, on September 13, 1802, by the Rev. William Lockwood, to Sally, elder daughter of Colonel Howell and Mary (Plummer) Woodbridge, of Glastonbury. She died on August 24, 1818, aged 34 years.

Their children were two sons and three daughters, all of whom married and left descendants.

Authorities.

Woodbridge Record, 86-87.
PERLEE BRUSH was born in that part of Amenia, Duchess County, New York, which is now called Smithfield, in 1769. He was a son of Lemuel Brush, a farmer of Smithfield, and grandson of Reuben Brush, from Long Island. His mother was Mary, daughter of Edmond Perlee, of Smithfield, of French extraction, an officer of the Revolution and subsequently a Major-General of the New-York militia, and his wife Zada Perlee.

He entered College in June of the Sophomore year. After graduation he taught school in Ohio, and was sufficiently a scholar to prepare several young men for College. He was thus engaged about the year 1810; but somewhat later he purchased a farm in Coitsville, Mahoning County, in the northeastern part of the State, where he resided until the failure of his powers. He was never married, but lived with a tenant on his farm. About 1856 he removed about five miles to the northwards, to Hubbard, in Trumbull County. A little later, perhaps in 1858, his mind failed so completely that a guardian of his person and property was appointed by the Courts. He died in Warren, in Trumbull County, on August 4, 1860, aged 90 years.

In his younger years he was eccentric, and his peculiarities eventually took the form of a monomania for accumulating and hoarding trifling and worthless articles.

AUTHORITIES.


WILLIAM PIT P CLEAVELAND, a son of Colonel Aaron Cleaveland, of Canterbury, Connecticut, and brother of Moses Cleaveland (Yale 1777), was born in Canterbury on December 18, 1770.

He studied law after graduation with his brother Moses, in Canterbury, and began practice there. Later, about 1800, he moved to the adjoining town of Brooklyn, and
thence after a few months to New London, where he became a prominent citizen.

From 1825 to 1835 he was president of the Union Bank of New London; and from 1829 to 1832 he held the office of Chief Judge of the County Court by annual appointment of the Legislature. He served as a deacon in the First (Congregational) Church from 1830 until his death.

He died in New London on January 3, 1845, in his 75th year.

He married on February 2, 1796, in Canterbury, Mary, the eldest sister of his classmate, Bacon, who died in New London on January 27, 1801, in her 25th year.

He next married, on January 15, 1806, Abby, eldest daughter of Guy and Hannah (Dolbeare) Richards, of New London, and a sister of Guy Richards (Yale 1807). She died in New London on January 10, 1824, aged 48 years; and he married, in New York City, in April, 1825, her next younger sister, Sophia, who died in New London on February 11, 1861, in her 80th year.

By his first marriage he had one son (Yale 1816), besides a daughter who died in infancy. By his second marriage he had five daughters, besides two sons who died in infancy; one daughter married the Rev. Flavel Bascom (Yale 1828).

AUTHORITIES.


INCREASE COOKE, a son of Aaron Cooke, of Cheshire, Connecticut, was born in Cheshire, then part of Wallingford, on March 15, 1771. A brother, Oliver D. Cooke, was graduated here in 1786.

He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Elizur Goodrich (Yale 1752), of Durham.

After graduation he was engaged in the book business with his brother in Hartford. In 1802 he removed to
New Haven as the head of the bookselling and publishing firm of Increase Cooke & Co., and continued in this business until his early death. His partner was John Babcock, and their store was at first located on Chapel Street, between Church and Temple; in 1810 they removed to a new brick building on Church Street (still standing), opposite the present Post office.

Among the more important books which the firm issued were the first edition of Noah Webster's Dictionary, in 1806, and Cicero's Select Orations, by Duncan, in 1811.

After a long period of ill health, Mr. Cooke died in New Haven, on April 3, 1814, in his 44th year. He was probably never married.

A New Haven newspaper after his death describes him as "an eminent bookseller, and a man whose character will long live in the esteem of those who knew him. By his industry and perseverance in business he had acquired a handsome competency . . He was a friend of order and good morals, and zealous for the diffusion of useful and religious information, particularly among the young."

In the language of the inscription over his grave, he was "social in his disposition, honest in his dealings, correct in his principles, virtuous in his habits; active in the support of civil, religious and charitable institutions and particularly in the diffusion of religious knowledge, he lived respected and died greatly lamented."

He published:

The American Orator; or, Elegant Extracts in Prose and Poetry; comprehending a diversity of Oratorical Specimens, of the Eloquence of Popular Assemblies, of the Bar, of the Pulpit, &c. Principally intended for the use of Schools and Academies. To which are prefixed a Dissertation on Oratorical Delivery and the Outlines of Gesture. Hartford, 1814. 12°, pp. 408.

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Conn. Journal, April 5 and 12, 1814. Davis, Hist. of Wallingford, 683.
BENJAMIN DOOLITTLE, elder son of Captain Benjamin and Lydia (Ives) Doolittle, of Cheshire, then a parish of Wallingford, Connecticut, and grandson of Caleb and Tamar (Thompson) Doolittle, of Cheshire, was born in that parish on February 10, 1771, and was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. John Foot (Yale 1765). His mother was probably a daughter of Joel Ives, of Cheshire. Jotham Ives Doolittle (Yale 1795) was a first cousin.

After graduation he studied law, and about 1798 emigrated to northeastern Pennsylvania. In 1799 he bought a farm of six hundred acres in what is now New Milford, in Susquehanna County, and about a year later he married Fanny, daughter of Ichabod Ward, a native of Roxbury Parish, in Woodbury, Connecticut, whose family had removed to Pennsylvania soon after Mr. Doolittle went there.

In 1825 the Cleveland & Wellsville turnpike extending through Streetsboro, in Portage County, about twenty-five miles southeast of Cleveland, brought settlers to this rich farming section. Among the early arrivals was Mr. Doolittle, who removed to the township in the fall of 1825. He made a clearing and built a double log-house, in which he lived for many years, in the midst of woods so dense and high that one could not see anything, except when he looked to the sky. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1827, at the organization of the town, and was respected as a prominent, honest, and useful man.

His wife died on April 28, 1847, at the age of 65; and he died at the home of his eldest daughter, in Elyria, Ohio, on September 22, 1849, in his 79th year.

They had six sons and three daughters, besides one child who died in infancy.

AUTHORITIES.
Biographical Sketches, 1793

Daniel Dow, a son of Daniel Dow, of Ashford, Windham County, Connecticut, and brother of Hendrick Dow (Yale 1784), was born in Ashford on February 19, 1772. His father died three months later, but his mother gave him all the advantages in her power.

He entered College at the close of Freshman year, and joined the College Church on profession of faith at the end of Junior year. He delivered a Poem in praise of Poets at graduation.

Having exhausted his patrimony by his education, he then turned to the teaching of psalmody for two years as a means of support, and meantime pursued theological studies, partly under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Elizur Goodrich, of Durham, Connecticut, and partly under that of his own pastor, the Rev. Enoch Pond (Brown Univ. 1777).

He was licensed to preach by the Windham County Association of Ministers in May, 1795. In the latter part of the summer he began to preach in the Congregational Church in Thompson, in the same county, over which he was ordained pastor on April 20, 1796, the installation sermon being preached by Mr. Pond.

He had already married, on August 20, 1795, Hannah, daughter of Deacon Jesse Bolles, of Woodstock, in the same county.

He was settled upon a salary of three hundred dollars, which was increased four years later to four hundred dollars, after he had asked a dismission on account of inadequate support. He contrived, by strict economy, to maintain his family upon this sum till the war of 1812, when, finding himself five hundred dollars in debt, he again asked for a dismission; and on this occasion the people increased his salary to five hundred dollars, at which point it remained; but it was not until 1846 that he had saved enough to pay off his previous debt.
His sermons were delivered without notes, but were always carefully planned, and expressed in clear, forcible language, and in an unostentatiously earnest manner.

With a strongly-marked character, great natural ability, and clear convictions of duty, he made a strong impression on the community, especially as a terror to evil-doers.

He was elected a Fellow of the Corporation of Yale College in September, 1824, and held office until his death. He was one of the principal founders of the Theological Institute of Connecticut at East Windsor Hill in 1833, and continued until his death to be an ardent supporter of the older school of theology as represented by that body. In the spring of 1834 he was appointed as a member of the Yale Corporation to attend the examination of the Yale Divinity School; and in making his report to the Corporation in September he took occasion to object to some of the doctrines taught in the School.

In 1840 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Williams College.

With declining years he softened in some degree, while his physical and mental vigor remained unabated. He continued in the full exercise of his active and laborious ministry to the last, dying suddenly at home just after returning from preaching a funeral sermon, on July 19, 1849, in his 78th year.

His epitaph describes him as “a faithful preacher, a wise and prudent pastor, an exemplary citizen, respected and beloved by all.”

A copy of his portrait is given in Miss Larned’s History of Windham County.

Mrs. Dow died on September 8, 1853, aged 77 years. They had nine children, of whom only two daughters and one son survived their parents.

He published:


This was replied to by F. A. VanderKemp, anonymously, in 1806, under the title, *A Wreath for Rev. Daniel Dow.*


2. The Pedobaptist catechism, or a schedule of the most important questions and answers, together with Scripture proofs relative to the subject and mode of Baptism. Worcester, 1807. 8°, pp. 38.


The same. Andover, 1815. 12°.

[B. Ath. Br. Mus.]

3. A Dissertation, on the Sinaitic and Abrahamic Covenants; shewing the former to be only temporary; the latter everlasting. Hartford, 1811. 8°, pp. 75.


Like the preceding number, directed against the Baptists.


5. The duty of praying for all that are in authority, illustrated.—A Sermon [from I Tim. ii, 1–2] preached . . . at the General Election, May 4, 1825. Hartford, 1825. 8°, pp. 18.


[A. A. S. B. Publ. M. H. S. Y. C.]


8. New Haven Theology, alias Taylorism, alias Neology; in its own language, with Notes appended. Thompson, 1834. 8°, pp. 56.


9. A Reminiscence of past events.—A semi-centennial Sermon [from Ps. cxliii, 5], preached in Thompson, (Conn.,) April 22, 1846. With an Appendix. New Haven, 1846. 8°, pp. 32.

[A. A. S. C. H. S. Y. C.]
ROBERT FAIRCHILD, the only child of John Fairchild (Yale 1773), of Durham, Connecticut, was born on January 19, 1775. His father died in his infancy, and his mother returned to Fairfield, Connecticut, her native place. He entered College in May of the Freshman year.

After graduation he studied law and settled in Stratford, Connecticut, where he married on February 9, 1796, Esther, daughter of John and Dorothy (Birdseye) Brooks.

He represented Stratford in the Lower House of the General Assembly in 1802-06, 1822-23, 1829, and 1832, and in 1831 was a member of the Upper House, and ex officio a Fellow of the College Corporation. He was a member of the Constitutional Convention of Connecticut in 1818.

He was appointed Marshal of Connecticut by President Madison in 1809, and was reappointed by President Monroe, serving until 1821.

On the political revolution in Connecticut in 1818 he was appointed Chief Judge of the Fairfield County Court, and retained the office until 1826.

He died very suddenly in Stratford on July 11, 1835, aged 60½ years. His wife died on December 19, 1819, in her 44th year. Their children were seven sons and six daughters.

AUTHORITIES.

Diodate Johnson Griswold, the eldest child of Deacon John Griswold, of Lyme, Connecticut, and grandson of Governor Matthew and Ursula (Wolcott) Griswold, of Lyme, was born in Lyme on December 16, 1773. His mother was Sarah, eldest daughter of the Rev. Stephen Johnson (Yale 1743) and Elizabeth (Diodate) Johnson, of Lyme, and his eldest sister was the wife of Richard McCurdy (Yale 1787). He was a first cousin of his classmate Brainerd, and with him was prepared for College by the Rev. Mr. May, of Haddam.

He married Sally, daughter of the late Deacon Benjamin Colt, of Lyme, and Hadley, Massachusetts, and sister of Peter Colt (Yale 1764).

Of a gay and pleasure-loving nature, and remarkable personal attractions, he contracted as early as his College days convivial habits, and indulged in irregularities of life, from which he never recovered.

His wife found his society uncongenial and returned to her friends, dying in Wilkes-Barré, Pennsylvania, about 1857. She had no children.

After his property was dissipated by his excesses, his brothers took care of him. Finally he had to be taken to the Retreat for the Insane in Hartford, Connecticut, where he died on March 17, 1850, in his 77th year.

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Loomis Female Geneal., i, 150. Salisbury, Family Histories, ii, 115.

Joab Griswold, son of Giles Griswold, of Goshen, Connecticut, and grandson of Zaccheus and Eunice (Stanley) Griswold, of Windsor and Goshen, was born in Goshen on June 29, 1769.

His mother was Mary Stanley, of Farmington, Connecticut.
He was prepared for College by the Rev. Hezekiah Gold (Yale 1751), of Cornwall, Connecticut.

After graduation he studied law and emigrated to Herkimer, New York, where he spent the rest of his life. He was largely engrossed in agriculture, and in politics was a leading Federalist. His devotion to his party was rewarded by his appointment to the office of County Clerk in March, 1798, which he held for six years, or until a transfer of power to the opposing party.

He died in Herkimer on August 20, 1814, in his 46th year.

By his wife, Nancy Myers, of Herkimer, he had five sons and one daughter.

AUTHORITIES.

Benton, Hist. of Herkimer County, 316-17. Hardin, Hist. of Herkimer County, 219. Hibbard, Hist. of

John Lee, the eldest son of the Rev. Dr. Andrew Lee (Yale 1766), of Hanover Society, in Norwich, now Lisbon, Connecticut, was born on February 21, 1773, and entered College in May of the Freshman year.

He settled as a lawyer in Cambridge, Washington County, on the eastern border of New York State, and died on July 29, 1814, in his 42d year.

He married, on September 30, 1798, Mary Griffin, of his native parish, by whom he had two daughters.

AUTHORITIES.


Hezekiah May, the youngest in a family of ten children of the Rev. Eleazar May (Yale 1752), of Haddam, Connecticut, was born in Haddam on December 26, 1773, and was prepared for College by his father.
He at first studied law, and entered upon practice; but finally turned to the ministry, and pursued his preparatory studies with the Rev. Dr. John Smalley, of Berlin, Connecticut.

He had been preaching in Maine when he was called, in April, 1803, to the Second (Congregational) Church in Marblehead, Massachusetts, where he was ordained pastor on June 22, 1803,—the sermon preached on the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Morse (Yale 1783) being afterwards published.

He found this settlement uncongenial, on account of the church's adhesion to the halfway covenant, and he accordingly presented his resignation.

He was dismissed on January 27, 1808, and then labored for some years as a missionary in the northern wilds of Maine. He received a commission from the Society for Propagating the Gospel among the Indians in North America in 1811.

Thence he removed to Western New York, where he preached in Oswego, Corning, and elsewhere, in connection with the Presbyterian Church.

His active ministry closed soon after 1820, and he retired to Franklin, in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He died suddenly, of a bilious colic, at his residence in Tionesta village in that vicinity, on July 4, 1843, in his 70th year.

He married, about 1802, Margaret White, by whom he had four daughters and four sons. These children were all of notable stature,—one son being six feet five inches in height.

Mr. May is reported to have been somewhat remarkable as a linguist, having some acquaintance with French, German, and Spanish, besides Latin, Greek, and Hebrew.

He published:


   Containing curious slurs on President Jefferson.

The sermon occupies pp. 1–20.

3. An Oration, delivered before the Right Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the Rising Virtue Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at Bangor, on the festival of St. John the Baptist. June 24, 1808. Augusta, 1808. 8°, pp. 16.

The author writes as a Mason.

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Amer. Quart. Register, vii, 251, 258. May Families, 85, 93.

MICHAEL OLCOTT, son of Captain Samuel Olcott, of Hartford, Connecticut, and grandson of Jonathan and Sarah (Collyer) Olcott, of Hartford, was born on January 12, 1775. He was the only son of Captain Olcott's second wife, Mary, sister of James Church (Yale 1756), and widow of John Caldwell, of Hartford. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Elizur Goodrich, of Durham.

After graduation he returned to his native place, and engaged in mercantile pursuits, being for part of the time associated with his half-brother, Major John Caldwell, in the shipping business.

He was Major of the Governor's Horse Guards in 1810–11, and Quartermaster-General of the State Militia (with the rank of Colonel) from 1818 until his death.

He was one of the representatives of Hartford in five sessions of the General Assembly between 1815 and 1819, and commanded throughout his career the confidence and respect of his fellow-citizens.

He died in Hartford on May 11, 1829, aged 53 years. He was never married, and a sister was the executrix of his will. His estate was inventoried at about $6,300.
AMOS PARDEE, the youngest child of Stephen Pardee, of East Haven, Connecticut, and grandson of Stephen and Mary (Howe) Pardee, of East Haven, was born in 1770. His mother was Mabel, fourth daughter of John and Mary (Forbes) Russell, of East Haven. His father died the year before he entered College. The family were received into the Episcopal Church in 1779.

He studied theology after graduation, and was ordained Deacon by Bishop Bass of Massachusetts in 1798, and Priest by Bishop Jarvis of Connecticut in Middletown, on January 20, 1799. He then officiated for a few years as a missionary in Pawlet and Wells, Vermont, and from February, 1802, to his resignation in September, 1818, he was rector of St. Luke's Church, Lanesborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts. He then removed into the diocese of New York. After nearly twenty-five years of faithful labor as a missionary in the central and northern parts of the State, he was finally obliged to retire on account of old age and infirmity. His closing years were spent with his daughters, one of whom resided in Caldwell, on Lake George, and the other in Lanesborough. He died in Caldwell, on December 2, 1849, in his 80th year, and was buried in Lanesborough.

Mr. Pardee was reserved and dignified in manner, amiable in disposition, and exemplary in life and conversation.

A son was graduated at Union College in 1825, and became an Episcopal clergyman.

AUTHORITIES.

Holland, Hist. of Western Mass., ii.
Peter Manigault Parker was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on February 19, 1774, and entered College at the opening of the Junior year. He was a son of John and Mary (Daniel) Parker, of Charleston, and grandson of John and Jane Parker.

Having devoted himself to the ministry, he pursued his studies after graduation in New York City, under the superintendence of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Moore, afterwards Bishop of New York, and was ordained Deacon by Bishop Provoost of that diocese in 1795.

On returning to his native State he proceeded at the beginning of April, 1796, to take charge of St. John's Church, at Berkeley, about thirty miles north of Charleston.

He resigned this cure in 1802, to take up the office of Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, Charleston. In the spring of this year he went to New York, and there, on June 2, received Priest's orders from Bishop Moore.

He returned immediately to Charleston, but died there, of a bilious fever, on July 23, in his 29th year.

Authorities.


David Phelps, youngest son of Captain Roger and Abigail (Filer) Phelps, of Hebron, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Anna (Hosford) Phelps, of Hebron, was born in Hebron on December 26, 1768, and entered College in May of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he studied law for one year in Sharon, Connecticut, and subsequently in Poughkeepsie, New York.

About 1796 he settled in Colchester, Delaware County, New York, and in that county (with the exception of a single year) he spent the remainder of his long life.
He died in Hancock, Delaware County, on October 20, 1851, in his 83d year.

He married, on January 9, 1795, Jerusha Hosford, of Hebron, who died in Colchester in 1801. In 1803 he married Sarah Hosford, a sister of his former wife.

He had by his first marriage one son, who died young; and by his second marriage four daughters and a son.

AUTHORITIES.

N. Y. Evangelist, Oct. 30, 1851. Phelps Family, i, 229, 400.

AMASA PORTER, the eldest child of Gaylord and Miriam (Brown) Porter, of Hebron, Connecticut, and grandson of Daniel and Diana (Dunham) Porter, of Hebron, was born in Hebron on May 12, 1771, and entered College in June of the Freshman year.

After graduation he studied theology, in part with the Rev. Thomas Brockway (Yale 1768), of the parish adjoining his native place, which is now the town of Columbia.

In 1796 he began preaching in the Congregational Church of Derby, Connecticut, as a candidate for settlement, and in due time a call was given him, which he declined on account of the terms offered. A subsequent call was accepted, and he was ordained on June 21, 1797. He was beloved by his people, but in 1804 his health failed, and after protracted illness he was dismissed at his own request, on March 20, 1805.

He then engaged in mercantile business in Derby until 1816, and after that date until about 1828 in New Haven, where he continued to reside (on the northeast corner of Temple and Crown streets) until his death, on April 19, 1856, aged nearly 85.

During his later years he enjoyed good health and the full use of his faculties. He was always mindful of his early professional career, and improved his opportunities
of giving religious counsel. He was a deacon in the North Church from 1834 to his resignation in 1842.

He married in 1798 Sarah (or Sally), only daughter of Deacon Henry and Sarah (Woodward) Bliss, of Columbia, who died in New Haven, on April 13, 1860, aged 89 years.

Their children were two sons (graduates of Yale in 1821 and 1822, respectively) and two daughters.

AUTHORITIES.


DAVID PUTNAM was born on February 24, 1769, in that part of Pomfret, Connecticut, which was later included in the township of Brooklyn, the fourth child of Colonel Israel Putnam, Junior, and Sarah (Waldo) Putnam, and grandson of General Israel Putnam, of Revolutionary fame, and Hannah (Pope) Putnam.

His father removed to Belpre, in southeastern Ohio, in 1795, and the son, after studying law and teaching in the Muskingum (Ohio) Academy, settled in 1798 in the same vicinity, at Marietta, where he practiced his profession until his retirement, about 1825.

He died in Harmar, a suburb of Marietta, after years of severe physical infirmity, on March 31, 1856, aged 87 years.

He married, on September 6 (or 16), 1798, Elizabeth (or Betsey), daughter of Dr. Elisha Perkins, of Plainfield, Connecticut; three of her brothers were graduates of Yale, in 1791, 1794, and 1803, respectively. She died on May 18, 1866, in her 88th year.

Their children were eight sons and three daughters.

Two sons entered the Class of 1826 at Yale, of whom only one finished the course.
PETER WILLIAM RADCLIFF, a brother of John Radcliff, of the previous class, was born in Rhinebeck, New York, on June 28, 1774, and entered College in June of the Freshman year.

On graduation he began the study of law with his eldest brother, Jacob (Princeton 1783), in Poughkeepsie, New York, and on his admission to the bar in 1797 settled in the practice of his profession in that place.

On October 1, 1800, he married Elizabeth Huntington, the eldest child of Major John Davenport (Yale 1770), of Stamford, Connecticut; and in 1802 he removed to the city of New York, where he soon attained to professional distinction.

He was a member of the General Assembly of the State for the session from January to June, 1812, and was then chosen to the State Senate, where he served from November, 1812, to April, 1816; he was also a member of the Council of Appointment in 1813 and 1814. Although elected by the party vehemently opposed to the war with Great Britain, he advocated patriotically every measure calculated to bring it to a successful issue.

In 1825 he removed his residence to Brooklyn, and for three years from February, 1827, he held the office of First Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Kings County. He kept his office in New York, and after his retirement from the bench continued to labor in his profession until his death, which took place in Brooklyn, on December 1, 1840, aged 66½ years. His widow died in Brooklyn on May 28, 1850, in her 70th year. They had no children.

Judge Radcliff had a very extensive and important practice, and ranked among the ablest members of the New York bar. As a private citizen he was universally
esteemed for his pure character and enlightened public spirit.

AUTHORITIES.

JOSEPH RUSSELL, the youngest son of the Rev. Noadiah Russell (Yale 1750), of Thompson, then a parish of Killingly, Connecticut, was born in Thompson in 1775, and was baptized by his father on April 30 of that year.

He studied theology after graduation, probably with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus, of Somers, Connecticut, and was licensed to preach by the Windham Association of Ministers in May, 1795.

In December, 1795, he was called, on an annual salary of $433, to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Princeton, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and having accepted the call he was ordained there on March 16, 1796,—the sermon being preached by the Rev. Dr. Backus.

In 1801 he applied to the town for a dismissal, being "convinced, from several years' experience, that application to study is injurious to" him. His relations with his people had been altogether peaceable and friendly, but they exhibited some uneasiness at this application; finally his wishes were acceded to, and he was regularly dismissed towards the end of September.

He then engaged in mercantile business in Troy, New York, where he was influential and much respected.

When he was about 70 he retired from business and removed with his wife to Milford, Connecticut. The latter part of his life was spent in Ellington, Connecticut, where he died on January 8, 1861, in his 86th year.

He married, probably in December, 1797, Mary (or Polly), daughter of Deacon John and Mary (Lockwood)
Raynolds, of Enfield, Connecticut, who was born on July 30, 1773.

They had several children.

AUTHORITIES.

Allen, Hist. of Enfield, ii, 1635. 
sell, Hist. of Princeton, 51-54.

WINTHROP SALTONSTALL, the youngest child of Winthrop Saltonstall (Yale 1756), of New London, Connecticut, was born in New London on February 10, 1775, and was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Henry Channing (Yale 1781).

After graduation he studied medicine at Columbia College, New York, and received the degree of M.D. in 1796.

He afterwards visited Bengal for further medical information and experience; and later went to Port of Spain, the capital of the Island of Trinidad, in the West Indies, where he began practice as a physician and surgeon. After practicing for some years by himself, he formed a partnership with a Dr. Clark.

He died there, after a short and painful illness, from yellow fever, on June 20 (or 27), 1802, in his 28th year. He was unmarried.

He published:

An Inaugural Dissertation on the chemical and medical history of Septon, Azote, or Nitrogene; and its combinations with the Matter of Heat and the Principle of Acidity.—Submitted to the public examination of the Faculty of Physic . . of Columbia College . .: for the Degree of Doctor of Physic on the third day of May, 1796. New-York, 1796. 8°, pp. 68.


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Bond, Hist. of Watertown, 926. 
Saltonstall Ancestry, 36, 39, 241-42.
JOHN SARGEANT was born in Mansfield, Connecticut, on October 5, 1770, the sixth son and eighth child of Samuel Sargeant, and grandson of Jacob and Mindwell (Root) Sargeant, of Mansfield. His mother was Hannah, daughter of Daniel Baldwin, of Mansfield.

After graduation he read law, at first with David Daggett in New Haven, and later with Jabez Clark, of Windham, Connecticut, where he was admitted to the bar in August, 1795.

By 1797 he settled in practice in Windsor, Connecticut, where he continued until his death, on January 28, 1829, in his 59th year.

He served as deacon in the First Church in Windsor.

He married, on June 25 (or 26), 1799, Fanny, third daughter of General Roger Newberry, of Windsor, and sister of Roger Newberry (Yale 1799), who died in Windsor on December 12, 1851, in her 77th year.

AUTHORITIES.

Dimock, Mansfield Records, 154. 387, 452; ii, 521, 676.

Stiles, Hist. of Windsor, 2d ed., i,

SAMUEL SHEPARD, the youngest child of Daniel Shepard, and grandson of John and Sarah (Clark) Shepard, of Chatham, Connecticut, was born in that part of Chatham which is now Portland, on November 19, 1772. His mother was Sarah, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Savage) Cornwall, of Chatham. He began teaching a district school in his native place at the age of fourteen. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Enoch Huntington, of Middletown, and entered in May of the Freshman year. At Yale he had a distinguished career for scholarship, and delivered the Salutatory Oration at graduation.

He then studied theology under the direction of his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Cyprian Strong, and was licensed to preach by the Hartford South Association in June, 1794.
Having preached for short periods in Milford and Derby, Connecticut, he accepted in October, 1794, an invitation to preach as a candidate in the Congregational Church in Lenox, Massachusetts, then a comparatively new and small settlement. In due time he received a unanimous call to the pastorate, which he accepted with great reluctance, and he was ordained there on April 30, 1795. The sermon preached on the occasion by Dr. Strong was afterwards published.

His ministry, which continued to the end of his life, was throughout attended with an unusual degree of success. He found the church extremely small (12 male members) and feeble, but a series of extensive revivals of religion brought large numbers into the membership.

He was a member of the Corporation of Middlebury College, Vermont, from 1806 to 1813; and of the Corporation of Williams College from 1808 to his death. He also held the appointment of Vice President of Williams College Corporation from 1834. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Union College in 1819.

Decision and firmness, love of order and punctuality, were among his leading characteristics. He preached with great animation, and his loud, mellow, and flexible voice was capable of filling the largest audience-room without effort. In theology he was a disciple of Edwards. He was a model pastor, of deep personal piety, and of cheerful, sunny temperament.

He enjoyed vigorous health, and was abundant in labors, down to the last year of his life. He then suffered severely from an attack of angina pectoris, and though recovering sufficiently to undertake his accustomed duties, he was conscious of an impending change. His disease returned upon him about the first of December, 1845, and after an illness of great distress he died at his home in Lenox, on January 5, 1846, in his 74th year. The sermon preached at his funeral by his intimate friend, the Rev.
Dr. John Todd (Yale 1822), of Pittsfield, was afterwards published. A photograph from his portrait is given in Mallary's Lenox.

He married on May 10, 1795, Lucy, daughter of Nicholas and Theodosia Ames, of Chatham, who died on November 15, 1837, aged 63 years.

In 1839 he married Mrs. Olive S. Taft, of Williamstown, Massachusetts, who survived him.

By his first wife he had one son and two daughters. The son was graduated at Williams College in 1821, and followed his father's profession.

Dr. Shepard is not to be confused with another Dr. Samuel Shepard, born 1739, died 1815, a Baptist minister of New Hampshire, who issued various publications at Exeter from 1793 to 1806.

He published:


2. A Sermon [from Isaiah xxxviii, 1], preached at Lenox, January 23, 1803; at the funeral of Mrs. Hannah Egleston, consort of Azariah Egleston, Esquire. Stockbridge, 1803. 4°, pp. 21.

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3. A Sermon [from Matth. xiv, 30], delivered at Lenox (Massachusetts) February 20th, 1806; being the day of the Execution of Ephraim Wheeler, pursuant to his sentence, for a rape committed on his daughter, Betsy Wheeler. Stockbridge, 1806. 8°, pp. 16.

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The same. 2d edition. Stockbridge, 1806. 8°, pp. 24.


6. All things earthly, changing and transitory. A Sermon [from I Cor. vii, 31] preached in Lenox, Mass., April 30, 1845, at
ICHABOD LORD SKINNER, the eldest child of Deacon David Skinner, of that part of Colchester, Connecticut, afterwards included in Marlborough, and grandson of Deacon Aaron and Eunice (Taintor) Skinner, of Colchester, was born in Colchester on September 2, 1767. His mother was Sarah, fourth daughter of Ichabod and Patience (Bulkley) Lord, of Colchester. He worked upon the farm in the summers, and kept school in the winters, until he came of age, and then determined to prepare for the Sophomore Class, which he entered in February, 1791; he was however absent for a good part of the ensuing year.

After graduation he studied theology under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Edwards, of New Haven, and having accepted a call to be a colleague with the Rev. Nathan Strong (Yale 1742) in the pastorate of the Congregational Church in North Coventry, Connecticut, he was ordained and installed in that office on October 23, 1794. The sermon on that occasion by Nathan Strong, Junior (Yale 1769), was afterwards published.

The senior pastor died a year later, and Mr. Skinner continued only until October 10, 1798, when he took a dismission. A rumor has been handed down that he resigned his office on account of having been betrayed into a hasty exhibition of temper which he conceived to be inconsistent with the clerical character. He was regarded as having respectable talents and a winning address.
For a short time he continued to preach occasionally, but he soon undertook the study of law, and on his admission to the bar he began practice in Colchester (about 1804).

He was chosen a deacon in the First Church in Colchester in May, 1805.

About 1808 or 9 he removed to Hartford, Connecticut, where he erected a fine residence, and continued to practice law until 1816. He was also somewhat extensively engaged in real-estate transactions, and became a successful contractor for various large public works. He built the Windsor Locks canal, and was the chief contractor on the Hartford and New London turnpike.

From Hartford he removed to Washington, District of Columbia, where he had large dealings in landed property. He was connected also with the Government work on the National Road near Wheeling. He resumed about 1823 some ministerial duties in connection with the Presbyterian Church, and continued to be enrolled as a minister in that body until his death.

In 1825-26 he was living in Independence, Ohio.

About 1840 his residence changed from Washington to Frostburg, Western Maryland, and a few months before the end he went to the house of a married daughter in Brooklyn, New York, where he died, very suddenly, while present at a service in church, on January 29, 1852, in his 85th year.

He married on November 19, 1794, Hannah, daughter of the Hon. Joseph Spencer, of Millington Parish, in East Haddam, and sister of Jared Spencer (Yale 1784).

After her death he married, on May 19, 1825, Nancy M., daughter of Stephen and Deborah Gates (Smith) Bigelow, of Colchester, who died in 1826, leaving a son.

He published:

1. A Discourse [from Ps. c, 4] on Music; delivered February, 1796, at a Singing Lecture, in North Bolton. Hartford, 1796. 8°, pp. 18.

[C. H. S. Watkinson Libr. Y. C.]
2. A farewell Discourse [from Gal. i, 11-12], delivered at North-Coventry, November 11, 1798. Hartford, 1799. 8vo, pp. 16.

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The style is simple and dignified, without allusion to any causes for the author's retirement.

3. An Address, delivered before the Missionary Society of the City of Washington, auxiliary to the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. September, 1826. Washington, 1826. 8vo, pp. 20.

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borough, Conn., Centennial, 57. Niles, Pulpit, ii, 37.

GEORGE WASHINGTON STANLEY was the only child of Oliver Stanley (Yale 1768), of Wallingford, Connecticut, by his first wife, Sarah Chauncey. He was born on June 25, 1775, while General Washington was on his way to Cambridge, to take command of the provincial army; and thus was the earliest Yale graduate to receive Washington's name in baptism. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Hezekiah Gold (Yale 1751), of Cornwall.

He settled in his native town as a lawyer, and like his father attained local distinction.

When the father declined, in May, 1809, a re-election as Judge of the Wallingford Probate District, the son succeeded to the office, which he continued to hold for nine years.
In 1819 he moved to Middletown, Connecticut, and from 1820 to 1827 was State's Attorney for Middlesex County. About 1837 he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where he died on September 5, 1854, in his 80th year. In Ohio, as in Connecticut, he sustained the reputation of a learned, discreet, and faithful counsellor.

Judge Stanley married Clarissa Nichols, of Newtown, Connecticut, by whom he had one son and one daughter, both of whom survived him.

In his early years he was an ardent Federalist, and a favorite spokesman of his party.

He published:


2. An Oration, delivered at Wallingford, April 4, 1814; in Celebration of the late glorious events in Europe New-Haven, 1814. 31 pp. 8°.

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GROSVENOR TARBELL, the eldest child of Lieutenant John Tarbell, Junior, and Huldah (Lee) Tarbell, of Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts; and grandson of John and Esther (Grosvenor) Tarbell, of Woodstock, Connecticut, and Sturbridge, was born in Sturbridge on February 3, 1768.

After graduation he studied medicine in Boston, and in 1796 settled in the practice of his profession in Lincoln, Middlesex County, Massachusetts.
He also served the community as town-clerk from 1799 to 1803.

He was eminently skilful and successful in his profession, an excellent town-officer, and an enterprising and useful citizen. He received an ad eundem Master's degree from Harvard College in 1810.

He died in Lincoln, universally lamented, on March 19, 1822, in his 55th year.

He married, on August 25, 1801, Thankful, second daughter of the Hon. Samuel and Susanna (Pierce) Hoar, of Lincoln, and sister of the Hon. Samuel Hoar (Harvard 1802). She died on February 7, 1861, in her 85th year. Their children were five daughters and two sons.

Isaac Miles Wales, the eldest son of the Rev. Samuel Wales (Yale 1767), was born in Milford, Connecticut, in 1775, and bore the name of his maternal grandfather. When he was seven years old his father removed from the pastorate of the First Church in Milford to the office of Professor of Divinity in Yale College; and the son was prepared for admission to the Freshman Class at the Hopkins Grammar School by Jared Mansfield (Yale 1777).

His father died a few months after his graduation and he then undertook the study of law with David Daggett (Yale 1783), and on admission to the bar began practice in New Haven.

He married, on November 18, 1799, Lois, daughter of John and Lois (Ray) Heaton, of New Haven.

After some years of rather undistinguished practice he removed to Oxford in the same county, about 1810, and
thence about four years later to Milford, his mother's native place, as well as his own.

His wife died in Oxford in April, 1813, at the age of 30; and he was next married, by the Rev. Bezaleel Pinneo, on May 14, 1815, to Julia Smith, of Milford.

From Milford he went to Hancock County, Georgia, where the rest of his life was spent. He practiced law at Sparta, the present county-seat, and edited a paper in Mount Zion, about seven miles from Sparta.

He died in Mount Zion, probably in the month of October, 1825, at the age of 50 years.

He is believed to have left several daughters, but no sons.

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JOSEPH WASHBURN, the son of Joseph and Ruth Washburn, of Middletown, Connecticut, was born in Middletown on May 13, 1766, and baptized five days later. His mother was the youngest daughter of Daniel and Dorothy (Hale) Wetmore, of Middletown.

He did not enter College until May of the Freshman year, when he was 24 years old. His preparation was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Enoch Huntington (Yale 1759). He had already taught school in the vicinity. He was admitted to the College Church on profession of faith at the close of the Junior year. At graduation he was the oldest member of the Class.

He then studied for the ministry with Mr. Huntington, and was licensed to preach by the Hartford South Association of Ministers in June, 1794.

Four months later he began to supply the vacant church in Farmington, Connecticut, and gave such satisfaction that on May 7, 1795, he was ordained and installed as pastor.
He loved his work and was successful in it, great additions being made to the church during his ministry. But his course was suddenly arrested by pulmonary consumption, brought on, as was supposed, by his incessant labors.

In October, 1805, he left home with his wife to spend the winter in a southern climate. While on their passage by water from Norfolk, Virginia, to Charleston, South Carolina, they encountered very tempestuous weather, which probably hastened his dissolution. He died serenely and peacefully on the morning of December 25, in his 40th year, and was buried at sea.


After his death a volume was published for the benefit of his destitute family, with the following title:

Sermons on practical subjects.—To which is added, a Sermon of the Rev. Asahel Hooker, delivered at Farmington, on the occasion of Mr. Washburn's death. Hartford, 1807. 12°, pp. 376.

*Andover Theol. Sem. Harv. Y. C.*

Twenty-three of the author's sermons are included; and at the end is a very interesting list of subscribers, in which one suggestive feature is that over four hundred and fifty copies were taken in the city of Charleston, where large public sympathy had been aroused on account of Mrs. Washburn's afflicted condition. In Connecticut over nine hundred copies were taken.

He married, on August 18, 1795, Sarah, youngest daughter of Deacon Timothy and Jemima (Johnson) Boardman, of Middletown, by whom he had two daughters and two sons. One daughter married the Rev. Dr. Horatio N. Brinsmade (Yale 1822).

Mrs. Washburn next married, on August 23, 1812, Deacon Elijah Porter, of Farmington, who died in 1845; and she died in New York City on July 2, 1847, in her 78th year, at the home of her only surviving son by her first marriage.
Ezra Witter entered College in May of the Freshman year, being then in his 22d year. He was the eldest child of Deacon Asa Witter, of Hanover Ecclesiastical Society, in the present township of Sprague, Connecticut, and grandson of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Brown) Witter, of Preston, Connecticut. His mother was Joanna, eldest child of Captain Ezra and Sarah (Denison) Kinne, of Preston. He had united with the church in Hanover Parish before coming to College.

He studied theology after graduation, and on January 21, 1796, married Eunice, the eldest daughter of his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Andrew Lee (Yale 1766), and sister of his classmate.

On August 16, 1797, he was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, where he continued until May 31, 1814. He was a man of learning, but aroused unfavorable criticism by paying too much attention to his farm, which led to his dismission. He also during these years received many pupils, some of whom he fitted for College, and others studied for the ministry under his direction.

In 1815 he removed to Western New York, where he engaged in teaching; and thence for a continuation of the same employment to Winchester, in Southern Tennessee, where he died on October 31, 1833, at the age of 65.

He had five children.

He published:

1. Resignation to the afflictive dispensations of Divine Providence, recommended in a Discourse [from Job i, 21], delivered in Wilbraham, May 12, 1799. Occasioned by the death of six persons
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who were drowned in that place, April 29, 1799. Springfield, 1799. 8°, pp. 11.

And

Gratitude and Obedience to the Preserver of Men, from a Signal Deliverance; and Warning from the Awful and Untimely Fate of others; recommended and enforced in a Discourse [from Matt. xxiv, 41], delivered in Wilbraham, May 12, 1799. Occasioned by the death of six persons who were drowned in that place, April 29, 1799. Springfield, 1799. 8°, pp. 12.

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These sermons are appended to one delivered at the funeral ten days earlier (in Mr. Witter’s absence) by the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769).


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3. A Discourse [from Lam. v, 16] delivered in Wilbraham, November 17, 1805, occasioned by the murder of Marcus Lyon. Springfield. 8°, pp. 16.

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riages, vi, 91. Hampden Pulpit, 110.
At the preceding Commencement (September, 1793), as has been mentioned, the office of Professor of Divinity was offered to the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lathrop (Yale 1754); but he promptly declined it, and no further attempt in that direction was made at present. In the meantime, the former incumbent, the Rev. Dr. Wales, died in New Haven on February 18, and was buried with full academic ceremonies three days later.

James Gould (Yale 1791), who had just been elected to the tutorship, assumed office at the beginning of the College year; and in March his classmate, Josiah Stebbins, took the place of the retiring Senior Tutor, Calvin Chapin (Yale 1788). The third Tutor, Jonathan W. Edwards (Yale 1789), resigned at Commencement, when Noah Linsly (Yale 1791) was elected to the vacancy.

The College year was much broken by sickness. The prevalence of scarlatina led to the dismissal of the students at the end of March, and on their reassembling on the first of June, it was to be almost immediately alarmed by a more serious epidemic of yellow fever, which devastated New Haven from June to September, and which closed the College a fortnight before the usual date. There was no death in the College community.

The new building, which had been begun in April, 1793, was completed in July, 1794, and was formally named Union Hall, in commemoration of the union effected between the College and the State, whereby funds were secured for its erection; but in common parlance it was
known as South College, until its demolition in 1893, on
the erection of Vanderbilt Hall.

In July, 1794, Talleyrand, the celebrated French poli-
tician and wit, spent two days in New Haven and visited
the College with interest. President Stiles's Diary pre-
serves a record of his visit.
Sketches, Class of 1794

*Johannes Punderson Austin, A.M. *1834
*Ezekiel Bacon, e Congr. *1870
*Elija Bates *1850
*Timotheus Burt, 1795 *1811
*Jehu Clark, A.M. *1839
*Daniel Dunbar, A.M. Guil. 1798 *1841
*Josias Dwight *1855
*Elias White Hale *1832
*Benjamin Heyward *1796
*Dan Huntington, A.M., et Guilielm. 1798, Tutor *1864
*Aaron Kinne, A.M. 1798 *1815
*Isaacus Lewis, A.M., S.T.D. Delawar. 1844 *1854
*Zecharias Lewis, A.M., Tutor *1840
*Stephanus Mix Mitchell *1820
*Herveius Mulford *1847
*Benjamin Douglas Perkins, A.M. *1810
*Samuel Andreas Peters *1854
*Oliverus Leicester Phelps, A.M. *1813
*Daniel Putnam Tyler *1798

JOHN PUNDERSON AUSTIN, a son of Deacon David Austin, of New Haven, and a brother of the Rev. David Austin (Yale 1779), was born on June 28, 1774. His middle name commemorated the brilliant half-brother of
his father, Punderson Austin (Yale 1762), who died the year before his birth. A sister married his classmate Yates.

He settled in New Haven in business, and on September 10, 1797, married in Green Farms, Fairfield, now part of Westport, Connecticut, Susannah, daughter of Dr. David and Martha (Tennent) Rogers, of Greenfield Hill. Husband and wife joined the United Church in New Haven on profession of faith in October, 1803, and took letters of dismissal in August, 1806, on their removal to Bridgeport, Connecticut.

In October, 1807, he was elected Deacon in the Congregational Church of Bridgeport, and retained that office until his removal from the town in 1813. He also attained the rank of Major in the State militia during his residence there.

In 1816 he was engaged in the soap-boiling business in Norwich, Connecticut, and was received by letter in September of that year into the First Congregational Church in that place.

Later he removed to Texas, in connection with the emigration promoted by his kinsmen, Moses and Stephen F. Austin.

He died in Brazoria, about fifty miles west of Galveston, on June 24, 1834, at the age of 60 years, and his remains were brought to New Haven for burial.

His widow died on August 24, 1870, at the age of 92 years.

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EZEKIEL BACON was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on the 1st of September, 1776, the only son of the Rev. John Bacon (Princeton College 1765), and an own cousin of Asa Bacon (Yale 1793). His father had been dismissed
from the ministry of the Old South Church in Boston on doctrinal grounds in February, 1775, and had then established himself in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, as a farmer. His wife was Elizabeth, widow of his predecessor in office, the Rev. Alexander Cumming, and eldest daughter of Ezekiel Goldthwait, a prominent citizen of Boston, and Elizabeth (Lewis) Goldthwait. The family were on a visit in Boston, when the birth of this child occurred. He entered College in May of the Freshman year. At graduation he delivered a poem on the origin and effects of War.

After graduation he began the study of law with Judge Tapping Reeve, in Litchfield, Connecticut, and continued it with the Hon. Nathan Dane (Harvard 1778), of Beverly, Massachusetts. In January, 1798, he was admitted to the bar in Boston.

He settled in practice in Williamstown, Berkshire County, in 1798, and on October 6, 1799, married Abigail, daughter of Dr. Reuben Smith (Yale 1757), of Litchfield. The acquaintance dated from his attendance on the Litchfield Law School, but his suit was long frowned on by the lady's father, who was as ardent a Federalist as Mr. Bacon and his father were Anti-Federalists.

From July, 1803, to April, 1807, when he removed to Pittsfield, in the same county, he was postmaster of Williamstown.

He was a member of the State legislature in 1806 and 7; and a member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress from 1807 to 1813,—serving on the Committee of Ways and Means, and for the year 1812–13 being its chairman. In Congress he was industrious and influential, and became conspicuous in 1809 by his independent advocacy of the repeal of the embargo, in opposition to Jefferson.

In 1813 he was appointed to the office of Chief Justice of the new Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the Western District of Massachusetts; but almost immediately
after was made Comptroller of the United States Treasury by President Madison. This office, owing to ill health, he resigned in 1815, and removing into the State of New York, he settled in Utica in 1816.

His first interest in his new home was in merchandise, as a partner (until 1822) in the firm of Alexander Seymour & Co. In 1818 he was admitted as counsellor-at-law, and from that year until 1820 he served as an associate Judge of the County Court of Common Pleas. In 1819 he was a member of the legislature, and in 1821 a member of the Convention for revising the State Constitution.

In 1822 he was nominated for Congress in opposition to the Hon. Henry R. Storrs (Yale 1804), but was defeated by a majority of less than a hundred votes. On the rise of the Whigs he identified himself with them, but when the Free-Soil movement arose in 1848, his sympathies with the oppressed led him to take sides with that party.

After 1825 he lived in retirement, during much of the time suffering from protracted ill-health and manifold infirmities. Through long years of mental wretchedness he was either unable or indisposed to go abroad, and was weighed down by the deepest depression. At intervals, however, he was equal to intellectual exertion, and he was for considerable periods a regular contributor to the Oneida Whig and the Utica Daily Gazette.

His wife died in 1862, at the age of 83.

He died in Utica on October 18, 1870, having entered on his 95th year, and having been for six years, since the death of the Rev. Daniel Waldo (Yale 1788), the oldest living graduate of the College.

His children were three sons and two daughters; of whom two sons and one daughter survived him. The second son was graduated at Hamilton College in 1822, and had a distinguished career as a lawyer and judge.

One of the strongest friendships of Mr. Bacon's life was with Joseph Story, who was a fellow-member of Congress and in sympathy with his political views; Mr.
Bacon is believed to have been the chief instrument in securing Justice Story's nomination and confirmation to the Supreme Court of the United States.

In early and middle life his religious opinions were a good deal unsettled, but in his old age he became a professing Christian.

He published:

1. An Oration, delivered at Williamstown, on the 4th of July, 1799 . . Bennington, 1799. 12°, pp. 32.  
   The strong anti-federalist doctrine of this Oration was so unpalatable to the Williams College students that a copy was publicly burnt in condemnation.

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   [B. Ath. C. H. S. M. H. S.]


5. Memorial of the Sureties of Thompson J. Skinner, late Treasurer of the Commonwealth, together with a view of their case, and the grounds on which they claim to be exonerated from their liability for his Defalcation. Pittsfield. [1811?] 8°, pp. 32.  

Mr. Bacon, as the leading lawyer among the four bondsmen of Mr. Skinner, published this argument, which was sufficiently convincing to become the basis of a compromise by which part of the pecuniary liability was remitted; after all, however, most of the property which he had by this time accumulated was sacrificed.

   [B. Ath. Harv.]
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In House Reports of the 11th Congress of the U. S., 3d Session. Attributed to Mr. Bacon as the Chairman of the Committee.

Some copies include additional matter, dated 1843, making 73 pages.
Some copies of the later edition also include 16 additional pages, dated 1844. The contents are all in verse, and the volume is dedicated to Justice Story.

An interesting, discursive talk, including a few reminiscences of his College days.


Many of his letters to Justice Story are printed in Story’s Life by his son. Odes of his composition were sung at the Alumni Meetings of Yale College at Commencement in 1844 and 1846.

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Elijah Bates, the eldest child of Captain Nathaniel and Hannah Bates, of (East) Granville, Massachusetts, and grandson of John and Edith Bates, of Durham, Con-
necticut, was born in Granville on July 27, 1770. His mother was a daughter of Jonathan and Abigail (White) Church. Isaac C. Bates (Yale 1802) was a first cousin.

He studied law with Judge Tapping Reeve in Litchfield, Connecticut, and also in the office of Joseph Lyman (Yale 1783), of Westfield.

He established himself in practice in Westfield, which adjoins his native town, but from the first indulged a passion for agricultural pursuits, which interfered seriously with his professional success.

He was one of the foremost in the enterprise of opening a good highway from Westfield to Albany, and did much of the work in his vicinity at his own expense.

As a citizen he was public spirited and enterprising; one of the kindest of neighbors and most honest of men.

He was a member of the State Senate for one or more sessions.

For many years he limited his professional labors mainly to the winter months, devoting the summer to his favorite out-of-door pursuits; and in 1825, when his elder son began law studies, he made his retirement final.

He died in Westfield on February 4, 1850, in his 80th year.

He married, on June 15, 1800, Mary (or Polly), eldest daughter of Dr. Israel Ashley (Yale 1767), of Westfield, who died on July 10, 1845, aged 75 years.

Their children were two sons and one daughter, all of whom survived their parents. The elder son was graduated at Yale in 1825.

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TIMOTHY BURT, elder son of Deacon Gideon Burt, of Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and grandson of Moses and Hannah (Warriner) Burt, of Wilbraham, was born on
March 11, 1773. His mother was Eunice, eldest daughter of Thomas and Eunice (Stebbins) Merrick, of Wilbraham. He had united with the church at his home before coming to New Haven.

He was absent from College, to teach school, during the latter part of Senior year; and did not receive his degree until 1795.

He subsequently studied law, and entered on a promising social and professional career in Canandaigua, New York, which was checked by his early death there, in 1811, at the age of 38.

AUTHORITIES.


JEHU CLARK, the oldest member of the graduating class, entered College from Washington, Litchfield County, Connecticut, having been born there on November 8, 1767, the son of Ebenezer and Hannah Clark. His mother was the youngest child of Joseph and Abigail (Wood) Tenney, of Norwich, Connecticut. A brother was graduated here in 1806.

After graduation he studied theology, and was licensed to preach by the Litchfield South Association of Ministers in 1796.

In October, 1799, he was settled as pastor of the Congregational Church in Newtown, Connecticut, where he continued until August, 1816. He was next installed by the Consociation of the Western District of New Haven County over the Second Congregational or Plymouth Church in Milford, Connecticut, on December 10, 1817. Great difficulties arose under his ministry, which threatened to divide the Society. He was requested to resign, but declined, apparently on account of his unsettled pecuniary claims. The Consociation was called in, in February, 1827, and by their efforts his retirement was effected.
His later years were spent in New York City, where he died on March 22, 1839, in his 72d year.

He married Mary Fleming, by whom he had four sons and one daughter. The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1821.

Daniel Dunbar, the eldest child of Aaron Dunbar, of Plymouth, then part of Watertown, Connecticut, was born on March 28, 1774. His mother was Mary Potter, of the adjoining parish of Plymouth, four of whose brothers were graduated here, in 1765, 1767, 1772, and 1780, respectively. One of his own brothers was graduated in 1800.

He served as tutor in Williams College for the two years next after graduation; and received a Master's degree there in 1798.

He afterwards studied law in the Litchfield Law School, and entered on practice in Berlin, Hartford County, Connecticut, in 1804, where he continued, highly esteemed for his integrity and kindness, until his death, in Hartford, on December 11, 1841, in his 68th year.

He married Catharine, fourth daughter of the Rev. Samuel Goodrich (Yale 1783), of Ridgefield, Connecticut, who died in Berlin, after long years of infirmity, on October 15, 1873, in her 81st year. Their children were three sons and one daughter.

Josiah Dwight, the eldest child of Deacon and Colonel Elijah Dwight, a country merchant of Belchertown, Massachusetts, and grandson of Captain Nathaniel and Han-
nah (Lyman) Dwight, of Belchertown, was born on August 15, 1775. His mother was Diana, daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Leonard) Hinsdale, of Greenfield, Massachusetts. His eldest sister married Hezekiah W. Strong (Yale 1800).

After graduation he studied medicine, and in 1799 he settled in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where for over fifty years he enjoyed a large practice, greatly respected and beloved, alike for his personal qualities and his professional skill. For the last five years of his life he was confined to his house by blindness.

He died in Portsmouth on May 25, 1855, in his 80th year.

Dr. Dwight married Susan Thompson, daughter of Colonel Thompson, an Englishman, and had one son and two daughters.

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Doolittle, Hist. Sketch of Congregational Church in Belchertown, 261.

JOHN ELLIOTT, the second child and eldest son of Colonel John Elliott, of Sunbury, Liberty County, Georgia, and grandson of Captain John and Elizabeth Elliott, who removed to Sunbury from Colleton County, South Carolina, was born on October 24, 1773, and was baptized in the Midway Congregational Church on the 8th of the following December. He came to Yale through the encouragement of his pastor, the Rev. Abiel Holmes (Yale 1783), and entered in January of the Freshman year.

After graduation he returned immediately to Sunbury, and was there married to Esther, daughter of Dr. James and Esther (Dean, Splatt) Dunwody, of Liberty County, on October 1, 1795. She died in 1815, and he next married, on January 6, 1818, Martha, youngest daughter of General Daniel and Susannah (Oswald) Stewart, of Sunbury.
He had six daughters and two sons by his first wife, and by his second wife three sons and two daughters.

He became prominent in public affairs, and from 1819 to 1825 was a member of the United States Senate.

He died in Sunbury on August 9, 1827, in his 54th year.

His widow married in 1832 Major James S. Bulloch, and by him was the grandmother of President Roosevelt. Major Bulloch's first wife was a daughter of Senator Elliott by his first marriage.

He published:

An Oration, on the death of Mr. Thomas Lewis, Principal of Sunbury Academy, who died on the 3d of March; delivered (by particular request) in Sunbury Meeting-House, on the 3d of April, 1804. Savannah. [1804.] 8°, pp. 16. [Y. C.

The same. Reprinted at New Haven, Ct., 1855. 8°, pp. 16. [Y. C.

Mr. Lewis was a graduate of Yale in 1798, and Mr. Elliott was one of the Commissioners (or Trustees) of the Academy.

An engraving from Senator Elliott’s portrait is given in Stacy’s History of Midway Church.

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Elias White Hale, the fourth son of Gideon and Mary Hale, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, was born in Glastonbury on April 11, 1775. His mother was the third daughter of Ebenezer and Ann (Hollister) White, of Middletown Upper Houses, now Cromwell, Connecticut.

He became a lawyer, and settled in Lewistown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, where he died on February 3, 1832, in his 57th year.

He married, on February 26, 1810, Jane Mulhallan.

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BENJAMIN HEYWARD, only son of Colonel Daniel Heyward, a wealthy planter of Charleston, South Carolina, by his third wife, Elizabeth Simons, and grandson of Captain Thomas and Margaret (Wright) Heyward, was born in November, 1776. His father died in 1777, and his mother in 1788. An older half-brother, Thomas Heyward, was a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and married a sister of Thomas Savage (Yale 1792), which may have led to the younger Heyward's coming to Yale.

After graduation he returned to South Carolina, but a few months later began the study of law in the Litchfield (Connecticut) Law School, where he remained for one year.

On Commencement Day, September 14, 1796, he died in New Haven by a pistol-shot from his own hand. His prospects were bright, and no reason was generally known for his rash act. His was the first death in the Class.

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DAN HUNTINGTON was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, on October 11, 1774, being the eighth and youngest child of Captain William Huntington, of Lebanon, and nephew of Samuel Huntington (Yale 1743) and Eliphalet Huntington (Yale 1759). His mother was Bethia, eldest child of Dan and Susanna (Carey) Throop, of Bristol, Rhode Island, and Lebanon. A sister married the Rev. Dr. William Lyman (Yale 1784). He was prepared for College by Master Nathan Tisdale (Harvard 1749), of Lebanon.

Towards the close of the Senior year he taught school for a term in Suffield, Connecticut, and while there united with the Congregational Church on profession of his faith.
At graduation he accepted an invitation to a tutorship in Williams College for two years, where he boarded with President Ebenezer Fitch (Yale 1777) and at the same time studied theology. In the summer of 1796, before leaving Williamstown, he was licensed to preach by the Berkshire Association of Congregational Ministers.

He was a tutor at Yale for the next two years, 1796-98, and meantime continued his theological studies under President Dwight.

At the Commencement in 1797 he delivered a Master's Oration on the Political Advantages of Sabbatical Institutions.

Quite early in his tutorship he preached in the Congregational Church in Litchfield, Connecticut, with such satisfaction to the people that they continued to hear him as they had opportunity, and finally called him to settle as colleague with their aged pastor, the Rev. Judah Champion (Yale 1751). He was ordained and installed there on October 17, 1798, on a salary of four hundred dollars. The ordination sermon by the Rev. Dr. James Dana, of New Haven, was subsequently published.

On January 1, 1801, he married Elizabeth Whiting, only daughter of 'Squire Charles and Elizabeth (Porter) Phelps, of Hadley, Massachusetts. Mr. Huntington's revered friend, President Dwight, had visited Hadley a few years before, and had been much impressed by Miss Phelps's charms of person and of character; he spoke of her, accordingly, with approbation to his favorite pupil, who soon had an opportunity of preaching in Hadley and of beginning an acquaintance which resulted in marriage.

In politics Mr. Huntington was a decided Federalist, though not a violent partisan, but nevertheless he became involved in more than one political controversy.

The expenses of a rapidly growing family compelled him, to the great regret of his parish, to take a dismission from Litchfield in January, 1809; and he was shortly after a candidate for the pastorate in Hadley, as colleague to the
Reverend Dr. Samuel Hopkins (Yale 1749), but failed through jealousy of the Phelps family influence. In the following August he was installed over the First Congregational Church in Middletown, Connecticut, on a salary of eight hundred dollars. The sermon preached at his installation by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lyman (Yale 1767) was afterwards published.

To make sure of a livelihood he also opened his house for a boarding-school, which was liberally patronized; but he still found that his income did not meet his expenses, and his health not being good, he again asked for a discharge, which was granted in February, 1816.

In the meantime by her father's death (in 1814) Mrs. Huntington had come into possession of the ample homestead in Hadley, with a farm of considerable extent; and it seemed wise to remove thither on leaving Middletown.

For several years after his removal Mr. Huntington had charge of the Hopkins Academy in Hadley (with a salary of five hundred dollars), while he also continued to preach as he had opportunity.

From the time of his licensure, his views had been tinged with liberalism; and soon after his retirement from the pastorate he avowed himself a Unitarian in doctrine, though it is hardly necessary to say that to those who knew his daily life, no change in his Christian character was ever observable. During his last years he returned with satisfaction to the worship and communion of the orthodox churches.

His wife died on April 8, 1847, in her 68th year; and he continued in a tranquil old age in Hadley until October 31, 1864, when he had just entered on his 91st year.

His children were seven sons and four daughters. Three sons were educated at Harvard (one dying just before graduation), and the youngest at Amherst. The last named became the preacher to Harvard University, and subsequently the revered and beloved Episcopal Bishop of Central New York.
He published:
1. A Discourse [from John xii, 8] delivered at the request of the Female Charitable Society, in the new church in Middletown; December 26th, 1809. Middletown, 1810. 8°, pp. 19.  
[B. Ath. U. T. S. Y. C.]

[B. Ath. U. T. S. Y. C.]

3. The love of Jerusalem, the prosperity of a people.—A Sermon [from Ps. cxxii, 6], preached at the Anniversary Election, Hartford, May 12, 1814. Hartford, 1814. 8°, pp. 40.  

[Br. Mus.]


With a bearing on religious controversies.


Comprising an autobiography and other reminiscences.

Several other occasional appearances in print may be mentioned: such as a letter to the Rev. Stanley Griswold (Yale 1786), of New Milford, in reference to Mr. Griswold's supposed heterodoxy, published in a pamphlet called Church and State, in 1802; an account of a revival in Litchfield in the Connecticut Evangelical Magazine for April, 1808; and the charge at his youngest son's ordination, in 1842.

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- Centennial Proceedings of Litchfield County Consociations, 72, 141.  
- D. Huntington, Memories, etc., passim.  
- T. Robbins, Diary, i, 67.
AARON KINNE, eldest son of the Rev. Aaron Kinne (Yale 1765), of Groton, Connecticut, was born in Groton on April 28, 1773.

He became a merchant in Glastonbury, Connecticut, and died there in the latter part of April, 1815, aged 42 years. Amelia Kinne (probably his widow) administered his very small estate.

ISAAC LEWIS, Junior, a son of the Rev. Dr. Isaac Lewis (Yale 1765), of Wilton Parish, in Norwalk, Connecticut, was born in Wilton on January 1, 1773. His twin brother was a classmate, and another brother was graduated in 1802. In 1786 Dr. Lewis removed from the Congregational Church in Wilton to the Second Congregational Church in Greenwich, Connecticut. While in College Isaac Lewis, Junior, became a christian.

On graduation he received the appointment of College Butler, and while a resident graduate he began with President Stiles the study of theology, which he continued under President Dwight. He was admitted to the College Church on profession of his faith in March, 1795.

He was licensed to preach by the Fairfield West Association of Ministers on October 12, 1796, and received ordination by that body on May 30, 1798. He had previously (on April 18) been called to the Presbyterian Church in Newburgh, New York; and he served that church as pastor-elect until September, 1799, when he finally declined their call and removed. The peculiar state of that congregation prevented the Presbytery from ordaining him, and also made it inexpedient for him to settle there permanently.

On October 4, 1798, he was married by his father to Catharine, daughter of Isaac Evertson, of Pleasant Valley, Duchess County, New York.

In June, 1800, he assisted in organizing the First Presbyterian Church in Cooperstown, in central New York,
over which he was installed on October 1 in the same year, being the first regularly settled clergyman in that town. During his pastorate fifty-three members were added to the church on profession of faith.

Near the close of the year 1805 he was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church in Goshen, Orange County, New York, where he was installed on January 1, 1806. His removal from Cooperstown was partly due to his wife’s ill-health.

He resigned his charge in Goshen in June of 1812; and while traveling with his wife for her health happened to stop for a night in Bristol, Rhode Island. Learning that there was a special interest in religion in the town, he was induced to remain and promote the revival. His engagement as an assistant to the pastor for six months followed, with gratifying results; but he declined an invitation to settle as colleague-pastor.

From 1814 to 1818 he officiated as stated supply in the small Presbyterian congregations of New Rochelle, Westchester County, and West Farms, now included in New York City. In December, 1814, he declined a call to succeed his classmate Yates in the Congregational Church in East Hartford, Connecticut.

Late in 1818 he was called to succeed his father in Greenwich, and was installed there on December 1, the day of his father’s dismission.

In 1823 a powerful revival occurred, which added largely to the numbers and strength of the church. After an uncommonly successful ministry, witnessed by one hundred and forty-one additions to membership, he was dismissed in April, 1828.

The church which he had formerly served in Bristol being now without a pastor, he was called with hearty unanimity to that office, and was installed there on November 12, 1828. Here also his ministry was distinguished by another season of spiritual revival, resulting in large accessions to the membership of the church. He remained
in office until a failure of his voice and continued feeble health compelled him to retire, much to the regret of his people, on September 28, 1831.

The rest of his life was spent in the family of a daughter in the city of New York. He continued to preach occasionally, until within a few weeks of his death.

He died in New York on September 23, 1854, in his 82d year.

His children were five daughters and two sons; the eldest daughter married Dr. Harvey P. Peet (Yale 1822).

He was a man of excellent talents, of elevated Christian character, and of extensive usefulness. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Delaware College in 1844.

In their earlier life he and his twin brother resembled each other so closely that it was difficult for even intimate friends to know them apart.

He published:


2. A Discourse [from Ps. c, 4], delivered in the Congregational Church, at Bristol, on the Public Thanksgiving, November 26, A. D. 1812. Warren, 1812. 8°, 18 pp. [B. Ath. C. H. S. Y. C.

3. A Discourse [from Col. ii, 9], on the Divinity of Jesus Christ: delivered, in the Congregational Church, at Bristol, R. L., on Wednesday evening, Dec. 16, 1812. Warren, 1812. 8°, 35 pp. [C. H. S. Y. C.

4. Address at the Fourth Anniversary of the Fairfield County Bible Society. 1824.


He also printed a Sermon on the Union of Believers with Christ, in volume 1 of The National Preacher, for March, 1827 (pp. 153-60).
Zechariah Lewis, the twin brother of the preceding graduate, was born in Wilton, Connecticut, on January 1, 1773.

He studied theology after graduation in Philadelphia, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Ashbel Green (Princeton 1784), and was during the same time a private tutor in General Washington's family.

With his twin brother, he was licensed to preach by the Fairfield West Association in October, 1796. During the preceding month he had been elected to a tutorship at Yale; and he now entered on his duties, and held the office for three years. At the Commencement in 1797 he delivered a Master's Oration on the Consequences of a Division of the American Republic. At this time his health was very delicate, so that he was unable to preach; and he devoted himself for several years to ineffectual efforts to recover strength for the duties of the ministry.

Having at length become convinced that he must turn to a secular life, he became in 1803 editor and publisher of the New-York Spectator and the Commercial Advertiser, and so continued until about 1820. He was for some years from January 1, 1809, an elder in what is now the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.

From 1814 to 1820 he was also Corresponding Secretary of the New York Religious Tract Society (out of which grew, a few years later, the American Tract Society), and prepared its annual reports. Having resigned that office, in February, 1820, he was elected in the following May,
Secretary for Domestic Correspondence of the United Foreign Missionary Society, one chief object of which was to civilize and christianize the American Indians, and this office he held for five years. In this capacity in July, 1820, he began the publication of the American Missionary Register, a monthly magazine, of which he had the editorial charge until 1825.

His later years were devoted to charitable labors.

He died at his residence in Brooklyn, New York, on November 14, 1840, in his 68th year.

He married Sophia Nitchie, and had four daughters and three sons. Two sons were graduated at Yale College, in 1828 and 1831 respectively, and became Presbyterian clergymen. The youngest son was graduated at Columbia in 1843, and at the Yale Law School in 1845, but afterwards entered the Episcopal ministry.

He published:


   An earnest arraignment of France and of French sympathizers.

2. Remarks on a subterranean wall in North Carolina. 1800.


4. Letter to a Member of Congress, in relation to Indian Civilization.—By the Domestic Secretary of the United Foreign Missionary Society. New York, 1822. 8°, pp. 15.  [B. Publ.]

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Stephen Mix Mitchell, Junior, the second son of Judge Stephen M. Mitchell (Yale 1763), of Wethersfield, Connecticut, was born in Wethersfield on July 28, 1775, and was baptized on the 3d of the following December.

He won the Berkeley Scholarship in his Senior year, but is not known to have fulfilled the conditions by residence as a graduate.

He studied law at the Litchfield Law School, and settled in the practice of his profession in Burlington, Vermont.

He died in Burlington on May 25, 1820, in his 45th year.

He married Sophia Coit, who died on September 20, 1822. Two children survived their parents,—one son being born in Wethersfield the month after his father's death.

Authorities.

Genealogies, i, 180. Pres. Ezra Stiles, Literary Diary, iii, 405, 524. H. R.

Hervey Mulford, the second child and elder son of Barnabas Mulford, of New Haven, and grandson of Barnabas and Hannah (Petty) Mulford, of Branford, Connecticut, was born in New Haven on July 7, 1777. His mother was Mehitable, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Punchard) Gorham, of New Haven. He was the youngest in his Class at graduation.

He became a merchant in his native city, and carried on quite an extensive business in New York and New Haven. He met with heavy losses in his early career from the French depredations on American commerce, from the effects of which his fortunes never fully recovered. In consequence of this experience he interested himself conspicuously in the matter of French spoliation claims, and was instrumental in urging Congressional action thereon.

He died in New Haven on February 16, 1847, in his 70th year.
He was married, in New Haven, on March 29, 1797, by the Rev. Dr. Dana, to Nancy, fourth daughter of Captain Abraham and Amy (Hemingway) Bradley, of New Haven. An older sister of hers married Heaton Huggins (Yale 1784). Mrs. Mulford died in New Haven on August 19, 1841, in her 63d year.

Mr. Mulford was married secondly, by the Rev. Dr. Bacon, on October 22, 1845, to his cousin, Mrs. Hannah Beach (Mulford) Barker, widow of Giles Barker, of Branford, who died in New Haven on September 14, 1862, aged 83 years.

His children, by his first marriage, were nine daughters and three sons. One daughter married Charles Robinson (Yale 1821).

AUTHORITIES.


Benjamin Douglas Perkins, third son of Dr. Elisha Perkins, of Plainfield, Connecticut, and a brother of John D. Perkins, of the Class of 1791, was born in Plainfield on June 24, 1774.

About 1795 he went to London, England, to introduce the "metallic tractors" which his father had invented, and was successful in exciting a strong interest in their favor. He established the "Perkins Institution," for the treatment of disease by tractoration, at which wonderful cures were said to have been effected. During his stay in London he became a Quaker.

On returning to America in the fall of 1803, with a handsome property, he entered into partnership in New York City with Isaac Collins, in the book-publishing and bookselling business, and the enterprise proved highly successful.

Soon after his return he married Mary, daughter of John Murray, Junior, of New York, and a niece of Lindley
Murray, the grammarian,—she being, like all her family, a Quaker.

He died in New York on October 13, 1810, in his 37th year. His wife survived him with their two children.

While residing in London he collected a valuable mineral cabinet, of about two thousand specimens, which was purchased by Yale College in 1807 for one thousand dollars.

He was actively interested in many forms of charitable work in New York, and sustained a worthy and honorable character. In particular, he was largely instrumental in the establishment of the New York Free School Society, and was a member of the Abolition Society, one of the Governors of the New York Hospital, and a very useful member of the New York Historical Society. He had also a growing literary reputation. The only publications traced to his authorship are four anonymous articles in the *Monthly Anthology*, 1809–10, as follows:

Webster's Grammar, volume 7, pp. 366-71;

These articles, savagely critical of Noah Webster (Yale 1778), are signed "Steady Habits."

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21. *W. Lyman*, Sermon at the

**SAMUEL ANDREW PETERS,** a son of Jonathan Peters, of Hebron, Tolland County, Connecticut, and a brother of John T. Peters (Yale 1789), was born in Hebron on January 30, 1770, and was named for his uncle (Yale 1757). He entered College at the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he studied law in his native place, and on his admission to the bar settled in the adjoining town of Colchester, in New London County, where he continued until his death.
He represented the town in the General Assembly twelve years between 1807 and 1842, and was a Judge of the County Court from 1836 to 1839.

He died in Colchester on December 19, 1854, aged nearly 85 years.

He married Orrel Wyles, of Colchester, on January 17, 1799, and had twin sons (one of whom died early) and one daughter.

Mrs. Peters died on May 20, 1835, in her 59th year.

AUTHORITIES.

Peters, Hist. of Hugh Peters, 115.

OLIVER LEICESTER PHELPS, only son of the Hon. Oliver Phelps, of Granville, Massachusetts, was born in Granville on September 22, 1775. His mother was Mary, daughter of Zachariah and Sarah (Steele) Seymour, of Hartford, Connecticut. In 1788 his father took part in the acquisition of a large tract of land in Western New York, afterwards known as the "Phelps and Gorham Purchase." He was thenceforth largely engrossed in developing and disposing of this tract, and ultimately, in 1802, removed to Canandaigua. At the time his son entered College the family had returned to Suffield, Connecticut, where Mr. Phelps had lived before settling in Granville.

The son married, in New Haven, on June 23, 1795, Elizabeth (or Betsey), daughter of William Sherman (Yale 1770). Her mother, Sarah Law, had separated early from her husband, and was now living in Paris with a second husband, Mark Leavenworth (Yale 1771); and the newly married couple soon went abroad to visit Mrs. Leavenworth.

They returned in the summer of 1797, and settled in Suffield, where he found employment as a merchant and farmer. In 1808 he removed to Canandaigua, New York,
where he died on May 11, 1813, in his 38th year. His widow died on the 9th of the following October, in her 39th year.

They had five sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity except the younger daughter.

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**Daniel Putnam Tyler,** son of Captain Daniel Tyler (Harvard College 1771), of Brooklyn Parish, in Pomfret, Connecticut, and grandson of Daniel and Mehitable (Shurtleff) Tyler, of Brooklyn, was born in Brooklyn on March 1, 1776. His mother was Mehitable, daughter of General Israel Putnam and Hannah (Pope) Putnam, of Brooklyn. One of his brothers was graduated here in 1808. David Putnam (Yale 1793) was a first cousin.

He settled in Whitesboro, Oneida County, New York, but died there of fever in 1798, at the age of 22.

AUTHORITIES.

*Larned, Hist. of Windham County, ii, 262.*

**Thomas Scott Williams,** the tenth child and fourth son of Sheriff Ezekiel Williams, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, was born in Wethersfield on June 26, 1777. His baptismal name was derived from that of the father of the wife of his great-uncle, Rector Williams. Three of his brothers were graduated at Yale, in 1781, 1785, and 1796, respectively.

Having graduated at the early age of seventeen, he delayed his preparation for a profession until March, 1797, when he entered Judge Reeve's Law School in Litchfield. In the summer of 1798 he removed to the office of the Hon.
Zephaniah Swift (1778), in Windham; and after further study there was admitted to the bar in Windham County in February, 1799, and began practice in Mansfield, in Tolland County.

In December, 1803, he removed to Hartford, which was his home for the rest of his life. He represented Hartford in the General Assembly in the October sessions of 1813, 1815, and 1816 (in the last two sessions being Clerk of the House), and was then sent to Congress for one term, from March, 1817, to March, 1819.

He was then returned again to the Connecticut Legislature for the May session in 1819, and for the years 1825, and 1827 to 1829.

In May, 1829, he was appointed an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court of the State, and in 1834 Chief Justice, which latter office he filled with great acceptance until his resignation in May, 1847, just before he attained the age of seventy, when by the statute he was no longer eligible.

He was also Mayor of the City of Hartford from March, 1831, until April, 1835. In August, 1834, he received from Yale College the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

He united with the First Church in Hartford, on profession of faith, in the summer of 1834, and served that church as deacon from 1836 until his death. He was also a teacher in the Sabbath-school from 1834 to 1861.

After his retirement from public office, he served from May, 1848, until his death as President of the American Tract Society of New York, and gave it his best powers. He was also deeply interested in many other forms of benevolent enterprise, and by his last will left many legacies to such objects. He was from 1840 to his death President of the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb, and for a few years Vice-President of the Connecticut Retreat for the Insane.

He was repeatedly a generous benefactor of the College during his life, and by his last will gave the institution a legacy of five thousand dollars.
He died in Hartford, after a very brief illness, from pneumonia, on December 15, 1861, aged 84½ years. A memorial sermon by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Joel Hawes, was afterwards published.

Judge Williams married, on January 7, 1812, Delia, youngest daughter of Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth, of Windsor, who died of pneumonia, on June 25, 1840, in her 52d year. A sermon on her death by Rev. Dr. Hawes is in print.

He next married, on November 1, 1842, Martha Manwaring, eldest child of Elisha and Rebecca S. (Manwaring) Coit, of New York City. She died in Boston, on April 22, 1867, in her 73d year.

There were no children by either marriage.

An excellent engraving, representing him in old age, is prefixed to a memorial volume published shortly after his death by the American Tract Society, and is reproduced in the Memorial History of Hartford County.

He was highly esteemed as a lawyer, and even more highly as a judge, where his methodical habits, his practical common sense, and his eminent uprightness and impartiality had full expression. The singular purity and excellence of his public and private life were marked characteristics.

His publications, aside from his judicial opinions, were few. The following may be specified:


Two editions were published.
Judge Williams' Speech occupies pages 5 to 12, being a defence of the course of the Society.

His address at the Anniversary of the Tract Society in 1852 is republished in the Memorial volume issued by that Society after his death.

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Chapman, Coit Family, 126, 214. of Ezekiel Williams, 36, 82-83. Wal-
McLean, Ancestors and Descendants Williams Family, 173-75.

ANDREW YATES was born in Schenectady, New York, on January 17, 1773, the seventh child and third son of Colonel Christopher Yates, and grandson of Joseph and Eva (Fonda) Yates, of Schenectady. His mother was Jannetje, eldest daughter of Captain Andries and Elizabeth (Wemple) Bratt, of Schenectady. He was in feeble health from early childhood. Before entering College he had united with the Reformed Dutch Church, and his College course was undertaken with a view to the ministry.

Immediately, therefore, after graduation, he began the study of theology under the direction of the Rev. Dr. John H. Livingston (Yale 1762), of New York City.

He was licensed to preach in 1797, and about the same time was elected to the professorship of Latin and Greek in Union College, at Schenectady.

He discharged the duties of this office with fidelity, until his acceptance of a unanimous call to the office of colleague to the Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Williams (Yale 1743), pastor of the Congregational Church in East Hartford, Connecticut, where he was ordained and installed on December 23, 1801. The ordination sermon by the Rev. Dr. James Dana, of New Haven, was afterwards published.

The senior pastor died in June, 1803, and Mr. Yates continued his ministry for thirteen years. With indomitable energy and hopefulness and an exalted idea of the duties of his office he devoted himself to the needs of the
parish, and was rewarded by the steady growth of the church.

In the last years of his settlement he was solicited to take under his care a number of candidates for the ministry, and he did not shrink from this added labor. He had already with difficulty been dissuaded in the latter part of 1809 from accepting another call; but now a serious trouble with his voice intervened, in addition to his strength being otherwise overtaxed. Accordingly he was dismissed by the Hartford North Consociation on August 23, 1814, to accept an invitation to resume the business of instruction in Union College, where he served as Professor of Moral Philosophy and Logic for the next eleven years. His theological students followed him from East Hartford, and he combined this work with his other teaching. Moreover he embraced with alacrity every opportunity of preaching which was afforded. He took also a deep interest in missionary operations, especially among the American Indians. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Middlebury College in 1814.

In 1825 he was induced by his youngest brother, the Hon. John B. Yates (Union College 1802), of Chittenango Village, in the town of Sullivan, in Madison County, to remove to that village and conduct a high-school of superior grade established by his brother’s munificence and called the Polytechny, of which he was the principal for seven years. In 1832 Judge Yates felt no longer able to carry the heavy expense of the school, which had been very popular, and it was therefore closed.

While at Chittenango Dr. Yates established a Reformed Protestant Dutch Church there, and ministered to that congregation, with a colleague pastor after 1831.

In 1836 he returned to Schenectady, without definite occupation; but for the remaining eight years of life he devoted himself with abundant fervor to the needs of feeble churches in that vicinity. After a long succession
of useful labors of this character, continued until the Sun-
day before the end, when he was already stricken with
mortal illness, he died in Day, Saratoga County, on Octo-
ber 13, 1844, in his 72d year.

He married, in New Haven, on October 8, 1797, Mary,
youngest sister of his classmate Austin, who died of con-
sumption in East Hartford, on October 31, 1806, in her 31st year. The sermon delivered at her funeral by the
Rev. Abel Flint, of Hartford, was afterwards printed.

Their children were three sons, of whom the second and third were graduates of Union College, in 1821 and 1822, respectively; the eldest died in early childhood.

His second wife, Hannah A. Hooper, survived him, dying on October 22, 1859, at the age of 76.

Her children were three sons and two daughters. The eldest child was graduated at Union College in 1833.

He published:


\[A. C. A. \ C. H. S. \ N. Y. Publ. Libr. \ U. T. S. \ Y. C.\]

2. Charity the Evidence of Piety.—A Sermon [from James i, 27], delivered in the North Presbyterian Church, in Hartford, on Lord's Day evening, September 13th, 1812, at the request of the Female Beneficent Society. Hartford, 1812. 8°, pp. 14.

\[B. Ath. \ Br. Mus. \ C. H. S. \ U. T. S. \ Y. C.\]

3. The Effectual Preacher.—A Sermon [from John vii, 46], delivered in the First Reformed Dutch Church in the City of Albany at the Installation of the Rev. John Ludlow, A.M., August 6, 1823. Schenectady, 1823. 8°, pp. 16.

\[B. Publ. \ C. H. S. \ N. Y. Publ. Libr. \ U. T. S.\]

4. God's blessing on his institutions.—A Discourse [from Haggai ii, 19], delivered at the Dedication of the Reformed Dutch Church in Chittenango, on the 15th of January, A. D. 1829.—With an Appendix, containing a summary view of the principles and ecclesiastical polity of this section of the Christian Church. Utica, 1829. 8°, pp. 24.

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At a Special Meeting of the Corporation, held on October 8, Mr. Josiah Meigs, of the Class of 1778, formerly Tutor, and for a short time (in 1787) Lecturer in Natural Philosophy and Astronomy, who had recently returned from a residence in Bermuda, was elected Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy (in succession to Professor Strong, who had been forced to resign in 1781) for one year, with an intimation that he might expect an annual reappointment. He accepted the offer, and was formally inducted into office on December 4.

The opening of the fall term was delayed for three weeks by the continued prevalence of yellow fever in the city.

Noah Linsly, of the Class of 1791, who had been elected to a tutorship at the preceding Commencement, entered on the duties of his office in November, but held the position for only a single year.

His classmate Gould, the Senior Tutor, resigned his place in March, 1795, and was succeeded by Roger Minott Sherman, of the Class of 1792.

President Stiles was now 67 years old; but though in usually good health he gave the impression of much greater age and of having passed the fruitful period of his career. The spring term at College closed on Wednesday, May 6, 1795, and two days later the President was taken ill with a bilious fever, which terminated in his death on Tuesday evening, May 12.

On the same day a meeting of the Corporation, by adjournment from the previous October, was held in Hartford, but no important action was taken.
The death of Dr. Stiles marked the close of an era in Yale policy and life. He was intensely conservative in regard to all academic interests, and devoted to the maintenance of ancient traditions. In these respects he left no successor, and the spirit of the age demanded and obtained an altogether new outlook with the change of dynasty.

The Corporation met again, after an interval of six weeks, and satisfied public expectation by the election as President with great unanimity (on June 25) of the Rev. Dr. Timothy Dwight (Yale 1769), pastor of the church in Greenfield Hill, Connecticut.* Dr. Dwight was now forty-three years of age, in vigorous health, and universally admired as a preacher and as a man by both laity and clergy.

He accepted his election in August, and was inaugurated on Tuesday, September 8, the day before the Annual Commencement. A brief account of the exercises of these two days, by a young Harvard graduate, John Pierce, is printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society for June, 1886 (pp. 45-47). The President removed his family to New Haven in December.

In connection with Dr. Dwight’s election another attempt was made to fill the vacant Professorship of Divinity, which was now offered to the Rev. David Parsons (Harvard Coll. 1771), of Amherst, Massachusetts. On his declinature the post was offered at Commencement to the Rev. John Gemmil, a brilliant young preacher from Pennsylvania, who had just declined a call to the White Haven congregation in New Haven.

A significant index of the changes expected to accompany President Dwight’s election is seen in a striking paper preserved in the College archives, which was drawn up and signed by Professor Meigs and the three tutors in

* Some opposition was manifested beforehand to Dr. Dwight’s election, on the ground of his theology. An interesting reference to his toleration of the half-way covenant may be seen in a letter from him to his friend, the Hon. Jonathan Ingersoll (Yale 1766), dated the day before his election. See Beardsley’s History of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, ii, 212.
the latter part of August, 1795, recording a vigorous protest against the proposed omission from the College laws of the fagging system, *i. e.*, of the duty of the Freshmen to go on errands for the higher classes, and the general supervision of Freshmen by the Seniors. The protest was effectual, and the threatened regulations were retained for nine years longer.
Sketches, Class of 1795

*Johannes Adams, A.M., LL.D., 1854 *1863
*Rufus Adams, A.M. *1840
*Michael Baldwin *1810
*Josephus Belden *1826
*Oliverus Bliss *1824
*Oliverus Bray, A.M. et Bowd. 1806 *1823
*Samuel Scudder Brush *1801
*Alexander Collins *1815
*Samuel Cook *1838


*Jotham Ives Doolittle *1799
*Jonathan Gardiner *1833
*Nathanael Holley, A.M. 1819 *1861
*Thomas Howell *1844
*Elija Hubbard *1846
*Gualterus Mitchell *1849
*Elija Munger *1823
*Nathan Perkins, A.M. *1842
*Samuel Merrick Phelps, 1831, A.M. 1831 *1841
*Robertus Porter, A.M. *1847
*Guilielmus Reynolds *1819
*Erastus Ripley, A.M. *1843
*Jared Scranton *1853
*Oliverus Sherman *1820
*David Smith, A.M., S.T.D. Hamilt. 1830, Socius *1862
JOHN ADAMS was born in Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut, on the 18th of September, 1772. He was the eldest of ten children of Captain John Adams, a farmer of Canterbury and an officer of the Revolution, and grandson of Captain John and Abigail (Cleveland, Brown) Adams, also of Canterbury. His mother was Mary, daughter of Deacon Joshua and Jemima (Davenport) Parker, of Needham, Massachusetts. A brother was graduated at Yale in 1804. He was prepared for College at the Academy in the adjoining town of Plainfield, under the instruction of Daniel Chapman, of the Class of 1789. When he took his degree at Commencement, he delivered a Dissertation on the Benefits of Theatrical Establishments.

In the fall of 1795 he began a private school in the northern part of his native town, where he exhibited such uncommon aptitude in instruction and management as to draw a large number of pupils. In 1796 he took charge, with an increase of salary, of one of the district schools in the town, which he continued to teach with rare success until the spring of 1801.

Meantime he was married, on May 8, 1798, to Elizabeth, the only surviving daughter of Gamaliel and Judith (Perkins) Ripley, of Scotland Society, in Windham, and niece of the Rev. David Ripley (Yale 1749) and the Rev. Hezekiah Ripley (Yale 1763).
From the spring of 1801 to the fall of 1803 he was Master of Plainfield Academy, instructing about two hundred pupils with pronounced success.

His reputation as a teacher led in 1803 to his being selected to be the Preceptor of Bacon Academy, recently established in Colchester, in New London County. The appointment was a distinct promotion, and was entered on with many misgivings; but the seven years which he spent there must be reckoned among the most successful of his life. He united with the First Congregational Church, on profession of his faith, in 1805, and was chosen to the office of Deacon in that church in April, 1808.

Early in 1810 his pleasant and useful work in Colchester was brought to a sudden termination, by a difference of opinion with the trustees in regard to a case of discipline. Convinced that in such a matter he must have an absolutely free hand, Mr. Adams immediately resigned, and declined to reconsider his determination.

Very soon after this the Trustees of Phillips Academy, in Andover, Massachusetts, offered him the headship of that institution, with a salary of nine hundred dollars and a house. This flattering invitation was accepted, and in June, 1810, the great work of his life was begun.

An interregnum in the office of Principal had reduced the number of pupils to twenty-three; but by 1817 they increased to one hundred, and they remained at or near this figure for the rest of his term of service.

In this position of eminence he more than fulfilled all just expectations, upholding a high standard of scholarship and exercising a strong moral and religious influence over his pupils. He also served as a deacon in the church.

In the fall of 1832, when he was sixty years old—an age after which, he had been heard to say, no man ought to teach—he learned that some of the newer members of the Board of Trustees wished to place a younger man at the head of the Academy. Mortified though he was at the discovery, he obeyed the intimation unhesitatingly,
presented his resignation at the next meeting of the Trustees, on November 22, and terminated work at the close of the Fall term four days later.

His wife, after two years of failing health and much suffering, died in Andover on February 23, 1829, at the age of 53; and he married, on August 30, 1831, Mabel, widow of Dr. Eli (or Ely) Burritt (Williams College 1800), of Troy, New York, and daughter of Deacon Ebenezer Stratton, of Williamstown, Massachusetts. An appreciative sketch of the first Mrs. Adams, by Professor Moses Stuart, was printed at Andover in 1829.

By the vote of the Academy Trustees he had the free use of the house he had occupied until August, 1833; but he broke up housekeeping in the spring of that year, and went out to search for employment.

In Elbridge, Onondaga County, New York, he found a wealthy gentleman, the father of a former pupil, who offered to build an Academy for his use, and otherwise assist him. He went to Elbridge, accordingly, in September, 1833, and for about three years the Academy prospered under his direction. He then resigned, to the earnest regret of the Trustees, his reason being that his two youngest daughters who were his assistants, preferred not to teach in a school for both sexes.

A visit to relatives in Ohio and Illinois determined him to remove to the West, and in October, 1836, he left Elbridge with his family. They spent the winter in Jerseyville, in western Illinois, where he opened a school, and also in the want of a minister conducted church services.

In May, 1837, he removed about forty miles to the northward, to Jacksonville, to take charge of a female academy. Here for five happy years the seminary prospered beyond expectation. Meantime, however, one of the daughters who had hitherto assisted him married; and on attaining the age of seventy he felt constrained to retire permanently from the teacher's work.
Soon after this he was invited to become the agent of the American Sunday School Union for the State of Illinois. The offer appealed to him as a congenial one, and was accepted with alacrity; and for twelve years, with a salary of four hundred dollars, he performed this service. He was known and loved, by children and adults alike, as "Father Adams" over a wide area, and was an instrument of good to many communities. He also served as Elder in the Presbyterian Church of Jacksonville for twenty-five years.

He voluntarily resigned his commission in 1854, from a conscientious fear that he might be occupying the place of a younger and more active man; and spent the remnant of his life in retirement.

His wife died on July 17, 1856, at the age of 77, and he made his home thereafter with one of his married daughters, in Jacksonville. Investments which he made in government lands on his arrival in Illinois now yielded him a sufficient income; and his physical faculties remained unimpaired to the end. For the last year or two he was mainly confined to the house.

He died in Jacksonville on April 24, 1863, in his 91st year. The discourse preached at his funeral by his pastor, the Rev. Livingston M. Glover, was afterwards published. The epitaph placed over his grave describes him in words chosen by himself, as "A lover of children, a teacher of youth, a sinner saved by grace." Blest with an equable disposition, he was uniformly serene and peaceful, and loved to describe himself in his latter years as "happy and contented."

In 1854 Yale College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. A very satisfactory portrait, painted the same year, was given to Phillips Academy.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, in his poem, The School Boy, read at the centennial celebration of the Academy in 1878, thus recalls him:
Grave is the Master's look; his forehead wears
Thick rows of wrinkles, prints of worrying cares;
Uneasy lie the heads of all that rule,
His most of all whose kingdom is a school.
Supreme he sits; before the awful frown
That bends his brows the boldest eye goes down;
Not more submissive Israel heard and saw
At Sinai's foot the Giver of the Law.

By his first marriage he had six daughters and five
sons,—of whom all grew to maturity except the oldest and
youngest sons, who died in infancy. The other sons were
graduated at Yale, in the classes of 1821, 1825, and 1827,
respectively,—the youngest being an eminent pastor in
New York City.

The eldest daughter married the Rev. Daniel Hemen-
way (Middlebury College 1815). The second daughter
married the Rev. George Cowles, a classmate of her eldest
brother, and was lost by shipwreck with her husband.
The third daughter married the Rev. John Q. A. Edgell
(Univ. of Vermont 1827); and the fourth daughter mar-
ried the Rev. Albert M. Egerton (Dartmouth 1829).

He published:

The Testimony of a Veteran to the value of the labours of Sun-
day-School Missionaries. Philadelphia: American Sunday-School
Union. [1854?] 12°, pp. 12. [B. Publ.

He also prepared, late in life, at the request of friends, a little
book of rules and maxims entitled

A Treatise on the Proper Training of Children; but this remains
in manuscript.

In 1900 a felicitous biographical sketch, called The Story of John
Adams, a New England Schoolmaster, was published by his grand-
daughter, Mrs. John Crosby Brown, which presents a luminous
picture of his long and useful life.

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Rufus Adams, the only son of Nathan Adams, of Canterbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Samuel and Abigail (Adams) Adams, of Canterbury, was born in Canterbury, on May 6, 1774, and was prepared for College at the Plainfield Academy with his classmate, John Adams. His mother was Phebe, eldest daughter of Jabez and Mehitable (Tracy) Ensworth, of Canterbury.

He settled as a lawyer in his native town, and was thirteen times sent as a representative to the General Court between 1805 and 1827.

He died in Canterbury on December 21, 1840, aged 66 years.

He was married, in Springfield, Massachusetts, on November 26, 1807, to Joanna Byers, of Springfield, who died on January 27, 1860, in her 79th year.

Their children were five daughters and two sons. One daughter and one son died in infancy. One daughter married William Kinne (Yale 1848).

Authorities.
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Michael Baldwin, the second son of Michael Baldwin, of New Haven, by his second wife, Theodora, daughter of Josiah and Ruth (White, French) Wolcott, of Saybrook, Connecticut, was born in 1777. An older brother of the same name died in September, 1776. Two half-brothers, Dudley and Abraham Baldwin, were graduated here in 1777 and 1772 respectively, and an own brother in 1797. He was prepared for College by Dr. Timothy Dwight at Greenfield Hill.

He studied law after graduation and migrated to Southern Ohio, settling in Chillicothe, then the seat of government for the Territory, and being admitted to practice in 1799.
By his energy and brilliant gifts he rapidly sprang into notice; and but for his fondness for drink he could have attained the highest prizes of his profession.

He was an influential member of the Constitutional Convention of the State, in November, 1802, and Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1803 and 1804.

Under President Adams he was appointed United States Marshal for the District of Ohio, but was dismissed from office by President Jefferson; his consequent temper towards Jefferson is evidenced by the fact that Aaron Burr desired him for one of his counsel in 1807.

Ruined by dissipation, and by dissolute excesses, he lost most of his practice after the year 1807, and died in Chillicothe, after a short but severe illness, on March 9, 1810, at the age of 33.

He married, in April, 1808, Catharine (Kitty) Bradeen, of Chillicothe, who married a second time, when not less than seventy years of age, Adam Stewart, of Adams County, Ohio.

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JOSEPH BELDEN, the youngest son of Simeon Belden (Yale 1762), of Wethersfield, Connecticut, was born in Wethersfield on December 29, 1776. He did not enter the Class until after the opening of the Freshman year.

After graduation he settled in his native town as a druggist, and later was a general book-agent and made the business profitable.

He married Hannah, daughter of John and Mary (Lockwood) Raynolds, of Enfield, Connecticut, on March 8, 1814, she being about three years his junior.

They had no children.
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He died in Wethersfield on August 7, 1826, in his 50th year.
His wife survived him. His estate was less than $2,000.

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OLIVER BLISS, the seventh child and eldest son of Oliver Bliss, of (North) Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and grandson of Abel and Jemima (Chapin) Bliss, of Wilbraham, was born on November 11, 1773. His mother was Catharine, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Bliss) Brewer, of Wilbraham. Three of his sisters were married to Yale graduates, viz., Joel Hayes (1773), Henry Ely (1778), and Richard Ely (1785).
He studied law after graduation, and emigrated to Northern Virginia. He settled in practice in Millwood, Clarke County, where he died, unmarried, on September 19, 1824, in his 51st year.

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OLIVER BRAY, the fourth son of the Rev. Thomas W. Bray (Yale 1765), of North Guilford, Connecticut, was born in North Guilford on April 2, 1776, and was prepared for College by his father.
After graduation he taught school for a time in New Marlborough, Massachusetts, and then studied law—for a part of the time at least in the office of the Hon. David Daggett (Yale 1783), of New Haven.
After his admission to the bar in Connecticut in 1802, he spent several months in Northern Vermont, preparatory to his settling, in the early summer of 1803, in Port-
Biographical Sketches, 1795

land, Maine, where he practiced his profession with indifferent success. He received an ad eundem Master's degree from Bowdoin College in 1806.

He died in Portland, on December 26, 1823, in his 48th year.

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Willis, Law and Lawyers of Maine, 491.

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SAMUEL SCUDDER BRUSH was a native of Huntington, Long Island. He did not enter the Class until after the opening of Freshman year.

He delivered the Latin Salutatory Oration at graduation, and immediately after entered on mercantile business in New York City, in partnership with a relative, Jesse Brush. He made at least one voyage to Europe.

His health failed after a few months, and he returned to his native town, where he died in 1801.

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ALEXANDER COLLINS, the eldest son and second child of General Augustus and Mary Collins, of North Guilford, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Daniel and Lois (Cornwall) Collins, of North Guilford, was born in Guilford on September 4, 1774. His mother was the eldest daughter of Deacon Simeon and Submit (Scranton) Chittenden, of North Guilford.

He studied law after graduation with the Hon. Stephen T. Hosmer (Yale 1782), of Middletown, Connecticut, and settled in practice in that town. He represented Middletown in the State Legislature in October, 1814.

He died early, while on a journey, after a very brief illness, from inflammation of the bowels, in Brattleboro, Vermont, on September 14, 1815, at the age of 41; and is buried there.

He married, in Middletown, on September 2, 1801, Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel and Sara (Blair) Watkinson,
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a native of West Lavenham, Suffolk, England, who emigrated with her parents to Middletown in 1795; and who when left a widow removed with her children (five sons and three daughters) to Hartford, where her brothers were established in business. She died in Hartford on February 5, 1828, at the age of 53.

The two eldest sons of Mr. Collins founded the extensive manufactures at Collinsville, Connecticut. One daughter married the Rev. Dr. Horatio N. Brinsmade (Yale 1822).

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SAMUEL COOK, the eldest child of Philip Cook, of Goshen, Litchfield County, Connecticut, and Richmond, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and grandson of Daniel and Elizabeth (Pond) Cook, of Wallingford and Goshen, was born in Richmond on March 4, 1776. His mother was Thankful, daughter of Timothy and Hannah (Wadhams) Tuttle, of Goshen. He was prepared for College by Dr. Hugo Burghardt (Yale 1787), of Richmond.

He studied law after graduation in Hudson, New York, and was admitted to the bar in 1799. His father removed in 1808 a short distance west of Richmond to Nassau, in Rensselaer County, New York, where the son first began practice, removing perhaps about 1812 to Ballston Spa, in Saratoga County, where he became a very successful lawyer and accumulated a large fortune.

He died in Ballston on April 20, 1838, aged 62 years.

He married on February 20, 1803, Fanny Fuller, of Sandisfield, in his native county. She died in Ballston Spa on May 15, 1815, at the age of 31.

He next married, on June 13, 1821, his first cousin, Harriet, eldest daughter of Moses and Lydia (Thompson)
Cook, of Goshen, who died on April 15, 1828, aged 34 years.

His children were two sons, one by each marriage, both of whom filled prominent positions in life.

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 Jeremiah Day was born on August 3, 1773, in the parish of New Preston, then included in the township of New Milford, but since 1779 in Washington, Connecticut. He was the eldest child of the Rev. Jeremiah Day (Yale 1756) by his third wife, Abigail (Noble, Osborn). His preparation for College was begun at home under David Hale (Yale 1785), and was continued in Waterbury under John Kingsbury (Yale 1786). He entered College in 1789; but was obliged on account of a pulmonary difficulty to break off his course in May, 1791. After teaching school for part of the time in the vicinity of his home, he returned to College in the fall of 1793. In the meanwhile he had united with his father's church on the profession of his faith. At his graduation he delivered an Oration on Female Education.

Such was the confidence that he had inspired, that he then succeeded Dr. Dwight (who had just assumed the presidency of Yale) in the charge of the flourishing academy which he had conducted at Greenfield Hill, Connecticut. There he remained for nearly a year, and for the next two years he served (with some hesitation, on account of feeble health and depression of spirits) as tutor in Williams College.

On taking his Master's degree, in 1798, he delivered an Oration on Modern liberality of Sentiment.

He then filled a like position at Yale for nearly three years, during which time he continued his study of theol-
ogy, and was licensed to preach by the New Haven West Association of Ministers on June 3, 1800.

In July, 1801, after over-exertion in preaching he was attacked with a slight hemorrhage, and his physician expressed a fear that tuberculous consumption might set in. A favorable opportunity presented itself the next month for his visiting Bermuda, where he remained until April, 1802. In the meantime he was appointed by the Yale Corporation in September Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

On his return from Bermuda he retired to his father's house, firmly persuaded that he was a confirmed invalid. But he grew better, under the exercise of great care, and finally in the early summer of 1803 came to New Haven and began to discharge a part of the duties of his professorship.

By degrees he was able to take his due share of labor, and to fill his place with efficiency and success. His chief appearance before the public was in connection with the issue of a series of mathematical text-books.

After fourteen years of this quiet and happy life, President Dwight was removed by death in January, 1817. It was known to Professor Day himself and to others that Dr. Dwight had fixed upon him as his successor; and after another choice had been made and declined, the Corporation on April 22 offered the Presidency to Professor Day. After due deliberation, and solely from a sense of duty, he signified his acceptance; and he was inaugurated, as well as ordained to the ministry, on July 23. The ordination sermon, by the Rev. Dr. Isaac Lewis (Yale 1765), was afterwards printed.

For three years he continued at the head of the department of mathematics and natural philosophy, and read lectures on the latter subject. After 1820 he confined himself to mental and moral philosophy, which was by tradition associated with the presidency; and was engrossed with the other cares inseparable from that office. He preached
occasionally, though seldom in the College Chapel. He sustained with honor those relations to public and especially to religious interests outside, to which a man in his position was naturally called.

He continued in his office during twenty-nine years, and for the greater part of this time his health, though always delicate, was equal to the discharge of his duties. In 1835 he was earnestly solicited to remove to Andover, Massachusetts, as President of the Theological Seminary, but declined the offer. In 1836 he was attacked with angina pectoris, and other attacks followed from time to time. About 1841 or 1842 he thought seriously of resigning, but was dissuaded by the representations of some of the Faculty; and finally in October, 1846, at the age of 73, he carried out his purpose, and retired to private life. He was at once elected a member of the College Corporation (another member resigning to secure this end), and served until his voluntary retirement, in July, 1867.

Except for deafness, he retained his powers to the end, and his intellect seemed as vigorous as ever until the last few months of his life. He died at his home in New Haven from old age, on August 22, 1867, having just entered on his 95th year, and being the last survivor of his College Class.

The Address delivered at his funeral by President Woolsey was subsequently printed; and is an admirable tribute to his character and life.

A post-mortem examination showed the presence of a large number of calculi of considerable size in the bladder, which must have caused intense pain, of which, however, he had (characteristically) never spoken. The same examination showed the scars upon both lungs which testified to the cure, more than sixty years before, of advanced tubercular consumption.

On January 14, 1805, he was married by President Dwight to Martha ("Patty"), fourth daughter of the Hon. Roger Sherman, of New Haven, by his second wife,
Rebecca Prescott, who died April 4, 1806, in her 27th year.

He was next married, by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Strong, on September 24, 1811, to Olivia, third daughter of Major Daniel and Olive (Tinker) Jones, of Hartford, Connecticut, one of whose sisters had previously married a brother of the President; her half-brother, the Rev. Henry Jones, was graduated here in 1820.

Mrs. Day died on January 11, 1850, of typhus fever, after ten days' illness, in her 64th year.

By his first marriage Dr. Day had one son (Yale 1826), who survived him; and by his second marriage, besides several children who died early, three daughters, all of whom he survived. The eldest daughter, a girl of brilliant intellect, died at the age of twenty-one; the second daughter married Professor Thomas A. Thacher (Yale 1835); and the youngest married the Rev. Thomas K. Beecher (Illinois College 1843). His later years were spent in the family of his son-in-law, Professor Thacher.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by Middlebury College in 1817, and that of Doctor of Divinity by Union College in 1818 and by Harvard University in 1831.

The University owns a portrait of President Day by S. F. B. Morse, painted in 1823, and a bust by Chauncey B. Ives, executed in 1847. An engraving from this portrait was published in volume 4 of the Yale Literary Magazine (November, 1838), with a brief biographical sketch, contributed by Professor Kingsley.

He published:

1. An Introduction to Algebra, being the first part of a Course of Mathematics, adapted to the method of instruction in the American Colleges. New-Haven, 1814. 8°, pp. 8 + 296, 2 pl.

   [Harv. Y. C.

   The series, as projected, was to contain seven parts; but owing to the change in the author's duties, he issued only four parts. Many later editions were issued, notably one revised with the aid of Professor A. D. Stanley in 1852.
2. A Treatise of Plane Trigonometry. To which is prefixed, a summary view of the nature and use of Logarithms. Being the second part of a Course of Mathematics... New-Haven, 1815. 8°, pp. iv, 126, ix, 3 pl. [Harv. Y. C.]

3. A practical application of the principles of Geometry to the Mensuration of Superficies and Solids. Being the third part of a Course of Mathematics... New-Haven, 1816. 8°, pp. iv, 96, 2 pl. Although this part was clearly copyrighted in March, 1816, two copies of the edition now in the Yale Library and that in the Harvard Library are dated in the title-page, 1811.

4. The mathematical principles of Navigation and Surveying, with the mensuration of heights and distances. Being the fourth part of a Course of Mathematics... New-Haven, 1817. 8°, pp. iv, 108, xi, 3 pl. [Harv. Y. C.]

5. A Sermon [from Nehem. vi, 3], delivered in Boston, Sept. 17, 1823, before the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, at their fourteenth annual meeting... Boston, 1823. 8°, pp. 23. [A. A. S. B. Publ. M. H. S. Y. C.]


7. Declaring the whole counsel of God.—A Sermon [from Acts xx, 27], delivered at the ordination of the Rev. Leverett Griggs, ... in North-Haven; October 30th, 1833 ... New-Haven, 1833. 8°, pp. 18. [Y. C.]


The same. New Haven, 1849. 12°, pp. 190 + pl. [Y. C.]

This work grew out of the review of Cousin's Psychology, published by him in the Quarterly Christian Spectator in 1835; it had also a bearing on the doctrines of the so-called New-Haven Theology, which President Day desired to moderate.


The object of the author is merely to present a résumé or abstract of Edwards's work.
10. The inaugurating Address, at the inauguration of his successor, President Woolsey, 1846. In the Discourses and Addresses on that occasion, pp. 57–72.

Of his contributions to various periodicals, the following specimens may be noticed:—

In *Memoirs* of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, volume 1, part 1. New-Haven, 1810:
A Statement of the Quantity of Rain which falls on different Days of the Moon, pp. 125–27.
A View of the Theories which have been proposed, to explain the Origin of Meteoric Stones, pp. 163–74.
In part 3 of the same volume, 1813:
Observations on the Comet of 1811, pp. 341–52;
In the *Quarterly Christian Spectator*, volume 2, 1830:
In the same, volume 7, 1835:
In the *American National Preacher*, volume 13, 1839:
Sermon, from Jude v, 3, Contending for the faith, pp. 1–16.
In the *American Biblical Repository*, 2d series, volume 9, 1843:
Benevolence and Selfishness, pp. 1–33.
In the *American Journal of Science and Arts*, 2d series, volume 10, 1850:
In the *New Englander*, volume 11, 1853:
In the same, volume 14, 1856:

President Day's character was remarkable for harmony and calm steadiness. His intellectual powers were clear and well balanced, without being either brilliant or versatile, and his life showed the most consistent example of Christian purity and grace.
Jotham Ives Doolittle was born in Cheshire, in Wallingford, Connecticut, on December 6, 1773, being a son of Amos Doolittle, of Cheshire, and grandson of Caleb and Tamar (Thompson) Doolittle. His mother was Abigail, daughter of Jotham and Abigail (Burroughs) Ives, of Wallingford. He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. John Foot.

Soon after leaving College he engaged in mercantile business in Troy, New York, where he purchased land and built a store. His title to the land, however, proving to be defective, he sold out his interests there and went to South Carolina, where he taught school.

Having accumulated a respectable sum of money, he purchased a variety of goods for the Havana market, intending to exchange them there for fruit for the New York market, and eventually to re-establish himself in Troy. But on his way he was taken ill and died in Savannah, on April 14, 1799, in his 26th year. A tombstone to his memory is standing in the Cheshire cemetery. He was never married.

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Jonathan Gardiner, the second son and child of John and Joanna (Conkling) Gardiner, of Gardiner's Island, New York, and grandson of John Gardiner (Yale 1736), fifth proprietor of the island, was born on Gardiner's
Island on August 13, 1773. His father removed about 1792, to Eaton's (or Gardiner's) Neck, in the township of Huntington, Long Island, where the graduate thenceforth resided.

His only occupation was the cultivation of his farm, and he enjoyed the reputation of being genial and hospitable and fond of literature.

He died in Huntington on March 7, 1833, in his 60th year.

He first married Sally, daughter of John and Phebe Gelston, of New York City, who died on September 10, 1803, soon after the birth of her first child. He next married, on May 1, 1813, Mrs. Fanny (Rysam) Peck, widow of a Dr. Peck.

She died on April 12, 1849, aged 57 years.

By his first marriage he had one son, and by his second marriage four daughters and two sons.

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Lion Gardiner and his descendants, 130, 146-47.

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NATHANIEL HOLLEY, the only son of the Rev. Israel and Phebe Holly, of Suffield, Connecticut, and grandson of Israel and Sarah (Cross) Holly, of Stamford, was born in Suffield on April 15, 1771. His father had no college training, but was ordained as the pastor of a Separate congregation in Suffield in 1763. In 1784 he became pastor of the Salmon Brook Congregational Society in the township of Granby, and went from there to North Cornwall, in the summer of 1794. The son entered College at the opening of the Junior year.

After leaving College he began the study of divinity with the Rev. Cotton Mather Smith, of Sharon; but found himself not satisfied with the standard theology of the New England churches. For many succeeding years he pursued private study in these subjects, but did not find rest
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until he became acquainted with the writings of Swedenborg, whose doctrines he finally embraced. Want of health, also, for many years clouded all his prospects.

In time he removed to New York City, and he was married there by the Rev. Archibald Maclay, on the 17th of April, 1814, to Miss Elizabeth Wilson of the same city. He found occupation for some years there as a teacher.

From New York he went to Virginia about 1820, and while residing in Abingdon, he was ordained in Baltimore, on October 27, 1822, a minister of the New Church, to fill the pulpit in Abingdon.

He visited Cincinnati in 1824 and formed the acquaintance of adherents of the New Church in that city, with the result that he removed thither with his family in 1825, and found occupation as a teacher.

He was at one time Corresponding Secretary of the Western Literary Institute and College of Professional Teachers, which was formed in 1831 in that city.

In 1847–48 he edited The Herald of Truth, a monthly periodical supporting the views of the Swedenborgians.

After some six or seven years of feebleness he died in Storrs Township, near Cincinnati, on October 4, 1861, in his 91st year.

His wife died before him, also their five sons; their three daughters survived him.

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Miss Ann M. E. Holley, MS. Letter, April, 1856.

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THOMAS HOWELL, son of Thomas Howell, of New Haven, and grandson of Deacon Thomas and Mary (White) Howell, was born in New Haven in 1775, though not baptized until July 26, 1778. His mother was Sally, daughter of Ezekiel and Rebekah (Russell) Hayes, of New Haven, and he was prepared for College by Jared Mansfield, then Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School.
In the locally famous sealing voyage of the ship "Neptune," from the port of New Haven to the Pacific Ocean and China, during the years 1796-99, he was concerned as Captain's Clerk.

Through the rest of his life he resided in New Haven, as a retired gentleman. He was never married.

He died in New Haven on August 29, 1844, aged 69 years. He bequeathed a small legacy to the College in his last will.

The inscription on his tombstone commemorates him as "a kind and useful neighbor, an affectionate and beloved relative, an honest and good man."

ELIJAH HUBBARD, the only son of Elijah and Hannah Hubbard, of Middletown, Connecticut, and grandson of Robert and Elizabeth (Sill) Hubbard, of Middletown, was born on July 30, 1777. His mother was the youngest child of Lieutenant John and Elizabeth (Foster) Kent, of Middletown. A half-brother was graduated here in 1819.

He studied law with Judge Reeve, of Litchfield, and settled in practice in New London, until recalled to Middletown by business affairs on his father's death in 1808.

The rest of his life was spent in Middletown, where he became one of the most prominent and influential citizens, and accumulated a considerable fortune. He was a man of very polished manners, but a reserved disposition.

He was made President of the Middletown Bank in 1824, and held the office until his death. He was also repeatedly mayor of the city.

He was stricken with apoplexy in November, 1846, while in the Bank; and after lingering for a fortnight died on December 4, in his 70th year.

He married, on October 26, 1810, Lydia, youngest daughter of Samuel and Lois (Griswold) Mather, of Lyme, Connecticut,—his sister having previously married her eldest brother.
Their children were three sons and a daughter. The eldest son was graduated at Middlebury College in 1832.

Mrs. Hubbard died in Middletown on March 5, 1850, in her 60th year.

AUTHORITIES.


EBENEZER GRANT MARSH, the eldest child of the Rev. Dr. John Marsh (Harvard College 1761), of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and grandson of Deacon David and Mary (Moody) Marsh, of Haverhill, Massachusetts, was born in Wethersfield on February 2, and baptized by his father on February 9, 1777. His mother was Anne (or "Nancy"), daughter of Colonel Ebenezer Grant (Yale 1726), of South Windsor, Connecticut. A brother was graduated here in 1804.

In College, though one of the youngest, he was one of the best scholars in his Class; and at graduation delivered a Hebrew oration (the manuscript of which is preserved in the Yale Library), and won in examination the Berkeley scholarship. He remained, accordingly, in New Haven as a graduate student.

He devoted himself to the learned languages, and specialized in Hebrew, becoming so proficient that in 1798 he was appointed Instructor in Hebrew in the College, on the slender foundation provided by Dr. Salter. There had been no regular instructor in this department since the death of President Stiles in 1795. He began to give instruction in Hebrew to both graduates and undergraduates in November, 1798.

In conjunction with this office he entered on a tutorship in November, 1799; and while still continuing in both offices was elected in September, 1802, Professor of Languages and Ecclesiastical History, to enter on the appointment whenever the College could provide a salary for his
support. This condition was not, however, fulfilled in his lifetime.

He also studied theology, with a view to ordination, and was licensed to preach by the New Haven East Association of Ministers on January 14, 1801. His sermons delivered in the next two years gave general satisfaction.

With the brightest prospects, he was found in March, 1803, to be a victim of cancer; and after about four months of acute illness he died at his father's house in Wethersfield, on November 16, in his 27th year. He was unmarried.

A sermon preached in Wethersfield, on the first Sabbath after his death, by the Rev. Dr. James Dana, of New Haven, in whose family he had resided, was afterwards published; as was also a sermon by President Dwight, preached on the same day in Dr. Dana's church in New Haven, and an Oration pronounced in the College Chapel two months later by one of his intimate friends and associates in the tutorship, Bancroft Fowler (Yale 1796).

Dr. Dwight bears testimony that "he was possessed of superior talents, uncommon literary acquisitions, amiable and polished manners, unblemished morals, and unquestioned piety." His death was mourned as a great calamity to the College. In recognition of his attainments, he was elected a Corresponding Member of the Massachusetts Historical Society in September, 1803.

He published:

1. An Oration, delivered before the Φ Β Κ Society, at their Anniversary Meeting, in New-Haven, on the fifth of December, A. D. 1797. Hartford, 1798. 8°, pp. 32.


   The subject is, the origin and nature of the Hebrew, Greek, and Latin languages.


A very elaborate and learned presentation of the subject, delivered as a Master's Oration.

3. An Oration, delivered at Wethersfield, February 22, 1800; on the Death of General George Washington ... Hartford, 1800. 8°, pp. 16.


4. A Supplement to the fourth part of Dr. Priestley's Lectures on History; exhibiting a series of American Historians from the first discovery of the country to the present time: delivered to one of the divisions of the Sophomore Class in Yale College, June 22, 1801.—By their Tutor. New Haven, 1801. 8°, pp. 14.

[B. Ath. Y. C.]

He also printed, probably in some periodical, an abridgment of the Abbé Barruel's History of Jacobinism.

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Sprague, Annals of the Amer. Pulpit.

WALTER MITCHELL, the third son of the Hon. Stephen Mix Mitchell (Yale 1763), of Wethersfield, Connecticut, was born in Wethersfield on October 7, 1777, and was baptized on the 19th of the same month. One of his brothers was graduated here in the preceding Class.

He adopted the profession of the law, and practiced with fair success for many years in Hartford. He was also from 1838 to 1840 Judge of the Hartford County Court.

Judge Mitchell is remembered as a delightful companion, and a great wit. He was never married. A copy of his portrait is in the collection of the Connecticut Historical Society.

He died, after protracted infirmity, in Hartford on July 29, 1849, in his 72d year.

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Salisbury, Family Histories and Wethersfield, ii, 507.
Genealogies, i, 180. Stiles, Hist. of
Elijah Munger, the fifth in a family of eight children of Joseph and Naomi Munger, was born in that part of (South) Brimfield, which is now Wales, Hampden County, Massachusetts, on May 4, 1767. His mother was a daughter of Anthony and Molly (Moulton) Needham, of Wales. The family removed about 1783 to Ludlow in the same county, and this son was prepared for College by the Rev. Joel Hayes (Yale 1773), of South Hadley.

During the year after graduation he taught school in New Concord, in Chatham township, Columbia County, New York. Subsequently he with others of his family removed to Paris, in Oneida County, New York, and eventually he settled as a merchant in Sacket Harbor, Jefferson County, where he died on May 29, 1823, aged 56 years.

He married, perhaps about 1806, Lydia (Quackenbos?), by whom he had two sons and a daughter.

A few months after his death his widow removed to Flat Rock, Wayne County, Michigan.

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AUTHORITIES.


Nathan Perkins, the eldest son of the Rev. Dr. Nathan Perkins (Princeton College 1770), of West Hartford, Connecticut, and a nephew of Enoch Perkins (Yale 1781), was born in Hartford on August 26, 1777. His mother was Catharine, daughter of the Rev. Timothy Pitkin (Yale 1747), of Farmington.

After graduation he studied law, but eventually settled on a farm in West Hartford, at the same time serving as a county magistrate.

In an earnest revival which visited the town in 1807 he became a christian, and subsequently studied theology with his father, being licensed to preach by the Hartford North Association on February 7, 1810.
In July, 1810, he was called to the pastorate of the Second (or East) Congregational Church in Amherst, Massachusetts, on a salary of $500.

Having accepted this call, he was ordained there on October 10, and the sermon preached by his father on the occasion was afterwards published.

In this office he continued, with the complete confidence and esteem of his people, until his death in Amherst, from croup, after twenty-four hours’ illness, on March 28, 1842, in his 65th year.

His church had increased, during his ministry, from 83 to 360 members.

President Humphrey, of Amherst College, in his funeral sermon represents him as “a man of highly respectable talents, good common sense, and uncommon prudence”; as “a solemn, persuasive, and affectionate preacher,” “an excellent pastor,” “deeply interested in the cause of popular education,” as well as “in all the benevolent enterprises of the day”; and “a pattern of punctuality in all his engagements.” The tombstone erected in his memory describes him as “a sound and evangelical preacher, an active pastor, a peace-maker, known and beloved in the churches.”

He married, on September 7, 1798, Mabel, daughter of Colonel Timothy and Abigail (Skinner) Seymour, of West Hartford, who died in Amherst on September 22, 1835, in her 60th year.

He subsequently married a Mrs. Lyman.

He had by his first marriage two daughters and a son. The elder daughter married the Hon. George Grinnell (Dartmouth Coll. 1808), and the younger married the Rev. Robert B. Campfield (Princeton Coll. 1824).

He published:

1. A Funeral Sermon [from Phil. i. 21], delivered in Amherst, Sept. 12, 1815, at the Interment of Doctor Seth Coleman . . . New-Haven, 1817. 8°, pp. 16. [Y. C.

This discourse is also printed in the Memoirs of Dr. Coleman (Yale 1765), published at the same time and place.

3. A Discourse [from Isaiah lxii, 6-7], delivered November 24, 1819, at the Ordination of the Rev. Rufus William Bailey, to the pastoral care of the South Congregational Church in Norwich, Vermont. Woodstock, 1820. 8°, pp. 31. [A. C. A. Harv.

The sermon occupies pages 1-21.

AUTHORITIES.


SAMUEL MERRICK PHELPS, the only child of Samuel and Lucy (Kent) Phelps, of Suffield, Connecticut, and a nephew of Seth Phelps (Yale 1760), was born in Suffield on July 19, 1770. His mother was probably the youngest daughter of Dudley and Ruth (Woodbridge) Kent, of Suffield.

He entered College in May of the Freshman year, when nearly 22 years old, being then a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts; and left the Class in the spring of the Junior year, but was admitted to his degree in 1831.

After leaving College he studied theology, and supplied the Presbyterian Church in North Salem, Westchester County, New York, for a year or more about 1801; he there married Eliza Wallace, a native of that town.

In the summer of 1804 he began preaching to the Presbyterian Church in Parsippany, Morris County, New Jersey, and was unanimously called to the pastorate there on September 17. He was soon after installed over that church, and continued as pastor until the summer of 1815. He had previously (in January, 1814) asked for a dismission, having learned of some dissatisfaction at his attitude in regard to political questions; but the great preponder-
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ance of sentiment in the parish in his favor led him to withdraw for the time his request.

On February 2, 1817, he was called to settle over the Congregational Church in Ridgefield, Connecticut, only six miles distant from his former field of service in North Salem. On his acceptance of the call the Fairfield West Consociation was convened to install him on March 20; but that body, because of a proviso that the relation might be terminated at six months’ notice, declined to act, and he was finally installed in June by members of the Westchester (N. Y.) Presbytery.

After a pastorate of twelve and a half years he was dismissed by the Presbytery on December 31, 1829.

In 1835, when he published two volumes, he had recently retired from the active work of the ministry, and was living in his old parish of Parsippany.

He died in Bridgeport, Connecticut, from lung fever, on December 26, 1841, aged 71½ years.

His children were two daughters and a son. The latter was graduated from the New York University in 1848, and became a clergyman. Mrs. Phelps died at his house, in Lee Centre, Illinois, on May 29, 1857, in her 77th year.

He published:


A prefatory notice, dated at Parsippany, March 21, 1835, explains the author’s motives in printing the volume. He was then without stated employment. There are twenty-seven sermons in the collection.

2. The Triumphs of Divine Grace, a Poem.—To which are added, Promiscuous Pieces, by Harriette E. Phelps. New-York, 1835. 12°, pp. 132. [Y. C.

The poem is in blank verse. The last few pages contain poems by the author’s younger daughter.

AUTHORITIES.

Robert Porter, a son of Deacon Noah Porter, of Farmington, Connecticut, and a brother of Edward Porter (Yale 1786), was born in Farmington on October 6, 1773, and was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Perkins, of West Hartford.

After graduation he studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus, of Somers, Connecticut, and was licensed to preach for a term of four years by the Tolland Association of ministers on October 3, 1797.

After several years of service as a home missionary, chiefly in Northern New York, in the feeble settlements along the Black River, he became, in September, 1801, the Principal of the Hamilton (N. Y.) Oneida Academy, in Clinton, out of which Hamilton College later grew. While thus engaged, he continued to supply vacant congregations in the vicinity, his license to preach being renewed in October, 1801.

He gave up his place in the Academy (in which he was a great favorite with the pupils) in 1805 to head a colony about to settle in that part of Bath, in Steuben County, which is now Prattsburgh, where the rest of his useful life was spent.

He died in Prattsburgh, on August 26, 1847, aged nearly 74 years.

He married on November 28, 1799, Roxana, younger daughter of Captain Timothy and Mary (Langdon) Root, of Farmington. She was born on August 10, 1774.

Their children were two daughters and four sons.

Authorities.


William [Saxby] Reynolds was born in St. John’s Colleton Parish, South Carolina, on January 28, 1776.

After graduation he made an extended European trip.
He married Sarah Saxby Adams on June 15, 1803, and spent his life as a planter on Wadmalaw Island, St. John's Colleton, some forty miles southwest of Charleston. He died on April 15, 1819, in his 44th year.

AUTHORITIES.

Erastus Ripley was born in Windham, Connecticut, on June 17, 1770, the youngest of six sons of Joshua Ripley, and grandson of Joshua and Mary (Backus) Ripley, of Windham. His mother was Elizabeth Lathrop, a sister of the Rev. Elijah Lathrop (Yale 1749). He was prepared for College by Samuel Perkins (Yale 1785), of Windham.

He studied theology in New Haven, and was licensed to preach by the New Haven East Association of Ministers on May 28, 1797.

On May 8, 1798, he was married in New Haven, by President Dwight, to Elizabeth, a granddaughter of Roger Sherman, and sister of the Rev. John Sherman (Yale 1792).

On March 26, 1800, he was ordained and installed by the Eastern Consociation in Fairfield County as pastor of the Congregational Church in Brookfield. Dissatisfaction soon arose in the congregation, and the Consociation dissolved the existing relation on November 6, 1801.

He was next installed over the First Congregational Church in Mériden, on February 9, 1803, and remained there until February 27, 1822. Though one hundred members were added to the church during his ministry, he was not acceptable to the parish as a whole, and large numbers of the congregation joined themselves to other denominations. The dissatisfaction led to a withholding of his salary, and he was thus forced to ask a dismission.
On leaving Meriden he supplied for a time the church in East Granby.

His next charge was in Goshen Parish, in Lebanon, where he was installed on September 24, 1823. He was dismissed from there on February 16, 1832.

He then served as stated supply of the Congregational Church in Montville, a neighboring town, from June, 1832, to June, 1838; after which he returned to Meriden, where he died on November 17, 1843, in his 74th year.

His wife died in Montville, on November 3, 1834, in her 57th year. They had no children.

He published in 1829 a sermon on the Evil and Cure of Intemperance.

He was a man of great sincerity and of unquestioned orthodoxy; but without a pleasing personality, and destitute of tact. His preaching is said to have been dry, metaphysical, and utterly lacking in animation. He was very large in person and of a commanding appearance.

AUTHORITIES.


Jared Scranton, the second son of Jared and Lucretia (Russell) Scranton, of (North) Guilford, Connecticut, and grandson of Ebenezer and Ann Scranton, of North Guilford, was born on May 16, 1771. His mother was probably a daughter of Solomon Russell, of North Guilford. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Thomas W. Bray (Yale 1765), of North Guilford. The family belonged to the Episcopal Church.

He settled in his native parish as a farmer, and married in 1795 Rachel, youngest daughter of Asher and Elizabeth (Norton) Fowler, of North Madison, an adjoining parish,
who was also an Episcopalian. She was born on December 4, 1770.

He died in North Guilford on March 15, 1853, in his 82d year.

His children were six sons and three daughters.

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AUTHORITIES.

N. England Hist. and Geneal. Register, liii, 315. Scranton Family Memorial, 22, 32.

OLIVER SHERMAN, the second son of the Hon. Roger Sherman, of New Haven, by his second wife, Rebecca Prescott, and a brother of Roger Sherman (Yale 1787), was born in New Haven on January 19, 1777, and was prepared for College by his brother-in-law, Simeon Baldwin (Yale 1781).

Before 1810 he entered into mercantile business in Boston; but about 1817 removed to Cuba, and died in Havana, probably in the early summer of 1820, in his 44th year. He was never married.

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AUTHORITIES.


DAVID SMITH, the eldest child of Captain Ebenezer and Sarah Smith, of that part of Norwich, Connecticut, which is now Bozrah, was born on December 13, 1767. His mother was a sister of the Hon. Silas Deane (Yale 1758). One of his sisters married the Rev. Pitkin Cowles (Yale 1800).

In the summer of 1770 the family removed to New Marlborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts; and Captain Smith served with distinction throughout the Revolution. During the last few months of the war this son served under his father's command.
His youth and early manhood were spent upon a farm; but the intention of sending him to College was frustrated by the losses due to the state of the country. In the autumn of 1788 he married Betsey Marsh, of Canaan, Connecticut, a woman of unusual intelligence, amiability, and loveliness. She died on August 11, 1789, leaving an infant son.

He then took a school in the neighborhood of his home, and under the influence of new religious convictions he resolved in September, 1790, when nearly twenty-three years old, to prepare for College. In April, 1791, he gave up his school, and by close study with his minister, the Rev. Jacob Catlin (Yale 1784), fitted himself for admission to the Sophomore Class in September, 1792.

While a member of College he was obliged to earn money for his support, and he spent the first term of the Senior year in teaching in Sheffield, Massachusetts.

For the year after graduation he taught in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and thus paid all his outstanding debts,—at the same time also reading theology in his spare moments.

In June, 1796, he devoted his whole time to the study of theology with the Rev. Ephraim Judson (Yale 1763), of Sheffield, and was licensed to preach in October by the Berkshire County Association of Ministers.

Besides supplying various pulpits for shorter periods, he preached for the next two winters in Poultney, Vermont, and received a call to settle there.

In February, 1799, he began preaching in Durham, Connecticut; and after having declined a call to Waterbury (where he had spent the earlier part of the winter), he was called to Durham, and was ordained and installed there on August 15. The ordination sermon by Mr. Judson was afterwards printed.

He was diligent and laborious in his pastoral work, and six special seasons of revival visited the parish in the course of his ministry, during which time two hundred and
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forty-five persons were added to the church. His salary, after various changes, was fixed in 1816 at $550; but in 1824 he relinquished $50 in compliance with a request of the Society. In 1827 he was requested to relinquish another $50, but declined. The request was renewed a year later, and he yielded to the demand; but dissatisfaction continued, and he felt obliged to apply for a dismissal, which was voted by a council on January 11, 1832.

His residence continued in Durham, and he engaged in ministerial labor there and elsewhere as opportunity offered. After about twenty years his health became infirm, but he continued to preach more or less every year, up to October, 1861. The following winter he spent with his elder daughter in Fair Haven, Connecticut, where he died on March 5, 1862, in his 95th year. His mind continued serene and active to the end. The sermon preached at his funeral by the Rev. Abraham C. Baldwin (Bowdoin College 1827), one of his successors in the Durham pastorate, was afterwards published, with the addition of a memorial sketch of Dr. Smith by his younger surviving son. The burial was in Durham.

He was elected a Fellow of Yale College in September, 1821, and retained that office until July, 1861, when he resigned on account of increasing deafness. He had been remarkable for punctual attendance during this long period of service.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Hamilton College in 1830.

In the early part of his ministry he received many young men into his family and fitted them for College. For two or three years he taught in the Durham Academy.

On October 23, 1799, he was married in New Haven by President Dwight to Catharine, only daughter of his predecessor in office, the Rev. Dr. Elizur Goodrich (Yale 1752), who died in Durham on July 31, 1845, in her 70th year. Their children were two daughters and four sons,—of whom the three younger sons died before him. Dr.
Smith's son by his first marriage was graduated at Yale in 1811, and the eldest son by his second marriage in 1822. His eldest daughter was the wife of the Hon. Henry L. Ellsworth (Yale 1810).

Dr. Smith showed more than common ability and unstinted activity in his ministerial service; and it is greatly to his credit that the opposition which he encountered did not embitter his temper or lessen his love for his parish. His theological opinions were thoroughly Calvinistic.

He was an hereditary member of the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati, and greatly enjoyed his service as Chaplain at their annual meetings during his last years.

He published:

1. A Sermon [from Ps. xxxix, 5] preached in Middlefield, at the Funeral of Mr. David Lyman, of Woodford, Vermont, March 21, 1811. Middletown, 1811. 8°, pp. 15. [Br. Mus. Y. C.


The subject was the father of the subject of the sermon published five years before.


5. A Sermon [from Job xiv, 5], delivered at Durham, Feb. 24th, 1822, at the Funeral of Mr. Isaac Prentiss, of Boston, and Mr. John T. Palmer, from Europe; who were drowned, in consequence of the fall of a bridge, while the stage-coach was passing over it. Middletown, 1822. 8°, pp. 16. [Br. Mus. Y. C.

6. The Duties of a Minister and People: illustrated in a Sermon [from Hebr. x, 24], delivered at Danbury, Jan. 31, 1838, at the installation of Rev. Rollin S. Stone. New Haven, 1838. 8°, pp. 18. [C. H. S. Y. C.
He also published, in the *Connecticut Evangelical Magazine* for April, 1807 (vol. 7, pp. 391-96), an account of the Revival of Religion in Durham in 1803 (republished in the Rev. Dr. Bennet Tyler's *New England Revivals*, 1846, pp. 300-08); and in the same magazine for March, 1809 (2d series, vol. 2, pp. 104-07), a similar account for 1808.

He also assisted in preparing for the press the *Compendium of the System of Divine Truth* by his instructor, the Rev. Dr. Catlin (Hartford, 1818).

A pamphlet by Cephas Brown, of Durham, was printed in 1819, entitled:

Animadversions on a Sermon preached by the Rev. David Smith... Or, Calvinism Refuted, and Universal Salvation vindicated and established.

The Sermon referred to does not seem to have been printed.

The Yale Library owns a large collection of Dr. Smith’s manuscripts, mainly sermons.

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**AUTHORITIES.**


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**MATTHIAS BURNET TALLMADGE** was born on March 1, 1774, in that part of Washington, Duchess County, New York, which was incorporated as the town of Stanford in 1793. He was a son of Colonel James Tallmadge, an officer of the Revolution, who was a son of James and Martha (Roberts) Tallmadge, of Sharon, Connecticut, and a nephew of the Rev. Benjamin Tallmadge (Yale 1747). His mother was Ann, daughter of David Sutherland, of Stanford. General James Tallmadge (Brown Univ. 1798) was a brother, and a sister married the Rev. Dr. Stephen Gano, of Providence. The family were members of the Baptist denomination. He was admitted to the College at the opening of the Junior year.

After graduation he studied law with the Hon. Ambrose Spencer, of Hudson, New York, and then began the practice of his profession in Herkimer, in the same State.
He had already married Elizabeth, third daughter of Governor George and Cornelia (Tappan) Clinton (born July 10, 1780), of Kingston, in Ulster County, and his career was shaped in accordance with the political ambitions of his father-in-law. He was, of course, what was then called a Republican.

He was a member of the State Senate from January, 1803, to April, 1805; and was in June, 1805, although quite without reputation as a lawyer, appointed by Jefferson United States Judge for the District of New York, and removed to New York City.

Late in life he united with the Baptist Church, and was active in the enterprises of that denomination.

In the fall of 1819, being in very feeble health, he left New York City during the prevalence of the yellow fever, and took refuge at his father’s house, in Poughkeepsie, where he died, very suddenly, on October 7, in his 46th year.

Three sons survived him.

AUTHORITIES.


Stephen Thacher, son of Rodolphus Thacher, of Lebanon, Connecticut, and grandson of Peter and Abigail (Hibbard) Thacher, of Lebanon, was born in that town on January 9, 1774. Having lost his mother in his infancy, and his father at the age of fourteen, he was prepared for College by his uncle, the Hon. Josiah Thacher, of Gorham, Maine. He was admitted to the College Church on profession of his faith at the close of his Freshman year.

After graduation he taught in Springfield, Massachusetts, while studying theology with the Rev. Bezaleel Howard (Harvard Coll. 1781). After some further expe-
rience in teaching in Suffield and elsewhere in the vicinity, he spent a year (1798-99) in preaching and teaching in Beverly, Massachusetts, and then for about two years was similarly engaged in Barnstable, Massachusetts.

His health now failed, and he felt obliged to abandon both teaching and preaching.

In 1803 he settled in Kennebunk, Maine, in trade, and in 1804 he married Harriet, daughter of Colonel Esaías and Lydia (Ingraham) Preble, of York, Maine, and sister of the Hon. William P. Preble (Harvard Coll. 1806),—a lady of superior education and fine qualities.

Being an ardent supporter of President Jefferson he was appointed in 1807 by Governor Sullivan of Massachusetts Judge of Probate for York County. In 1810 Postmaster-General Granger appointed him postmaster of Kennebunk; and this office he retained in connection with his judgeship, until his removal from the town in 1818.

He was then appointed by President Monroe to the difficult and responsible post of Collector of the Port of Passamaquoddy, and remained in office for three terms, of four years each, with his residence in Lubec.

His wife died in 1849, after a brief illness, and in 1856 he went to live in Rockland, Maine, with two of his sons.

His powers both of mind and body were remarkably vigorous to the end. He kept up his fondness for study, especially of the classics, to his last days.

He died in Rockland on February 19, 1859, in his 86th year.

He published:


This includes panegyrics on Jefferson and Gallatin.

AUTHORITIES.

GEORGE TOD, a son of David Tod, an emigrant from Perthshire, Scotland, and grandson of Peter and Isabelle (Law) Tod, was born in Suffield, Connecticut, on December 11, 1773. His mother was Rachel, elder daughter of Lieutenant Elijah and Jemima (Kellogg) Kent, of Suffield. A brother was Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

He was prepared for College by the Rev. Nathan Perkins, of West Hartford.

After graduation he taught for a short time in New Haven, studied law with Judge Reeve in Litchfield, and on being admitted to the bar practiced his profession for a few years in New Haven.

He married, in New Haven, on September 18, 1797, Sarah (or Sally), daughter of Ralph Isaacs (Yale 1761), of Branford, who was then living with her sister, the wife of Judge Jonathan Ingersoll (Yale 1766), of New Haven.

Catching the prevalent Western fever, he migrated in the early part of 1800 to the Western Reserve in Ohio, settling in Youngstown. In August, 1800, at the first term of the Court of Common Pleas, he was appointed Prosecuting Attorney of Trumbull County; and he also served for his first year as secretary to Governor St. Clair of the Northwestern Territory.

His early experience in the courts gave him prominence as a lawyer; and in 1801 he sent for his family to join him.

In 1804 he was elected as a Republican to represent Trumbull County in the State Senate. In April, 1806, he was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State (to fill a vacancy). In December, 1808, an unsuccessful attempt was made to impeach him by the House of Representatives on account of an unpopular decision. The ensuing political excitement induced the next legislature, in February, 1810, to drop him from his position. This action aroused his fellow-citizens to return him in the fall
of 1810 to the State Senate, where he remained for four years.

He had taken great pride in the efficient organization of the Ohio militia, in which he attained the rank of Colonel; and when the war of 1812 was declared, President Madison tendered him a commission as Major in the regular army, which he accepted. He displayed marked bravery and coolness at the defense of Sacket's Harbor and Fort Meigs in May, 1813; and in March, 1814, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel of the Seventeenth regiment of infantry.

When peace was declared he resigned his commission and returned to the practice of law. In February, 1816, the legislature appointed him Presiding Judge of the Third Judicial District, which then comprised a large part of the counties of the Reserve, and renewed the appointment for a second term seven years later. When this term expired, in January, 1830, he again resumed law practice and the cultivation of his farm.

In 1836 he consented to accept an election to the office with which he had begun his public career, that of prosecuting attorney of Trumbull County, and served for one term.

In 1816 he had purchased a farm in the vicinity of Youngstown, known as Brier Hill; and there, in the original log-house, he died on April 11, 1841, in his 68th year.

His wife survived him with five of their seven children, and died at Brier Hill on September 29, 1847, in her 70th year.

One son had a distinguished career in public life, and was War Governor of Ohio. George Tod Ford (Yale 1865) is a grandson.

The historian of the Western Reserve, who knew him well, thus characterizes him:—

Judge Tod was a gentleman whom nature had endowed with rich and rare gifts. She gave him a graceful figure, an eloquent tongue,
and the spirit of a true manhood. In his style of manners he was one of the most accomplished men of his times. He was always cheerful, cordial, and overflowing with pleasantries. He ranked high at the bar as a brilliant lawyer, in the legislature as a wise statesman, and on the bench as an able, upright, and discriminating judge. Among the people and in the society of his friends he was always a favorite.

A Republican in politics, he was always moderate in his views, and eminently fair-minded.

One of his letters to President Madison is printed in the St.Clair Papers, vol. 2, pp. 584–85.

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THOMAS TRACY, the second son of Lieutenant Joshua Tracy, of that part of Norwich which is now Franklin, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Margaret (Hyde) Tracy, of Franklin, was born on May 23, 1774. His mother was Naomi, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Abbe) Bingham, of Windham, Connecticut. His father died of small-pox in his infancy. He was admitted to Yale from Dartmouth College at the opening of the Junior year.

He attained the rank of Major in the militia of his native State.

He died in Baltimore, Maryland, on December 29, 1806, in his 33d year.

He was never married.

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Stephen Twining, the oldest child of Deacon Thomas Twining, of Orleans, Massachusetts, and grandson of William and Apphia (Lewis) Twining, of Orleans, was born in that town on September 28, 1767. His mother was Anna, daughter of Isaac Cole. The family removed to that part of Granville, Massachusetts, which is now Tolland, and he was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Aaron J. Bogue (Yale 1774).

During the year after graduation he remained in New Haven as the Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School; and then went to Litchfield to complete under Judge Reeve the law studies which he had already begun.

He was admitted to the bar in the fall of 1797, and settled in New Haven, where he continued in active practice for upwards of twenty years. He also served the city from 1799 to 1803 as Collector of Taxes, from 1815 to 1819 as City Attorney, and in 1816 and 1817 as Alderman.

As early as 1803 he had begun to be employed in work pertaining to the Yale Treasurer's office, and in 1819 he accepted the office of Steward of the College, which he held for the rest of his life. One special duty was the care of the College commons; but he also acted as Assistant Treasurer, and during the frequent and prolonged absences of Mr. Hillhouse the entire business of the Treasurer's office was in Mr. Twining's hands.

He was chosen a Deacon in the First Church in 1809, and served until his death.

He died very suddenly, from ossification of the heart, while opening his mail at the Post Office, on December 18, 1832, in his 66th year.

He married, in Litchfield, on October 2, 1800, Almira, daughter of Alexander and Abigail (Goodman) Catlin, of Litchfield, and sister of Lynde Catlin (Yale 1786). She died in New Haven from consumption, after a lingering illness, on May 30, 1846, in her 69th year.
Their children were two sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to old age. The sons were graduated at Yale, in 1820 and 1825, respectively. Of the two daughters who married, one was the wife of the Rev. Seagrove W. Magill (Yale 1837), and the other of Professor James Hadley (Yale 1842).

Deacon Twining was universally respected, as a pillar of the church, a valued member of society, and an efficient College officer. His early pastor, Moses Stuart, in a notice of Jeremiah Evarts, wrote:

He and another excellent man, the late Deacon S. Twining, were my right-hand men, on whom I could always lean, and in whom I felt that I could repose unreserved confidence. In this respect I was never disappointed.

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Elisha Gregson Whiting, the eldest child of John Whiting, Junior (Yale 1774), and Sarah (Woodbridge) Whiting, of Woodbridge, Connecticut, was probably born early in 1779, and was baptized on June 3 of that year. He lost his father in 1782.

He died in Milford, Connecticut, after a short and distressing illness, on May 21, 1797, in his 19th year, being the first of the Class to be removed by death.

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William Trumbull Williams was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, on March 2, 1777. He was the younger son of the Hon. William and Mary (Trumbull) Williams, of Lebanon, and a brother of Solomon Williams (Yale 1792).
He was prepared for College by Elijah Waterman (Yale 1791).
He studied law after graduation, and settled in his native town, which he represented in eleven different years, between 1800 and 1824, in the State Legislature.
He married his first cousin, Sarah, eldest child of David and Sarah (Backus) Trumbull, of Lebanon, who died in October, 1839, at the age of 60.
He died in Lebanon, on December 16, 1839, in his 63d year.
He was the last representative in his native place of the two distinguished families to which his parents belonged. He was noted for the kindness of his disposition, the amenity of his manners, and the extent of his historical knowledge. He had made a specialty of gathering material for the history of his mother's family. In 1818 he was elected a Corresponding member of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

AUTHORITIES.
McLean, Ancestors and descendants
The Professorship of Divinity remained vacant through this year, Mr. Gemmil having promptly declined the offer made him. At Commencement in 1796 another attempt was made to fill the position by the appointment of the Rev. Charles Backus, of Somers, a classmate of President Dwight. This, however, was also to prove unsuccessful.

Jeremiah Atwater, of the Class of 1793, succeeded James Gould, of 1791, in the office of Tutor, at the opening of the year.

In May, 1796, President Dwight appeared before the General Assembly of the State in support of a petition for the further grant to the College of one half of the funds granted in 1792, which had at that time by special provision been reserved to the State. The petition was successful, though very extensively unpopular; and the bitter feeling aroused in this connection undoubtedly helped to prevent later gifts from the same source. The sum now granted, but not wholly realized until 1800, yielded ultimately $20,000,—the same as the amount granted in 1792. One permanent provision by which this action was accompanied was the requirement that an account of receipts and expenditures be rendered annually by the College to the Assembly.

In August, 1796, owing to the energy and foresight of the President, large additions were made to the landed estate of the College, the northern half of the College square in particular being mostly acquired at this time.
Sketches, Class of 1796

*Thomas Wells Allis  
*Johannes Bacon  
*Archibaldus Bassett  
*Hezekias Belden  
*Jonathan Belden, A.M. et Dartm. 1801  
*Timotheus Bishop  
*Carolus Bostwick  
*Jacobus Cantey  
*Elihu Chauncey, A.M. 1806  
*Carolus Denison, A.M. et Guilielm., Tutor  
*David Edmond, A.M. Mediob. 1811  
*Thaddaeus Fairbanks  
*Edvardus Herrick (post obit.)  
*Johannes Hooker  
*Ruggles Hubbard  
*Johannes Humphreys, A.M.  
*Guilielmus Henricus Jones  
*Salmon King, A.M. 1801  
*Johannes Hart Lynde  
*Thomas Miner, M.D. 1819, Soc. Med. Conn. Praeses  
*Josephus Parker  
*Guilielmus Prince  
THOMAS WELLS ALLIS was born in Whately, formerly a part of Hatfield, Massachusetts, on October 16, 1772, being a son of Captain Lucius Allis, of Whately, and grandson of the Rev. Samuel Allis (Harvard 1724) and Hannah (Sheldon) Allis, of Somers, Connecticut. His mother was Mary, the youngest daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Hawks) Wells, of Deerfield, Massachusetts. His residence while in College was in Conway, an adjacent town to Whately.

He taught school for a year or two in New Milford, Connecticut, but finally settled in Poughkeepsie, Duchess County, New York, as a lawyer, and during his career there was successful and highly esteemed. In middle life, however, he removed to Onondaga county, and the rest of his life was spent in Skaneateles as a teacher.

He died in Skaneateles about the last of June, 1848, in his 76th year.

He married Sally Allen, and had three children. An only son survived him.

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Crafts, Hist. of Whately, 358. T. Robbins, Diary, i, 821, 837, 907, 937.
JOHN BACON, the second child of Captain Asa Bacon, of Canterbury, Connecticut, and a brother of the Hon. Asa Bacon (Yale 1793), was born in Canterbury on November 24, 1774, and spent the most of his life on his farm in that town.

He was for much of the time an invalid, and followed no profession. In his last years he found a home with a married niece in Canterbury, at whose house he died on January 15, 1846, in his 72d year.

He never married.

ARCHIBALD BASSETT, the son of Benjamin Bassett, of Derby, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Samuel and Deborah (Bennett) Bassett, of Derby, was born in Derby on March 21, 1772. His mother was Mary (or Molly), daughter of Ebenezer and Hannah (Scovil) Hinman, of Southbury. A brother was graduated in 1807. He delivered the Latin Oration at graduation.

He then studied theology with President Dwight, united with the College Church in January, 1798, and was licensed to preach by the Eastern Association of New Haven County, on May 29, 1798.

In the spring of 1801 he was called to settle as pastor of the Congregational Church in Winchester, Connecticut, on a salary of one hundred pounds, or $333.33. Having accepted this call, he was ordained and installed there on the 20th of May.

In his dealings with men, and his management of secular matters, he was so indiscreet as to create difficulties, in consequence of which some manifestations of discontent on the part of the Church and Society began to appear at the close of the year 1805. Early in 1806 Mr. Bassett was requested to join in the call of a council with reference to his dismissal. Further steps were taken in April, which resulted in another council to give advice. The next step was the bringing of a complaint before the Litchfield County Consociation, charging Mr. Bassett with being too
worldly-minded and eager after money. The Consociation met in Winchester on August 26, and after hearing the evidence declared him the next day to be not guilty on these charges, but censured him for want of Christian prudence and dismissed him from his pastorate.

He continued his residence in Winchester for a year longer; but was on such terms with his former flock that he did not attend their church services.

After some months he was appointed by the Connecticut Missionary Society to perform mission work in New York State. In the autumn of 1807 he removed his family to Walton, Delaware County, New York, where he had been invited to preach in the Congregational Church as stated supply in the previous May. He soon after received a formal call, and was duly installed as the first pastor of that church early in 1808. An extensive revival had already been enjoyed, which had resulted in the addition of about seventy-five persons to the church.

The pastoral relation was dissolved in 1811, but he continued his residence in Walton, and supplied vacant churches in that region until age and infirmity compelled his retirement. After 1828 he was connected with the Presbyterian denomination and by reason of his active mind and energetic will took a leading part in the business of his Presbytery. As a preacher he was systematic and positive; a theologian after the type of Edwards and Dwight; and a reformer of the strictest sort, earnest and radical.

He died in Walton, of old age, on April 29, 1859, in his 88th year. Although of slender constitution, by special care and evenness of temperament he had kept an unusual degree of health.

He married, on May 1, 1804, Kezia, daughter of Deacon Job and Eunice (Cowles) Curtiss, of Torringford, in Torrington, Connecticut, who died on January 19, 1868. They had seven children, one of whom was graduated at Williams College in 1834, and entered the ministry. Two daughters married ministers.
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HEZEKIAH BELDEN, the youngest of twelve children of the Rev. Joshua Belden (Yale 1743), of Newington, in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and the only son by his second wife (Honor, daughter of Hezekiah Goodrich), was born on February 17, 1778, and was baptized by his father five days later.

At first after graduation he took up the study of law in the Litchfield Law School; but was never admitted to the bar, and appears to have remained in Newington until 1805, when he began business in New Haven as a crockery merchant. After a time he migrated to South Carolina, but returned here, and was married, on December 28, 1818, by the Rev. Nathaniel W. Taylor, to Harriet Halsted, the eldest child of Underhill and Mary (Halsted) Lyon, of Rye, New York. She had been a resident of New Haven for several years. One of her sisters afterwards married the Rev. Isaac Parsons (Yale 1811), and another married David N. Lord (Yale 1817). She died of consumption in New Haven on March 21, 1823, in her 36th year.

In the meantime his business had proved unsuccessful, and in 1824 he removed to Richmond, Virginia, and in partnership with a Mr. Porter established a line of stages for the transportation of the mails to the Ohio river.

He was engaged there in this and other business until 1842; but before that date the derangement of the currency resulting from President Jackson’s war upon the United States Bank had broken up his stage-line, and he now returned to his native village for the rest of his days. He filled for some of the time the office of town-clerk.
He died there on March 22, 1849, in his 72d year, and was buried by the side of his wife in New Haven.

Their two children, a son and a daughter, survived him.

He left some manuscript collections for the early history of Wethersfield, which are preserved in the library of the Connecticut Historical Society at Hartford.

JONATHAN BELDEN, the eldest son of David Belden, of Rocky Hill parish, in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Jonathan and Martha (James) Belden, of Wethersfield, was baptized on October 1, 1775. His mother was Hepzibah Goodrich, of Rocky Hill, a sister of the Rev. Dr. Elizur Goodrich (Yale 1752).

He was a second cousin of the graduate last noticed. His father dying when he was ten years old, he was received into the family of his first cousin, Deacon Jonathan Belden Balch, of West Hartford, who gave him an education.

After graduation he studied theology, and was licensed to preach by the Hartford North Association of Ministers on October 1, 1799.

He preached the following winter in Winthrop, Maine, and in May, 1800, was unanimously called by the small Congregational Church there to the pastorate. He was ordained and installed on August 27, 1800, and took a dismission on account of impaired health on September 10, 1805. About forty-three persons were added to the church under his ministry.

He was next installed over the Congregational Church in Bristol, Maine, on July 26, 1807, but had only limited
success, and retired informally about 1815, the war with Great Britain having been the excuse for much irregularity in the payment of his salary.

He was not again regularly settled, but his later years were spent in home missionary labors in the vicinity of Hallowell and Augusta, Maine, and he died in the latter place in January, 1844, in his 69th year.

His abilities as a preacher were very moderate.

He was first married, by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Perkins, on September 16, 1801, to Sarah (or Sally), daughter of his cousin, Jonathan B. Balch, and Hopeful (Hurlbut) Balch, of West Hartford. She died in Bristol on October 5, 1807, after a short but painful illness, in her 28th year. Their two sons and one daughter all died young.

He next married, in 1809, Sarah, eldest daughter of Zina and Sarah (Goodwin) Hyde, of Lebanon, Connecticut, who died in Bristol on March 25, 1812, aged 37 years. Her children were one son and one daughter,—of whom the latter died in infancy.

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TIMOTHY BISHOP, the eldest child of Daniel Bishop, of New Haven, and a grandson of Stephen and Esther (Meigs) Bishop, of New Haven, was born in New Haven on October 29, 1777. His mother was Louisa, eldest child of John Hotchkiss (Yale 1748), of New Haven.

He taught school in Glastonbury for one or two years after graduation.

His later life was spent in his native city, where he was engaged in business for many years, and retained the high respect of his fellow-citizens. As an indication of the principle which regulated his life, it may be related that in the earlier part of his career he was engaged in
the West-India trade; but withdrew from this enterprise from a conscientious conviction that the importation of rum (then a chief part of that trade) was morally wrong.

He died in New Haven on March 6, 1873, in his 96th year. Since October, 1870, he had been the oldest surviving graduate of Yale, and for some five years the only living member of his class.

He married on April 3, 1800, Louisa, daughter of William and Theodosia (Pierpont) Walter, of New Haven, and younger sister of Joel Walter (Yale 1800). She died on May 3, just one month later, in the inoculation hospital in Derby, before she had reached her twentieth birthday.

He was next married, on January 9, 1803, by President Dwight to Esther, second daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Dickerman) Huggins, of New Haven, who died on February 23, 1845, in her 68th year.

He married thirdly, on December 16, 1846, Elizabeth, daughter of Elias and Jerusha (Fitch) Beers, of New Haven, and widow of Stephen Huggins, of New Haven, who was a brother of the second Mrs. Bishop. She died on November 12, 1854, in her 65th year.

By his second marriage he had two daughters and two sons. The latter were graduated at Yale, in the Classes of 1826 and 1830 respectively. The elder daughter married Enos B. M. Hughes (Middlebury College 1817).

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CHARLES BOSTWICK, the younger son of Benjamin Bostwick, of Brookfield, Connecticut, and grandson of Robert and Sarah (Stevens) Bostwick, of New Milford, was born on November 12, 1775. His mother was Esther, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Hitchcock) Bostwick, of New Milford, and a second cousin of her husband. He entered College at the beginning of the Sophomore year.
After graduation he studied law with Judge Tapping Reeve, of Litchfield, and entered on the practice of his profession in Bridgeport; but abandoned it in 1810 to take up a commercial career in New York City.

In 1836 he retired to his former residence in Bridgeport, and in 1840 was elected Mayor of that city, and chief Judge of the City Court.

He died in Bridgeport on March 1, 1852, in his 77th year.

He married in Bridgeport, on May 3, 1809, Catharine, eldest child of William and Jemima (Tomlinson, Darrow) Peet, of Bridgeport, and sister of Edward W. Peet (Yale 1823), who died in Bridgeport on November 19, 1863, in her 78th year. Their children were four daughters and three sons; one daughter died in infancy.

Mr. Bostwick was esteemed for purity and simplicity of character and for a devout Christian life.

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JAMES CANTEY, Junior, son of James and Margaret (Anderson) Cantey, of Liberty County, Georgia, was baptized in the Midway Congregational Church in that county on March 24, 1776. He entered the Class at the opening of the Sophomore year.

His residence while in College was in Newport in the same county.

He returned home after graduation and died young, his name being first starred in the Triennial Catalogue of Graduates issued in the fall of 1802.

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ELIHU CHAUNCEY, the second son and child of the Hon. Charles and Abigail (Darling) Chauncey, of New Haven, and a brother of Charles Chauncey (Yale 1792) and of Nathaniel Chauncey (Yale 1806), was born in New Haven on January 15, 1779.

On graduation he followed his elder brother to Philadelphia, where he was admitted to the bar in April, 1800, and rose steadily to distinction. Those who knew him best were of opinion that he would have attained the highest rank in the profession, had he not turned aside to enter the political field. In May, 1802, he joined Enos Bronson (Yale 1798) in the editorship of the influential Federalist organ, The Gazette of the United States; and on retiring from this position in 1805, he devoted himself to financial pursuits, and achieved brilliant success in the inception and completion of several important works of public improvement. After having been for many years a director of the Bank of Pennsylvania, he was elected to a more active part in its executive administration. He was a leader in the construction of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and invested upwards of $100,000 in the enterprise. He was also one of the largest original subscribers to the West Chester Railroad. He was for many years a working man in the City Councils of Philadelphia, and rarely, during a long period, was any large loan negotiated by his State or by the general government without his aid.

His private character was marked by far-reaching sagacity, solid judgment, and a profound reverence for truth.

He retired from all public duties a few years before his death, which occurred in Philadelphia on April 8, 1847, in his 69th year.

He married Henrietta, daughter of John Teackle, of Accomac County, Virginia, who bore him three daughters, and died in Philadelphia on March 2, 1832.
HENRY DAVIS, a son of John and Mary (Conkling) Davis, of East Hampton, Long Island, was born in East Hampton on September 15, 1771. His paternal grandfather was an immigrant from Kidderminster, England.

His father, a farmer and shoemaker, removed to Stonington, Connecticut, in 1772, but returned to East Hampton in 1784. Clinton Academy had then been recently incorporated there, and young Davis was for some time a member of it. Later, he taught school in various places, and mainly prepared himself for College, which he entered at the opening of the Sophomore year. He had already united with the Presbyterian Church in East Hampton, under the ministry of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Buell (Yale 1741).

He graduated with an excellent record for scholarship, and delivered at Commencement an oration against theatres, and also a funeral oration on the death of his classmate Herrick.

He had already engaged to teach in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, but accepted a few weeks later an appointment as tutor in Williams College, which he held for a year. He then pursued theological studies under the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus in Somers, Connecticut, and on the 7th of the following August was licensed to preach by the Tolland County Association of Ministers.

At the ensuing Commencement he was appointed Tutor in Yale, and he held that office for nearly five years.

At Commencement in 1801 he was offered the appointment of Professor of Divinity; and was requested, if he was unwilling to enter at once upon the office, to continue in the tutorship while making the requisite preparation.
Immediately after this, he married, on September 22, Hannah Phœnix, daughter of the Hon. Thomas Treadwell (Princeton Coll. 1764), of Plattsburg, New York, and previously of Smithtown, Long Island. But before he had qualified himself for the duties of the professorship, his health became so feeble (as the result of over-application) that he was unable to preach. He resigned the tutorship in March, 1803, and suffered a slight hemorrhage from the lungs in April; and in 1805 he definitely declined the chair of Divinity. He remained, however, in New Haven until in September, 1806, he was called to the professorship of Greek in Union College; and as he had now suffered from ill-health for four years and was unequal to preaching, he accepted the chair at Union, which he held for upwards of three years.

In August, 1809, he was offered the presidency of Middlebury College, in Middlebury, Vermont, in succession to the Rev. Jeremiah Atwater (Yale 1793). He accepted this invitation from a conviction of duty, at a pecuniary sacrifice, and began his work in December. He was first ordained to the ministry and then inducted into the presidency on February 21, 1810,—the sermon preached on this occasion by the Rev. Alexander Proudfit, of Salem, New York, being afterwards published.

In 1810 the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Union College.

In July, 1814, the professorship which he had formerly held in Union College was again offered to him, but was declined.

On the 21st of January, 1817, he was elected President of Hamilton College, in Clinton, New York, as successor to the Rev. Dr. Azel Backus (Yale 1787); and before he had had time to answer this call, he was elected (on February 11) to a similar office in Yale College, on the death of President Dwight. After mature deliberation he thought it his duty to decline both invitations, out of regard to the situation at Middlebury.
But early in July, being led to suppose that his resignation might lead to an absorption of the University of Vermont (at Burlington) in Middlebury College, and having become alarmed at the recurrence of consumptive tendencies which had long threatened him, as well as discouraged at his financial situation, he intimated to a member of the Corporation of Hamilton College that he would accept a renewal of their former invitation.

Accordingly, on July 21, he was unanimously re-elected to the Presidency there; but in the meantime the situation at Middlebury was so far changed, that he would have remained there, had he been released from his implied obligations to Hamilton College. Being unable to effect this he removed to Clinton and entered on his new duties the last of October.

He soon found himself involved in controversy, resulting mainly from the unwillingness of a majority of the Trustees to commit the regulation of the internal affairs of the College to the Faculty,—a system of things to which Dr. Davis had been hitherto accustomed, and which his conservative temper regarded as preeminently essential to success.

The number of students at the time of his induction was a little over fifty, and double this number were in attendance from 1821 to 1826; but in consequence of the opposition developed, the College was reduced in membership, in about fourteen months, from ninety to nine. For about the same length of time Dr. Davis was left without the aid of any Professors for the work of instruction.

Another element in the Board of Trustees which was bent on driving him from his post, was composed of Presbyterian ministers of the vicinity who were in favor of what were then called "new measures" for producing religious revivals, with which he was not at all in sympathy.

In 1829 several new Trustees were elected, who used their influence to strengthen Dr. Davis's position, and the
situation was so much improved that he was able to retire with dignity. His letter of resignation was dated in August, 1832, and took effect in April, 1833. He continued in the Board of Trustees until 1847.

His residence remained in Clinton, where he was greatly respected by the whole community. His health grew very infirm, so that his death was continually feared, and one or two winters were passed at the South. For several of the last years of his life he was confined chiefly to his house by an affection of the lungs, and after prolonged suffering he died in Clinton, on March 8, 1852, in his 81st year. The sermon preached at his funeral by the Rev. Dr. Simeon North (Yale 1825), his successor in the Presidency, was afterwards published.

His wife survived him.

One son (who died before him) was graduated at Williams College in 1824, and another at Hamilton College in 1831.

One daughter married the Rev. Ebenezer D. Maltbie (Hamilton Coll. 1824).

He was a trustee of Auburn Theological Seminary from its foundation in 1820 to 1834, and President of the Board until 1824.

Dr. Davis was tall and very slender in person, with a clear and sonorous voice and manners of great urbanity and dignity. He was an able preacher, an accurate scholar, and a firm disciplinarian.

He published:

1. An Inaugural Oration, delivered Feb. 21, 1810, by H. Davis, President of Middlebury College. Boston, 1810. 8°, pp. 36.

2. A Sermon [from Matt. xvi, 26], delivered to the candidates for the Baccalaureate in Middlebury College, August 12, 1810. Middlebury, 1810. 8°, pp. 32.
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3. The Life of Mr. Edward Herrick. (Anonymous.) In the Adviser; or Vermont Evangelical Magazine, volume 5, pp. 161-67, June, 1813.

4. A Sermon [from Rom. xiii, 4], delivered on the day of General Election, at Montpelier, October 12, 1815, before the Honorable Legislature of Vermont. Montpelier, 1815. 8°, pp. 40.


5. A Sermon (from Ps. cxix, 96], delivered before the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, at their seventh annual meeting, which was held at Hartford, Sept. 18, 19, and 20, 1816. Boston, 1816. 8°, pp. 36.


Dr. Davis was one of the founders of the Board.

6. An Address, delivered at Commencement, August 27, 1828, to the Candidates for the Bachelor's Degree, in Hamilton College. Utica, 1829. 8°, pp. 17. [A. C. A. N. Y. State Libr. U. T. S.]

7. A Narrative of the embarrassments and decline of Hamilton College. 1833. 8°, pp. iv, vii, 152.


This detailed autobiographical statement was mainly printed in 1830, but withheld from completion until the date of the author's retirement.

8. A Farewell Address to the Students of Hamilton College. Delivered at the Public Exhibition of the Jun. Class, April 17, 1833.—Published by request. New-York, 1833. 8°, pp. 20.

[N. Y. H. S. U. T. S. Y. C.]

He was one of the editors of The Adviser; or Vermont Evangelical Magazine, a monthly periodical published at Middlebury in 1809-16.

In 1848 he furnished the Rev. Dr. Sprague with a brief notice of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Buell, which was printed in volume 4 (1858) of the Annals of the American Pulpit, pp. 108-11.
CHARLES DENISON, the third son and child of Zina Denison, of New Haven, and grandson of John Denison, of East Haven, was born in New Haven on February 23, 1778. His mother was Martha, youngest daughter of Stephen and Martha (Thompson) Austin, of East Haven. Two nephews were graduates at Yale, in 1824 and 1826, respectively. At the age of twelve he lost his father.

He served as Tutor in Williams College for two years, 1797–99, and then for two years at Yale.

Resigning this office in October, 1801, he pursued the study of law in New Haven under Judge Charles Chauncey, and was admitted to the bar here in March, 1802.

His talents and application soon gave him an assured position at the bar. He was City Attorney from 1803 to 1807, served as Alderman from 1806 to 1815, and was Clerk of the United States District Court from October, 1803, to 1806. The esteem in which he was held secured his continuous employment as one of the representatives of the town in the State Legislature from October, 1809, to May, 1817, when an increasing weakness of the lungs obliged him to withdraw. He had been one of the Clerks of the Assembly for eight sessions, and Speaker during the last four sessions of his service.

He subsequently declined a nomination to Congress in 1816, and was again elected to the Legislature in 1820.

He died at the residence which he had built in 1815, on the west side of Temple Street, between Wall and Grove streets, in New Haven, from pulmonary disease, after a final illness of a very few days, on June 25, 1825, in his 48th year.
He was married in New Haven, by the Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard, on May 4, 1806, to Hannah, daughter of Edmund French, a sea-captain of New Haven, who was born in Yarmouth, England, and his wife, Hannah.

She died in New Haven, very suddenly, on March 17, 1807, in her 20th year; and he was next married on December 23, 1810, by Dr. Hubbard, to Mary, the eldest child of Dr. Thomas R. and Rebecca (Tomlinson) Pynchon, of Guilford, who died on November 9, 1869, in her 86th year.

His children, by his second wife, were two daughters, besides a son who died in infancy.

His early death was regarded as a severe public loss; and the monument erected in his memory mourns with justice that "a superior and cultivated intellect, eminent professional attainments, distinguished public and private usefulness, the affectionate devotion of friends, the confidence and favor of the community won by unyielding integrity, and by the exercise of the Christian virtues, could not save this lamented man from the grave."

From childhood he was a devout, but not a bigoted member of the Episcopal Church, and shortly before his death he incurred the disapproval of some of his stricter fellow-churchmen by acting as chairman of a public meeting held in New Haven for the purpose of forming an auxiliary to the American Bible Society.

He was an affectionate friend of his classmate, Professor Silliman, and also of President Day. A number of his letters are quoted in Professor Silliman's Life; and others to President Day and to Chief Justice David Daggett are preserved in manuscript in the Yale Library.

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David Edmond, son of Robert and Rachel (Hurd) Edmond, was born in Ridgefield, Connecticut, on May 15, 1778. His mother was probably a daughter of John and Silence (Warner) Hurd, of Woodbury, Connecticut, where the father had formerly lived. A half-brother was graduated here in 1777. He did not enter the Class until after the opening of Senior year.

He taught for a year or two after graduation in an Academy in Burlington, New Jersey. Later, he studied law with his half-brother, and in 1801 settled for the practice of his profession in Vergennes, Vermont, where he became one of the leading citizens and left a brilliant reputation for eloquence. He was admitted to the bar of Chittenden County in February, 1802; and received a Master's degree from Middlebury College in 1811.

He was State's Attorney for 1808-1809, 1813-14, and again from 1819 until his death; also a representative from Vergennes in the General Assembly for 1808, 1809, 1813, 1814, and 1821. In 1813 he was a member of the Council of Censors, and in 1814 a delegate in the Constitutional Convention of the State.

He was a prominent member of the First Congregational Church, and appears to have been influential in the call of John Hough (Yale 1802) to the pastorate in 1807. He served as clerk of the Church from 1812 to 1819, and was also clerk of the Ecclesiastical Society, and by tradition was always called upon to read a sermon when a minister was not present.

He was mayor of the city at the time of Monroe's tour in 1817, and the felicitous speech with which he welcomed the President is still remembered. He was a natural orator, with striking qualifications as an advocate and jury lawyer.

He died in Vergennes on March 27, 1824, in his 46th year.

He first married Sarah Booth, who died soon after bearing two children, both of whom died in infancy. He was
next married in New Haven, Connecticut, on October 22, 1804, to Harriet Lavergne, daughter of Captain Jean and Mary (Whiting) DuCasse, she being then of New Haven. Her father came to America with Lafayette, and died in her infancy. She died on June 26, 1839, at the age of 59. Eight of her children survived their father.

THADDEUS FAIRBANKS, the youngest son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Fairbanks, of Sherborn, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, and grandson of Captain Eleazer and Martha (Bullard) Fairbanks, of Sherborn, was born on March 13, 1773. His mother was the eldest daughter of Henry and Rachel (Leland) Death, or Dearth, of Sherborn. One of his nephews was the well-known inventor of the platform-scale.

In 1873 the family removed to Brimfield, in Hampden County, where the father became a deacon in the Congregational Church. The son entered Yale at the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he pursued the study of theology with the Rev. Dr. David Parsons, of Amherst; and from 1798 to 1800 served as English preceptor in the Leicester Academy. He was "a popular and successful teacher, though of somewhat gay and fashionable manners."

He was licensed to preach by the Brookfield Association of Ministers on September 24, 1800, and preached for a few years (as in Canterbury, Connecticut), but without settlement.

Later, he studied medicine, and practiced that profession for some time in what is now Southbridge, and in Brimfield. His latest residence was in Monson, adjoining Brimfield, where he died on December 21, 1815, in his 43d year.
He married Pamela, eldest child of Abel and Bathsheba (Thompson) Burt, of Brimfield, born on October 1, 1780, by whom he had two daughters and one son; Artemas W. Gates-Fairbanks, a grandson, was graduated at Yale in 1863.

After Mr. Fairbanks's death, his widow, while living in the adjoining town of Monson, married in May, 1820, James Johnson, of Sturbridge.

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Bancroft Fowler, the eldest son and second child of Stephen and Rhoda (Welles) Fowler, and grandson of Stephen and Rhoda (Bancroft) Fowler, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, was born in Pittsfield on September 12, 1775. Royal Fowler (Yale 1806) was a brother, as also Edward Fowler (Williams Coll. 1804).

He united with the College Church on profession of his faith at the last communion before graduation; and in 1797 transferred his connection to the First Church in Pittsfield.

He studied law for two and a half years in Northampton; and was then invited to a tutorship in Williams College, which he held for the Academical year 1799-1800. He then began the study of theology with the Rev. Dr. Nathanael Emmons (Yale 1767), of Franklin, Massachusetts; but at the close of the year 1800 he was recalled to Yale, where he occupied the tutorial office until Commencement, 1804.

On June 1, 1802, he was licensed to preach by the Hartford North Association of Ministers.

During the summer vacations after his licensure he preached extensively; and among other places was heard
in Windsor, Vermont. After retiring from the tutorial office, he was invited to revisit Windsor; and after a sufficient experience of his gifts he was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in that town on May 22, 1805. The sermon on that occasion was preached by the Rev. Dr. Asa Burton (Dartmouth Coll. 1777), of Thetford, Vermont.

He was dismissed from this pastorate in 1819, to accept a call to the Professorship of Sacred Literature in the Theological Seminary in Bangor, Maine, where he remained for only six years.

He then resided for three years in Pittsfield, and in 1828 took charge of the Female Seminary in West Brookfield, Massachusetts. He left West Brookfield to accept a call to Northfield, Franklin County, Massachusetts, where he was installed as pastor of the Second Congregational Church on April 21, 1831. The sermon at his installment was preached by the Rev. Dr. Thomas Snell (Dartmouth Coll. 1795), of North Brookfield.

After a minisry of five years he was dismissed from Northfield on July 20, 1836.

He then took charge of Goodale Academy in the adjoining town of Bernardston, and was installed as pastor of the Congregational Church in that town on the 21st of the following December,—the sermon being preached by the Rev. Roger C. Hatch (Yale 1815), of Warwick, in the same county. The academy had been founded (in 1833) with the intention that the pastor of the church should act as preceptor; but the arrangement proved unsatisfactory.

On December 31, 1838, he was dismissed from this charge, and on the 20th of the following November he was settled as pastor of the feeble First Congregational Church in Greenfield, a small town in Southern New Hampshire. The sermon at his installation was preached by the Rev. Dr. Isaac Robinson, of Stoddard, New Hampshire. His influence there was beneficial in composing serious dissensions in the community.
He was dismissed from this field on April 22, 1845, and retired to Stockbridge, Massachusetts, where his closing days were spent, and where he died on April 5, 1856, in his 81st year.

He married about 1807 Lucretia, daughter of General Zebina and Martha (Wait) Curtis, of Windsor, who died in Bernardston, on October 12, 1837, aged 49 years. He married secondly, on October 19, 1843, Lucy, daughter of Colonel Jotham and Mary (Taylor) Bush, of Boylston, Massachusetts, and widow of Augustine Holcomb, of Sterling, Massachusetts, a nephew and adopted son of the Rev. Reuben Holcomb (Yale 1774), who died in May, 1837. Mrs. Fowler died in Stockbridge on October 3, 1854, in her 61st year.

By his first marriage he had four sons and three daughters.

His only publications, so far as known, were the following:

1. An Oration on the death of Mr. Ebenezer Grant Marsh, Senior Tutor...in Yale College...; pronounced in the College Chapel on the 10th of January, 1804. Hartford, 1804. 8°, pp. 13.


2. A Discourse delivered at Windsor, Vt., on the fourth of July, 1811. Windsor, 1811.

He was one of the editors of The Adviser; or Vermont Evangelical Magazine, a monthly periodical published in Middlebury, 1809-16.

He printed in the Adviser, volume 2, pp. 313–20, October, 1810, an article entitled, Revivals of Religion in Windsor, relating particularly to the religious interest in February to May, 1810.

Mr. Fowler had a decidedly superior mind and a fine classical taste, excelling in belles lettres. He was a devout Christian, and his sermons were well written, but his manners in the pulpit were not easy, and therefore as a preacher he was undervalued.
Edward Herrick, the second son and child of Micaiah and Martha Herrick, of Southampton, Long Island, and grandson of James and Abigail Herrick, of Southampton, was born on January 28, 1773. His father died in his early childhood. He united with the College Church by letter from the Southampton Church at the opening of his Sophomore year, when he entered Yale. Claudius Herrick (Yale 1798) was his second cousin.

He was present, on July 21 of his Senior year, at the presentation of his Class for degrees, and then went home for the usual vacation; but died there of a nervous, putrid fever, on August 31, in his 24th year. His name was subsequently enrolled with his Class.

He was eminent for scholarship, and was expecting to enter the ministry; and Dr. Lyman Beecher, a member of the succeeding Class, used to relate an instance of his outspoken Christian influence in his own conversion.

An appreciative sketch of his life, and especially of his religious character, was contributed to the Adviser; or Vermont Evangelical Magazine, volume 5, pp. 161-67, June, 1813, and reprinted in the Panoplist. From internal evidence it was written by his classmate and roommate Davis; and it was perhaps based on the Oration delivered by him in the College Chapel in memory of his friend, on the morning after Commencement, 1796.

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JOHN HOOKER, eldest surviving son of Colonel Noadiah and Rebecca Hooker, of Farmington, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Joseph and Sarah (Lewis) Hooker, was born in Farmington on June 21, 1774. His mother was Rebecca, daughter of Major Josiah and Mabel (Belden) Griswold, of Wethersfield. A brother was graduated here in 1805.

After graduation he taught in Stratford, Connecticut, for a year, and then studied law and in 1802 was admitted to the bar, and began practice in Farmington.

In 1803 he went to Columbia, South Carolina, as tutor in the family of General Wade Hampton; and after a year or two, having been admitted to the bar, entered into practice there, in partnership with John Henry Egan.

In about four years he removed to Yorkville, about seventy miles to the northwards, where he remained for three years. He then, through the influence of General Hampton and other friends, returned to Columbia, where he practiced his profession successfully until his early death, on July 28, 1815, at the age of 41.

He married, on October 8, 1808, Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Gershom and Mary Chapman, of Columbia, by whom he had no children.

She next married, in 1818, Dr. George W. Glenn (South Carolina Coll. 1806), of Newberry District, South Carolina, and died on December 15, 1872, in her 84th year.

From the inscription on his tomb, composed by Chancellor DeSaussure, may be quoted:—

Possessed of an acute, logical mind, and a sound judgment, guided by the purest integrity, he became a very prominent member of the bar of South Carolina. The public respected him for his virtues; the Court esteemed him for his talents and learning; his brethren loved him for his amenity and kindness. In private life, his unassuming deportment, his active benevolence, and the purity of his affections, endeared him to a large circle of friends.

He was elected a trustee of the South Carolina College in 1813.
RUGGLES HUBBARD, a son of Levi and Anna (Gold) Hubbard, of Guilford and New Haven, and a brother of William G. Hubbard (Yale 1785) and Henry Hubbard (Yale 1792), was baptized by the Rev. Bela Hubbard, in Guilford, on January 24, 1779.

He became a lawyer and settled in Troy, New York. He was an ardent and unscrupulous partisan of Jefferson, and received from him a commission as Postmaster of Troy, which he held until about 1812. For seven years from March, 1806, he also served as County Clerk of Rensselaer County.

He was a member of the State Senate during four sessions, from January, 1812, to April, 1815, and held a commission as Captain of a brigade of artillery in the war with Great Britain.

In 1815 he secured an appointment as one of the Sheriffs of New York City, and held that office until his death, in (November?) 1817, at the age of 39 years. Letters of administration were taken out by his widow, Catharine Hubbard, on December 2.

He married in October, 1811, Catharine, daughter of the Hon. Thomas and Elizabeth (Graham) Storm, of New York City.

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His life was spent in that part of his native town which is now Seymour, where he maintained a distinguished position of dignity and usefulness. He served as Deputy to the General Assembly of the State in seven years between 1815 and his death, being too ill to take his seat after the election preceding that event. He was also an associate Judge of the New Haven County Court for the last six years of his life.

He had an interest in the mills operated by his uncle, General Humphreys.

He died in Seymour on June 29, 1826, in his 53d year.

He married, in 1803, Sarah (or Sally), eldest child of Sheldon and Lois (Nichols) Curtiss, of Derby, and sister of Sheldon C. Curtiss (Yale 1807), by whom he had two sons and two daughters, all of whom survived him. Mrs. Humphreys died at the home of her elder daughter, in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 10, 1861, in her 79th year.

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On May 3, 1814, he was appointed Postmaster of New Haven, and he continued to hold that responsible office until removed by President Tyler, in January, 1842, after a longer term of service than any other Postmaster in New Haven.

He also served the city as alderman in 1822, 1824-27, and 1830; and as a member of the Common Council in 1823 and 1828.

He was the first lessee of the Tontine Hotel, about 1825, and also landlord of the Pavilion Hotel while that was a famous resort, especially for southerners.

His wife died in New Haven, on November 1, 1857, in her 70th year; and about a year later he removed to Hartford to live with his second daughter, the wife of Thomas G. Talcott (Yale 1838).

He died in Hartford on November 27, 1861, at the age of 83, and was buried in New Haven.

Mr. Jones was highly respected, and a prominent member of the Episcopal Church. He was very courteous in his manners, and retained his vigor and cheerfulness to the last.

AUTHORITIES.

_Atwater_, Hist. of the City of New Haven, 378.

_SALMON KING_, the third of four children of Colonel Gideon and Charity King, of Bolton, Connecticut, and grandson of Jonathan and Mary (French) King, of Northampton, Massachusetts, was born in that part of Bolton which is now Vernon on October 4, 1771. His mother was a daughter of Ephraim and Jane (Haskins) Tucker, of Bolton.

He read theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769) of Somers, Connecticut, and was licensed to preach by the Tolland Association of Ministers on April 10, 1798.
In the following winter he supplied for some time the Congregational Church in Gilead Society in Hebron, in the vicinity of his birthplace, and in March, 1799, he received a call to settle there, which he thought it best to decline.

On September 25, 1800, he was called to, and on November 5, 1800, he was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Orford Society of East Hartford, Connecticut, which is the present township of Manchester. The ordination sermon was preached by Dr. Backus. The church then consisted of only twenty-eight members, but shortly afterwards over forty were added to that number as the result of a revival of religion. After a bitter controversy he was dismissed from this charge on October 25, 1808, but continued to reside in Manchester. He spent the ensuing winter in Vermont, laboring under the direction of the Connecticut Missionary Society.

On July 11, 1810, he was installed as pastor of the Congregational Church in Greensboro, Orleans County, Vermont,—the sermon on that occasion being preached by the Rev. Leonard Worcester.

He was obliged to take a discharge on January 25, 1814, for want of competent support.

He then went to Warren, a sparsely settled community in northwestern Pennsylvania, where he gathered a church of eight members in connection with the Presbyterian body, with which his ministry was continued for twenty-five years, until his death there, on April 15, 1839, aged 67½ years.

He first married, on February 18, 1801, Mary Adams, eldest daughter of Samuel Isham, of Marlborough, Connecticut, who died in East Hartford, after ten days' illness, from a fever after child-birth, on January 1, 1807, in her 31st year, leaving two children.

He next married, on November 19, 1807, Mary (or Polly), the youngest child of John and Abigail (Butler)
Ames, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, who died in Warren, on September 15, 1821, in her 42d year.

His third wife, Mrs. Eunice Talmadge, of Albany, New York, survived him for six years.

He had two sons and five daughters, all of whom lived to mature years.

Mr. King is described as a plain, primitive man, somewhat eccentric, but distinguished for piety and worth, and particularly remarkable for his prompt performance of every duty.

He published:

1. Two Sermons, preached to the church and people of Orford, a Society of East-Hartford.—One Sermon [from I Cor. ii, 2] preached the Sabbath after his Ordination, and the other [from II Cor. xiii, 11] the Sabbath after his Dismission. Together with the Proceedings of the Council, with an Appendix, containing the Memoirs of Mrs. King, late Consort of the Rev. Salmon King, written by another hand. Hartford, 1810. 8vo, pp. 76. [Y. C.]

2. A Sermon at the Funeral of Mrs. Hannah Parker, wife of Ralph Parker, of Glover, Vermont.

AUTHORITIES.


JOHN HART LYNDE, the second son of William Lynde (Yale 1760), of Saybrook, Connecticut, and Rebecca (Hart) Lynde, was baptized (by the name of Hart) in Saybrook on April 19, 1778. His father died in 1787, and in 1790 his mother married Timothy Jones (Yale 1757), of New Haven, which then became his home.

He was the Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School for one year after graduation, and then studied law in New Haven and began practice here in the year 1800. In 1801
he was appointed Clerk of the Probate Court, and in 1805 Clerk of the County and Superior Courts, which offices he filled to the satisfaction of the bar until his early death, in New Haven, from typhus fever, after an illness of about three weeks, on December 17, 1817, in his 40th year.

He built in 1806 for his residence and office the house on the southwestern corner of Temple and Wall streets, now the parsonage of the Center Church. He was an active Federalist in politics, and an ardent Freemason. He was noted for physical beauty, and had a most generous and amiable disposition.

He married in New Haven, in November, 1800, Elizabeth (or Betsey) Deall, daughter of John and Jane (Deall) Nicoll, of New Haven, by whom he had one son and four daughters; William A. Reynolds (Yale Coll. 1852) and H. Lynde Harrison (Yale Law School 1860) were grandsons.

Mrs. Lynde next married, on January 3, 1819, Abraham Bishop (Yale 1778), and died in New Haven on October 10, 1863, in her 83d year.

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THOMAS MINER was born in Westfield Parish in Middletown, Connecticut, on October 15, 1777, being the eldest child of the Rev. Thomas Miner (Yale 1769), a country clergyman with a small salary. His early training was principally gained at home, though for about two years he attended an excellent common school kept by Joseph Washburn (Yale 1793). His classical studies began under his father, and were continued (in the spring of 1792) under the Rev. Dr. Cyprian Strong (Yale 1763), of the adjoining town of Chatham.
Within a month after graduation he went to Goshen, in Orange County, New York, to take charge of an Academy. After remaining in that county for three years, during which his constitution was much impaired by two periods of intermittent fever, he returned home in December, 1799.

In the course of the next year he entered as a law student in the office of Judge Stephen T. Hosmer (Yale 1782), in Middletown; but within a few weeks he had a serious attack of rheumatism, which disabled him during 1801. In the autumn of that year, however, he took charge of an Academy in Berlin, Connecticut, which he retained with signal success for about two years, till again interrupted by loss of health; two of his pupils of whom he was especially proud were Mrs. Emma Willard and Professor Ethan A. Andrews.

He was fond of teaching, but was forced to abandon it by conditions of health; and in 1804 he began the study of medicine with Dr. John Osborn, of Middletown, and continued reading under his direction for about two years and a half. The winter of 1806 and 1807 he spent with Dr. Smith Clark (Yale 1786) of Haddam, visiting his patients with him and observing his practice.

He then began practice in his native parish; but in August, 1808, after invitations from several gentlemen in Lyme, Connecticut, he settled in that town. While there he married, on May 8, 1810, Phebe, second daughter of Samuel and Lois (Griswold) Mather, of Lyme, who died on the 5th of the following February, in her 39th year; her infant child died also.

In May, 1814, he returned to Middletown, and was occupied with professional business beyond his strength, until January, 1819, when he was seized with an affection of the lungs and heart, which suddenly ended his active career, and left him a confirmed valetudinarian at the age of forty-one. For several years he practiced somewhat in consultation; but he occupied himself mainly with reading and composition.
In the winter of 1840-41 he suffered extremely from the trouble with his heart, and early in March he went to Worcester, Massachusetts, to take the advice of his valued friend, Dr. Samuel B. Woodward, and if no relief could be had, to die there. Dropsical symptoms soon developed, pneumonia set in, and death followed on April 23, in his 64th year. An account of his last illness and of a post-mortem examination is given in the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal* for 1841.

By his will his library and manuscripts were given to his friend Dr. William Tully (Yale 1806). His landed property was bequeathed to the religious society of which his father had been pastor.

Dr. Miner was one of the most learned physicians of his time in New England,—not only in professional attainments, but in foreign languages (French, German, Italian, and Spanish), theology and philosophy. In his life he exemplified the Christian character. On the recommendation of the Connecticut Medical Society, the honorary degree of M.D. was conferred on him by Yale in 1819.

For twenty years he was one of the Examiners of the Yale Medical School. He was one of the most active of the founders of the Retreat for the Insane at Hartford, in 1822.

In 1832 he was elected Vice-President of the Medical Society of Connecticut, and after holding that office for two years he was promoted to the Presidency, which he held until his declinature to be again a candidate, in 1837.

A portrait of Dr. Miner, which was painted about 1835, is owned by Yale College.

He published:

1. Essays on Fevers, and other medical subjects. Middletown, 1823. 8°, pp. 484.
   [B. Publ. C. H. S. Library Surgeon-General's Office. Y. C.]

By Dr. Miner and Dr. William Tully, jointly; Part I, by Dr. Miner, occupies 287 pages. His Essays are devoted to an exposition and vindication of a method of treatment, original with
himself, by slow and moderate purging with calomel. While acknowledged to be most valuable and interesting, they were the occasion of sharp controversy. Some of these essays were believed to have been furnished by Dr. Tully.


This also is the joint production of Drs. Miner and Tully. The article in the North-American Review was written by Gamaliel Bradford.

3. Typhus syncopalis, sinking typhus, or the spotted-fever of New-England, as it appeared in the epidemic of 1823, in Middletown, Connecticut. Middletown, 1825. 8°, pp. 32.

[B. Publ. C. H. S. Library Surg.-General's Office. Y. C.


5. The Annual Address to the Candidates for Degrees and Licenses, in the Medical Institution of Yale College, February 26, 1839. New Haven, 1838. 8°, pp. 20.

[B. Publ. C. H. S. Library Surg.-General's Office. Y. C.

He published many fugitive medical essays, mostly without his name, in various periodicals,—mainly in the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal and the United States Medical and Surgical Journal; and he translated many articles from the French for the American Medical Recorder, and a few from French and German for the American Journal of Science.

In the Quarterly Christian Spectator, vol. 2 (March, 1830), pp. 70-85, he published the following:—

Review on the Varioloid and Small Pox; and on the moral effects of prevalent Malignant Diseases.

In the *American Quarterly Register*, volume 11 (February, 1839), pp. 279-84, he published:

History of the Connecticut Medical Society.

**AUTHORITIES.**


Joseph Parker came to College from Hebron, Connecticut, but he does not seem to have been a native of that town.

Upon graduation he went to Stockbridge, Massachusetts, probably as a teacher, but left Stockbridge for Canada in the following February.

He finally went South, and is said to have died in Charleston, South Carolina, in the year 1810.

**AUTHORITIES.**

*T. Robbins, Diary*, i, 20, 29.

William Prince, the eldest child of William and Mary Prince, of Montville, then a parish of New London, Connecticut, and grandson of William and Mary (Holland) Prince, of Montville, was born on May 6, 1776. His mother was the eldest sister of James Hillhouse (Yale 1773) and William Hillhouse (Yale 1777). He at first entered College with the Class of 1795, but left at the end of the second term.

Not long after his graduation his father's family removed to Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia, about fifty miles northwest of Augusta.

He was occupied, for a time after graduation, as a school-teacher in Weston, Connecticut; and subsequently,
in a similar way in Washington, Georgia, where he died in 1817, at the age of 41 years. He was never married.

AUTHORITIES.
Walworth, Hyde Genealogy, ii, 936.

LEVI ROBBINS, the third in a family of ten children of Captain Wait and Hannah Robbins, of Rocky Hill, then a parish in Wethersfield, Connecticut, and grandson of 'Squire John and Martha (Williams) Robbins, of Rocky Hill, was born on March 1, 1775. His mother was a sister of the Rev. Robert Robbins (Yale 1760), and a second cousin of her husband's father. A younger brother was graduated here in 1810.

He was absent from College in the latter part of the course, and was not enrolled with the Class until 1846.

After leaving Yale he is said to have studied law, but never practiced. On account of a failure of health he became a farmer in his native parish. He was a man of few words and retiring disposition, but highly respected for his strict integrity and moral worth. He was for many years clerk of the School Board, and treasurer of the Ecclesiastical Society.

He enjoyed good health until extreme old age, and died in Rocky Hill on February 15, 1866, aged nearly 91 years.

His wife, Amelia, whom he married in 1801, died in Rocky Hill on February 17, 1863, in her 89th year. They had two children, one of whom (a daughter) survived them.

AUTHORITIES.
Stiles, Hist. of Wethersfield, ii, tions, 259, 261.
Tillotson, Wethersfield Inscrip-

THOMAS ROBBINS, the ninth child and second surviving son of the Rev. Ammi R. Robbins (Yale 1760), of Norfolk, Connecticut, was born in Norfolk on August 11, 1777, and
was baptized on December 21 by his father, who also in due time prepared him for College.

While he was an undergraduate, Williams College was organized; and his father, having been made a trustee, and desiring to show his practical interest in the new institution, made an arrangement by which his son spent his Senior year in Williamstown and received the Bachelor's degree in course from both Yale and Williams in September, 1796.

During the following winter he taught in Sheffield, Massachusetts,—at the same time beginning the study of theology with the pastor, the Rev. Ephraim Judson (Yale 1763). In the summer and autumn of 1797 he continued his theological studies with the Rev. Dr. Stephen West (Yale 1755), of Stockbridge. In the following winter he taught in Torringford, Connecticut, studying there also with the pastor, the Rev. Samuel J. Mills (Yale 1764).

After three months' further study with Dr. West, he was licensed to preach, on September 25, 1798, by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers.

He preached for four months (December, 1798–April, 1799) in Marlborough, Connecticut; and then (June–August) made a long horseback journey through the new towns of Vermont, preaching as he went.

Through the year 1800 he taught an academy in Danbury, Connecticut, at the same time supplying pulpits in the neighborhood. After an interval of miscellaneous preaching he then took another long missionary journey (September, 1801–August, 1802), mainly through the new settlements in New York.

In January, 1803, he declined a call to settle in the ministry in Becket, Massachusetts.

In May, 1803, the trustees of the Missionary Society of Connecticut appointed him as a missionary to the new settlements on the Western Reserve in Ohio; and he was ordained for this work at Norfolk by the North Consociation of Litchfield County on June 20. The sermon
preached on this occasion by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Strong (Yale 1769) was afterwards published.

In August he declined a call to settle in Haddam, Connecticut, and the same month he left home for Ohio, where he spent two and a half years in active, self-denying service. He returned to his father's house in July, 1806, seriously broken in health by exposure and hardship, so that it was some time before he was fit to resume regular ministerial labor. In November, 1807, he declined a call to the Congregational Church in Winchester.

In May, 1808, he declined a call to settle in Simsbury, and during the next month he began to preach statedly in the South parish of East Windsor, now South Windsor, where he was formally installed on May 3, 1809,—the sermon being preached by his father.

In August, 1827, on account of the reduced condition of the Society he considered it his duty to ask a dismission, which was formally granted by a council on September 27.

For over two years he preached in various localities in Connecticut, without settling; until late in December, 1829, when he began to supply the Congregational Church in Stratford, to the pastorate of which he was called in January, 1830. He was installed there on February 3, the sermon being preached by one of his younger brothers, Francis LeB. Robbins (Williams Coll. 1808). The congregation proved to be not wholly united, and when Mr. Robbins found that some opposition to himself had developed, he requested a dismission, which was voted by the Fairfield East Consociation on September 15, 1831.

He went immediately to visit his uncle, the Rev. Lazarus LeBaron (Yale 1768), pastor of the Congregational Church in Mattapoissett parish, in Rochester, Plymouth County, Massachusetts; and on account of Mr. LeBaron's age and infirmities, he was invited to supply the pulpit. He assented to the request, and was installed as colleague pastor, on October 17, 1832. His uncle died in 1836, in his 90th year; and Mr. Robbins continued as sole pastor.
As early as his settlement at East Windsor he had begun to accumulate rare books and pamphlets, especially in the field of New England history; and this collection was now known to be so valuable that its future destination was an object of great interest.

It was doubtless with reference to this library that Harvard University conferred on the humble village pastor the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1838. But Dr. Robbins's personal interests were bound up with his native State; and the encouragement of near relatives led finally, in June, 1844, to the suggestion of an arrangement by which the coveted library should be placed in the rooms of the Connecticut Historical Society, in Hartford, and its collector fill the office of Librarian of the Society, at an annual salary of three hundred dollars. Accordingly Dr. Robbins was dismissed from his pastorate on August 6, at the age of 67; and before the end of September was installed in his new office, with his familiar books about him. In June, 1846, the library was absolutely transferred to the Society, and an annuity for life, of six hundred dollars, settled on Dr. Robbins.

He fulfilled his new duties with satisfaction for ten years, but early in 1854 the infirmities of age began to press him so severely that he was obliged to retire. The next two years were spent among his kindred in his native county. He died, at the house of a daughter of his oldest brother, in Colebrook, on September 13, 1856, having recently entered his eightieth year. By his will about four thousand dollars of his estate was left to the Historical Society for the care and increase of his collection.

He was never married.

Besides his activity and usefulness as a minister, Dr. Robbins was deeply interested in the education of children, and labored much to this end in the various communities of his residence. He was one of the original members of the State Board of Education of Massachusetts, at its organization in 1837, and continued in that office until his removal.
from the State. He was a member of the Corporation of Williams College from 1842 to 1853. During his later years he was much interested in supplying the dates of decease of graduates for the Yale Triennial Catalogue. He declined an election to the Corporation of Washington, now Trinity College, in 1826.

He was rather below the middle height, but of dignified carriage and of punctilious neatness in dress. He retained to the last the use of knee-breeches and top-boots. The Historical Society owns two portraits of him,—one painted by Reuben Moulthrop in 1801, and one (often reproduced) painted by Jared B. Flagg in 1845.

A memorial sketch of Dr. Robbins, by the Rev. Dr. Increase N. Tarbox, appeared in the third volume of the *Memorial Biographies* of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, and was also published separately (1884, pp. 23).

An address delivered before the Historical Society in 1906, in commemoration of the semi-centennial anniversary of his death, by the Rev. Dr. W. DeLoss Love, was afterwards published.

He published:

1. An Oration, occasioned by the death of General George Washington, delivered at Danbury, on a day appointed to commemorate that melancholy event, January ii, 1800. To which is added a Sketch of his Life. Danbury, 1800. 8°, pp. 16.

   [C. H. S. N. Y. Publ. Libr.]

   In several editions.

2. A Century Sermon [from Gen. i, 14], delivered at Danbury January I. A. D. 1801. In which is exhibited a brief View of the most remarkable Events of the eighteenth century; with a Sketch of the History of the Town of Danbury. Danbury. 8°, pp. 24.

   [B. Publ. Y. C.]


   The same. 3d edition, with an Appendix. Danbury, 1846. 8°, pp. 32.


Samuel P. Robbins was an intimate first cousin of the author.

4. A Sermon [from II Chron. xv, 1, 2], preached at East-Windsor, at the National Fast... January 12, 1815. Middletown, 1815. 8°, pp. 21.


The above was re-issued at Hartford in 1843, with new title page, as follows:—

The same. Together with the causes which led the Puritans to separate from the Church of England. Containing also, Biographical Sketches of several of the most eminent of the New England Fathers. Hartford, 1843. 12°, pp. 300. [A. C. A.

These sketches originally appeared in twenty numbers of the Connecticut Evangelical Magazine, 2d series, vols. 4-6, 1811-1813.


7. A Sermon [from Matthew vi, 10], preached at Orford, at the funeral of Mrs. Esther Hills Cook, wife of the Rev. Elisha B. Cook...; who died Dec. 25, 1816... Hartford, 1817. 8°, pp. 19.


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Mr. Clark had formerly been a ministerial neighbor of the author. The sermon occupies pp. 1-26 of the pamphlet.


In this Address the formation of a State Historical Society, to be located in Hartford, is suggested.


Anonymous.

The same, with title:—A View of all Religions; and the Religious Ceremonies of all nations at the present day. In four parts... Including an abridgement of "The Idolatry of the Hindoos... By William Ward"...—Compiled and Selected from the best Authorities, by Thomas Robbins.—Second Edition. Hartford, 1824. 12°, pp. 248, 191 + 15 pl. [B. Publ. Harv. U. S. Y. C.


14. The design and tendency of Christianity to diminish the miseries and increase the happiness of mankind.—An Address delivered at the Retreat for the Insane, in Hartford, at the Dedication of that Institution... April 1, 1824. Hartford, 1824. 8°, pp. 16. [A. C. A. B. Publ. Br. Mus. U. T. S. Y. C.

15. A Sermon [from I Cor. i, 18], preached at Manchester, at the Installation of the Reverend Enoch Burt, July 1, 1824.—To which is added an Appendix; containing the Minutes of the Gen-
eral Consociation, holden at Guilford, November 1741, by order of the General Assembly, supposed to have been lost. Hartford, 1825. 8°, pp. 22. [Br. Mus. C. H. S.]

The most of this Sermon was also delivered at Windsor at the ordination of Leonard Bacon and Erastus Maltby as Evangelists, on September 24, 1824.


Largely historical.

Among other works which he edited, the following should be mentioned:

Elements of General History, ancient and modern...—By Alex. Fraser Tytler.—The History continued from the close of the Seventh Century to the General Peace of Europe in 1815.—By Thomas Robbins. New-York, 1819. 12°, pp. 448 + map.

Magnalia Christi Americana; or, the Ecclesiastical History of New-England... By Cotton Mather. Hartford, 1820. 2 vols. 8°. Republished, with the editor's name, in 1853.

After his death the following appeared:


This minute record is of the utmost service as a portrayal of the author's outer and inner history, and is enriched by copious annotations of variable value.
Dr. Robbins contributed in 1847-52 several interesting articles, which were printed in 1857 in Dr. Sprague's *Annals of the American Pulpit*—volume 1, pp. 367-70, on Philemon and Ammi Ruhamah Robbins; pp. 408-11, on Dr. Bellamy; pp. 468-69, on Nathanael Taylor; p. 503, on Cotton Mather Smith; pp. 574-75, on Dr. Chandler Robbins; volume 2, p. 9, on Dr. David McClure; pp. 37-38, on Dr. Nathan Strong.

He also contributed a valuable *Historical Sketch of Election Sermons* to the Rev. Chauncey Lee's *Election Sermon*, Hartford, 1813, pp. 53-56.

**AUTHORITIES.**


ISAAC SEELYE was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, in 1780, but did not enter College until the Senior year.

In 1797 he emigrated to Cherry Valley, Otsego County, New York, and is said to have been for a time the Principal of the Academy there.

He studied law, and after his admission to the bar in February, 1807, remained in Cherry Valley, and became one of the leading lawyers in Central New York. In legal knowledge he was the superior of any of his comppeers. He early amassed a handsome fortune from his extensive practice, and during his later years confined himself mainly to office business.

He died in Cherry Valley on March 15, 1833, in his 54th year.

In 1804 he was married in Suffield, Connecticut, by the Rev. Ebenezer Gay, to Julia Leonard, of Feeding Hills parish, in West Springfield, Massachusetts; by whom he had a son who died in early life, and two daughters who left descendants.

Mrs. Seelye made her home after her husband's death with her younger daughter in Cherry Valley, but died while
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on a visit to her elder daughter, in Penn Yan, New York, on September 20, 1850.

AUTHORITIES.
Mrs. Wm. S. Little, MS. letters, Valley, 59, 84, 93-94, 110, 140, 145. Oct., 1908. Sawyer, Hist. of Cherry

Benjamin Silliman, the youngest child of General Gold Selleck Silliman (Yale 1752) and Mary (Fish, Noyes) Silliman, was born in North Stratford, now Trumbull, Connecticut, on the 8th of August, 1779. At that date his father was a prisoner in the hands of the British forces, and his mother with her little children had retreated from the family home in Fairfield to a temporary asylum, seven miles inland. His father died when he was eleven years old, and he was prepared for College under the tuition of his pastor, the Rev. Andrew Eliot (Harvard 1762). He entered Yale with his elder brother in 1792, and was the youngest member of his Class save one.

For more than a year after graduation, he was needed on the paternal farm, which had been allowed to run down. He then taught a private Grammar School in Wethersfield, for part of the year 1798, but in October he was again in New Haven in the law office of Simeon Baldwin (Yale 1781). At Commencement in 1799 he delivered a Poem on Columbia.

He then entered on a College tutorship, but continued his law studies (in the office of the Hon. Charles Chauncey), and was admitted to the bar in March, 1802.

In the meantime, in July, 1801, while he was considering a proposal to establish himself in Georgia, he was approached by President Dwight with the suggestion of an appointment to a Professorship likely to be soon created. The suggestion was favorably received, and on the expiration of his tutorship, in September, 1802, he was elected Professor of Chemistry and Natural History; and although he was then without pretensions to a knowledge
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of the subjects which he was expected to teach, the result showed that Dr. Dwight was justified in his action.

Professor Silliman spent the next two winters in Philadelphia, where he attended lectures by Dr. James Woodhouse, Dr. Benjamin S. Barton, and others, and lived on terms of special intimacy with Robert Hare, the inventor of the compound blowpipe.

His first lectures as Professor were addressed to the Senior Class in April, 1804; and in April, 1805, he sailed for Europe, to purchase books and apparatus for the College and incidentally to improve himself in his department. He was successful in both objects, and at his return, in May, 1806, he applied himself with new vigor to his duties.

In May, 1808, he began his first course of popular lectures on chemistry to a mixed audience,—an experiment which his ready and impressive elocution and his attractive presence made very successful, and which led to a long series of similar labors.

On September 17, 1809, he was married, in Lebanon, Connecticut, by the Rev. Zebulon Ely (Yale 1779), to Harriet, second daughter of the late Governor Jonathan Trumbull, the younger (Harvard 1759), and Eunice (Backus) Trumbull; and the next month they settled in his home for the rest of his life, the first house built on Hillhouse Avenue.

In 1813, with the opening of the Medical School, he assumed new duties as Professor of Chemistry and Pharmacy in that Department; and in 1818 a still larger responsibility was undertaken in the establishment, at great pecuniary risk, of a quarterly magazine, The American Journal of Science and Arts, which constitutes his strongest claim to the gratitude of scientific men in this country.

In 1825 he performed a great service for the College in securing a public subscription of twenty thousand dollars for the purchase of the Gibbs Cabinet of minerals. In a similar spirit at a later period his exertions procured for the College the historical paintings of Colonel John Trum-
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bull (an uncle of Mrs. Silliman) and the gallery in which they were long deposited.

In 1834 he entered on a new field of employment, the delivery outside of New Haven of courses of popular lectures on geology and chemistry, which proved to be of great public interest, and occupied much of his time for the next eleven years.

His wife died in New Haven, of consumption, after a long and distressing illness, on January 18, 1850, in her 67th year.

Professor Silliman had already, in August, 1849, expressed to the Corporation his desire to resign his professorship a year later, on account of age; but in April, 1850, he acceded to a request to withdraw his resignation for the present.

He made a second visit to Europe, from March to September, 1851, and was the recipient of many gratifying attentions from leading scientific men.

After his return, he was married, in Woodstock, Connecticut, on September 17, 1851, to Sarah Isabella, third daughter of John McClellan (Yale 1785), of Woodstock, and widow of Isaac Webb (Yale 1822), who died in 1842. Her mother was a first cousin of Professor Silliman's first wife.

In September, 1852, he notified the President that he should lay down his office at the next Commencement; and in accordance with this intimation he ceased active work in June, 1853,—remaining, however, as Professor Emeritus in both the Academical and Medical Faculties.

The remaining years were spent in quiet retirement, until his sudden but painless death in New Haven, after a slight illness of about a week, on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1864, in his 86th year.

His widow died in New Haven on April 23, 1875, aged 68 years.

By his first marriage he had five daughters and four sons; of these the eldest, third, and fourth sons and the
third daughter died in infancy. Of the surviving daughters the eldest was the wife of John B. Church (Yale 1829), the second of Professor Oliver P. Hubbard (Yale 1828), the third of Professor James D. Dana (Yale 1833), and the youngest of the Rev. Dr. Edward W. Gilman (Yale 1843); the son was graduated at Yale in 1837, and succeeded his father in the instruction in Chemistry in the Academical Department and in his professorship in the Medical School.

The discourse delivered at Professor Silliman's funeral by President Woolsey was afterwards published; and in 1866 an elaborate Life, prepared chiefly from his own manuscript reminiscences, diaries, and voluminous correspondence, by Professor George P. Fisher, appeared in two volumes.

A portrait of Professor Silliman, painted in middle life by Nathaniel Jocelyn, now hangs in the Yale Medical School; and another portrait painted in 1845 by Matthew R. Wilson, is also in possession of the University. A marble bust executed in 1860 by Chauncey B. Ives is placed in the Library; and a bronze statue, heroic size, modeled in 1884 by Professor John F. Weir, stands in front of the Sloane Physical Laboratory. The memorial addresses on the occasion of the unveiling of this statue were published in 1885. An excellent portrait by Daniel Huntington is in possession of the family.

He was a member of several of the principal scientific Academies or Societies of Europe and America. He was one of the original associates of the National Academy of Sciences (1863), and an Honorary Member of the Smithsonian Institution (1849).

As an instructor in natural science he wielded large influence. His personal character was founded on sterling integrity and a childlike Christian faith, adorned with exquisite courtesy and dignity.

His relationship, through his wife, to Colonel Trumbull, the artist, led to the founding of the Trumbull Gallery of
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paintings at Yale, and so, indirectly, to the instituting of the Yale School of the Fine Arts.

He published:

1. An Oration, delivered at Hartford on the 6th of July, A. D. 1802, before the Society of the Cincinnati, for the State of Connecticut, assembled to celebrate the Anniversary of American Independence. Hartford, 1802. 8°, pp. 34.

   [B. Ath. C. H. S. M. H. S. U. S. Y. C.]

The subject is, "The theories of modern philosophy in religion, government and morals, contrasted with the practical system of New-England." Godwin's Political Justice is the special object of criticism, and the views of the Federalists are strongly supported.


   [B. Ath. N. Y. H. S. U. S. Y. C.]


The same; with considerable additions. 3d edition. New-Haven, 1820. 3 vols. 12°, pp. 311; 309; 312.


This work was primarily a Journal sent to his brother and classmate; and having circulated extensively among the author's friends, was now published at the pecuniary risk of Mr. Daniel Wadsworth, of Hartford, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Silliman. The work was highly successful.

3. A Sketch of the Life and Character of President Dwight, delivered as an Eulogium, in New-Haven, February 12th, 1817, before the academic body, of Yale-College, composed of the Senatus Academicus, Faculty and Students. New-Haven, 1817. 8°, pp. 47.


   [A. A. S. B. Ath. U. S. Y. C.]
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The same. 2d edition, with corrections and additions. New Haven, 1824. 12°, pp. 443 + 10 pl.

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Published as an appendix to the first American edition of Bakewell's Introduction to Geology.


8. Some of the causes of National Anxiety. An Address, delivered in the Centre Church in New-Haven, July 4, 1832. 8°, pp. 27.

[Harv. Y. C.

On the subject of Our domestic slavery.

9. Consistency of the Discoveries of Modern Geology, with the sacred history of the creation and the deluge; being a Supplement to the second American edition of Bakewell's Geology. New Haven, 1833. 8°, pp. 80.

[C. H. S. Y. C.

This was re-published in London in 1837.


[Y. C.

Professor Silliman signs this Report as the Chairman of a Board of five members.

12. [Report.] To the President and Directors of the Richmond [Virginia] Mining Company. 1836. 8°, pp. 16. [Y. C.


15. [Report.] To the President and Directors of the Walton [Virginia] Mining Company. 1836. 8°, pp. 20. [Y. C.]

16. Extracts from a Report made to the Maryland Mining Company... on the Estate of said Company, in the County of Allegany, Maryland. New York, 1838. 8°, pp. 27. [Harv. U. S.]

In connection with his son.


Also, an enlarged edition of the above. London, 1839. 8°, pp. 80.


19. Suggestions relative to the Philosophy of Geology, as deduced from the facts, and to the consistency of both the facts and theory of this science with Sacred History. New Haven, 1839. 8°, pp. 119. [B. Publ. Y. C.]

An appendix to the Third American edition of Bakewell's Geology.


Republished from the American Journal of Science and Arts.

The same. New York, 1842. 8°, pp. 40.


Valuable for its sketch of College history.

22. Report of the cause of the Explosion at the fire in Broad Street, New York, on the 19th July, 1845; in reply to Queries, proposed by a Committee of the Corporation. New York, 1845. 8°, pp. 29. [B. Publ. Y. C.]

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To the American Journal of Science and Arts, with which his name was connected for forty-seven years, and of which he was an active editor for twenty-eight years, he contributed constantly and largely; and many of his articles were also published separately. Of these no attempt has been made to give an enumeration; but a few other occasional publications may be noticed. Such as:—

Sketch of the Mineralogy of the Town of New-Haven (pp. 83–96); and (by Professors Silliman and Kingsley) An Account of the Meteor which burst over Weston in Connecticut, in December 1807...with a chemical analysis of the stones (pp. 141–61): in Memoirs of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, vol. I, New Haven, 1810.

He was also editor of several English text-books, such as:—


and

An Introduction to Geology, by Robert Bakewell. New Haven, 1829, 1833, and 1839.

He contributed three brief sketches to Dr. Sprague’s Annals of the American Pulpit:—volume 1, pp. 363–66, on Joseph Fish; pp. 586–89, on Dr. Benjamin Trumbull; volume 4, pp. 18–21, on Dr. John Mitchell Mason.

A portion of his manuscript diary is owned by the University Library, as well as other autobiographical manuscripts.

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AUTHORITIES.


GOLD SELSELL SILLIMAN, the elder brother of the preceding graduate, was born in Fairfield, Connecticut, on October 26, 1777.
After graduation he taught in a private family in Charleston, South Carolina, and in 1799 returned to New Haven to complete his law studies.

In 1801 he settled in Newport, Rhode Island, in the practice of his profession, in which he continued with credit and success until the peace of 1815, when he removed to New York City, and entered on a business life.

His residence was at first in New York City, and afterwards (from about 1824) in Brooklyn. For two years (1826–27) he edited The Times, a daily paper in New York.

On retiring from active pursuits at an advanced age, he received in 1849 the appointment of Postmaster of the city of Brooklyn, which he retained for four years.

His mental powers, with his affections and sensibilities, were preserved with unusual vigor until the last.

He died in Brooklyn on June 3, 1868, in his 91st year.

Mr. Silliman, like his brother, was distinguished for the striking elegance and courtesy of his manners. His disposition was generous and unselfish, and his daily life an illustration of his sincere and humble Christian character.

He married on September 17, 1801, Hepsa, the eldest child of the Rev. Dr. David Ely (Yale 1769), of Huntington, Connecticut, who died in Brooklyn, on January 22, 1864, in her 86th year.

One of their sons was graduated here in 1824, and was a large benefactor of the institution. Another son, though not a graduate, was also a large benefactor by founding the Silliman Fellowship. Silliman Blagden (Yale 1869) was a grandson.

Elisha Stearns, son of Dr. John and Elizabeth (Wills) Stearns, of Tolland, Connecticut, and Wilbraham, Massachusetts, was born in Wilbraham on July 12, 1776. An elder brother was graduated here in 1789. After his father's early death, the family returned to Tolland.
He had spent one term of his Senior year in a lawyer's office in Tolland; and from his graduation until May, 1797, he studied with Judge David Daggett in New Haven, teaching three young children of the judge in part pay for board and instruction. The next year he continued his law studies in Tolland, and in 1798 began practice there.

Soon after this he was attacked with consumptive symptoms, and for four or five years struggled with ill health. But he recovered a fair measure of strength and continued in legal practice in Tolland until his death there, on October 27, 1850, in his 75th year. He was a learned lawyer, and although by no means a fluent and popular advocate, his professional business for a long time was extensive and successful. Above all he was an honest man and consistent Christian.

He represented the town in the General Assembly of the State in seven different years between 1812 and 1839, and was State Senator in 1840. He was also Judge of the County Court during the years 1839-41, Judge of Probate in 1841 and 1842, and for many years President of the Tolland Bank.

He was chosen a Deacon in the Congregational Church in June, 1826, and resigned the office in February, 1849.

On November 4, 1800, he married Celinda, the eldest child of John and Elizabeth (Dimock) Baker, of Tolland, who was born on April 22, 1780.

They had one son and three daughters. Two daughters married in succession the Rev. Dr. Leverett Griggs (Yale 1829).

AUTHORITIES.


AsaHEL HookER Strong, the eldest son of the Rev. Dr. Cyprian Strong (Yale 1763), of that part of Chatham which is now Portland, Connecticut, and grandson of Cap-
tain Asahel and Ruth (Hooker) Strong, was born in Chatham on November 8, 1776.

He studied law after graduation with Sylvester Gilbert (Dartmouth Coll. 1775), of Hebron, and became a lawyer of distinction in the village of Middle Haddam, in the township of Chatham. He was greatly esteemed for his good sense, his clear and discriminating knowledge of law, and his fair and able pleas.

He represented the town in three sessions of the General Assembly in 1813-14.

He died in Middle Haddam on January 7, 1818, in his 42d year.

He married on March 2, 1805, Nancy, daughter of Nicholas and Theodosia Ames, of Chatham, who died on September 27, 1853, in her 73d year.

Their children were, one daughter who never married, and one son who left issue.

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Dwight, Strong Genealogy, i, 298, Middletown, 280.
302. Field, Centennial Address at

FANNING TRACY, son of Phineas and Zeruiah Tracy, was born in Canterbury, Connecticut, on July 31, 1773. His mother was the eldest child of Parker and Freelove (Fanning) Adams, of Canterbury.

He spent his life in Connecticut, and was mainly occupied in teaching and in farming.

On September 26, 1802, being then in Canterbury, he married Lucy, daughter of William and Phyllis (Ensworth) Adams, of Lisbon, Connecticut, who died on March 12, 1817, at the age of 38 years.

He lived for some years in Scotland, then part of the town of Windham. Late in life he removed to New Britain, where one of his sons, a machinist of remarkable inventive genius, was living.
He died in New Britain on October 31, 1857, in his 85th year.

John Harvey Tucker was born in Bermuda on March 17, 1777, the eldest son of the Hon. Colonel James and Anne Tucker, of Bermuda. He entered College at the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he went to London and spent five years (from May, 1797) in legal study, being admitted to the bar by the Honorable Society of the Middle Temple on July 2, 1802.

He married in London, on August 1, 1803, Mary, youngest daughter of the late William Browne (Harvard Coll. 1755), formerly Governor of Bermuda, and a loyalist emigrant from Salem, Massachusetts.

From 1804 to 1807 he practiced his profession in Jamaica, and from 1807 to 1813 in Nova Scotia. He then returned to Bermuda, and practiced there until his retirement from the bar in 1827.

The rest of his life was spent in seclusion, and he died at his seat in Somerville, Bermuda, on July 20, 1868, in his 92d year. His mental faculties were preserved till near the end of his long life.

His wife died many years before him.

Their children were four daughters and two sons (one of whom died in infancy). The younger son and the youngest daughter survived him.

Authorities.

Miss Louisa B. Tucker, MS. letter, July 13, 1869.

Samuel Porter Williams, the eleventh and youngest child of Ezekiel Williams, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, was born in Wethersfield on February 22, 1779. Three of his brothers had preceded him at Yale, in the Classes of 1781, 1785, and 1794. His grandfather, the Rev. Dr.
Solomon Williams, of Lebanon, married Mary, daughter of Samuel Porter, of Hadley, Massachusetts, for whom this great-grandson was named.

Graduating at 17½, he had then no disposition to enter on another course of study, but after a year of teaching school engaged in mercantile business in Hartford.

On November 7, 1801, he was married at Salisbury, Connecticut, by the Rev. Joseph W. Crossman, to Mary Hanford, daughter of Major John Webb, of Salisbury, a beautiful and accomplished woman.

In March, 1803, he united with the church, and turned his attention to the study of theology. He pursued his studies at first in New Haven, under the direction of President Dwight; and afterwards in Springfield, Massachusetts, with the Rev. Dr. Bezaleel Howard (Harvard Coll. 1781), the husband of his sister Prudence.

He was licensed to preach at West Springfield on April 10, 1805, and soon received an invitation to settle as a colleague with Dr. Howard, whose health had recently failed. He was also invited in November 1806, with great unanimity to a settlement in Deerfield, Massachusetts, and to Mansfield, Connecticut, where the Rev. John Sherman (Yale 1792) had been dismissed in October, 1805, after having become a Unitarian.

Mr. Williams decided it to be his duty, on account of the peculiar conditions existing there, to accept the call to Mansfield, and was ordained and installed on January 1, 1807, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Dr. David Parsons (Harvard Coll. 1771), the husband of his sister Harriet.

A minority of his church had embraced Mr. Sherman’s sentiments, but consented to the settlement of Mr. Williams under the pledge that they should not be excluded from membership. Such was the condition of the community that for two years he refrained from touching on disputed points in his sermons. He then took up with great earnestness the doctrine of the person and work of Christ; but
in so doing re-opened the old wounds, and originated difficulties which finally ended in his dismissal.

Other reasons conduced to this end, and his salary had become inadequate to the support of his growing family; so that his resignation took effect on September 7, 1817.

He had already received several invitations to other parishes, but he preferred to accept a temporary engagement as assistant to his first cousin, the Rev. Solomon Williams (Yale 1770), of Northampton, where he labored with peculiar success for two years.

In December, 1820, he was invited to Newburyport, Massachusetts, to preach in the "Old South" First Presbyterian Church, then vacant. Here he produced at once a powerful impression, and was unanimously invited to the pastorate. He accepted the call, and was installed on February 8, 1821.

During the few years of this ministry he labored with much acceptance and success. But disease, in the form of dyspepsia, had been for some time making inroads on his naturally vigorous constitution; and during the last year of his life he was so much enfeebled by painful illness as to be fit for little effort. His last sermon was preached on Thanksgiving Day in the last week of November, 1826, on the value of life; he died on the 23d of the following month, in the 48th year of his age.

His funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. Leonard Withington (Yale 1814), of Newburyport.

Mr. Williams was a favorite, though rather ornate preacher, with an especially melodious voice, and effective use of emphasis; and a man of great energy, decision, and independence. His talents and personal piety were unquestioned, and his influence always for the right. An engraving from his portrait is prefixed to the volume of his posthumous sermons.

His wife died in Mansfield on September 13, 1815, leaving five sons and one daughter; one other son had died in infancy.
He next married, on November 21, 1817, Sarah Pierpont Tyler, the eldest child of Captain Daniel Tyler (Harvard Coll. 1771), and Sarah (Edwards, Chaplin) Tyler, of Brooklyn, Connecticut. One of her half-brothers, Jonathan Edwards Chaplin, was graduated at Yale in 1808.

She died on November 7, 1857, in her 67th year. They had four sons and two daughters; of whom one son and one daughter died in infancy.

The second son of Mr. Williams was a member of the Class of 1826 at Yale, and the youngest son by the same marriage received the degree of M.D. here in 1840.

He published:


   Mr. Andrews had previously been settled in Windham, adjoining Mansfield.

2. An Enquiry into the state of the churches, &c.—A Sermon [from Acts xv, 36], preached in several congregations by appointment of the Consociation of Windham County... Hartford, 1816. 8°, pp. 31.

3. The good minister. A Discourse [from Isa. lxii, 1–2], in three parts, preached in the First Presbyterian Church in Newburyport, in consequence of the Installation of the Author. Newburyport, 1821. 8°, pp. 59.

   On the character of Jesus Christ as a minister of the gospel.

4. Apostolic Magnanimity.—A Sermon [from II Cor. xii, 14], preached at the Presbyterian Church in Salem, at the Ordination of the Rev. William Williams, July 5, 1821. Newburyport, 1821. 8°, pp. 24.

   William Williams (Yale 1816) was a nephew of the preacher.

5. A Sermon [from Luke ix, 58] preached to the First Congregational Church and Society in Exeter, on the day of the Annual
Biographical Sketches, 1796


After his death was published:—


Containing twenty sermons. The memoir was written by Mr. Withington.
Another posthumous publication was a Sermon, from John iv, 13-14, on The Source of Happiness, in *The American Evangelist*, volume 1, pp. 65–92, Boston, December, 1827.

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Annals, 1796-97

At the opening of the College year Dan Huntington and Zechariah Lewis, of the Class of 1794, succeeded in the tutorship to the places left vacant by Josiah Stebbins (1791) and Roger M. Sherman (1792).

The Rev. Dr. Charles Backus having declined the election at the preceding Commencement to the Professorship of Divinity, the same pro tempore arrangement as before was continued with President Dwight.

During this year the old brick College, later known as South Middle College and now as Connecticut Hall, was thoroughly repaired, and the gambrel roof replaced by an entirely new fourth story, which has recently been removed in the process of restoration.

At the beginning of this year a broad-sheet catalogue of the names and residences of the students in College was published for the first time, though lists of single classes had frequently been printed.
Sketches, Class of 1797

*David Atwater* *1805
*Guilielmus Benedict* *1819
*Josephus Billings* *1850
*Ezra Bradley* *1853
*Israel Brainerd* *1854
*Deodatus Brockway, A.M., Socius* *1849
*Bennet Bronson* *1850
*Rufus Bunnell* *1826
*Elisaeus Chapman* *1801
*Asahel Clarke* *1865
*Sylvester Dana, A.M. Dartm. 1801* *1849
*Warren Dutton, A.M. et Guilielm., Tutor* *1857
*Timotheus Field, A.M. 1805* *1845
*Guilielmus Lambert Foot, A.M.* *1849
*Carolus Goodrich* *1871
*Georgius Griffin, LL.D. Columb. 1837* *1860
*Ira Hart, A.M.* *1829
*Homerus Hine* *1856
*Jira Isham* *1842
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*Ezra Ives
   Terr. Mar. Praeses
*Asa Lyman, A.M.
*Sylvester Maxwell
*Jacobus Murdock, A.M., S.T.D. Harv. 1819, in
   Hist. Eccl. Prof.
*Johannes Niles
*Guilielmus Page, A.M. 1822
*Horatius Seymour, A.M. et Mediob. 1811, LL.D.
*Theodorus Sill
*Richardus Smith
*Sethus Perkins Staples, A.M. 1801
*Theodorus Strong
*Ephraimus Treadwell Woodruff, A.M.

Josiah Bishop Andrews was born in Southington, Connecticut, on March 17, 1775, the only son in a family of ten children of Josiah and Rebecca Andrews, of Southington, and grandson of Jonathan and Susannah (Richards) Andrews, of the same village. His mother was a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Perkins) Bishop, of New Haven. He was a first cousin of Elisha D. Andrews (Yale 1803).

He was brought up on his father's farm, and was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. William Robinson (Yale 1773). He entered College in June, 1794, and just before graduation he joined the College Church on profession of his faith. He studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Abel Flint (Yale 1785), of Hartford, and also privately while teaching in Tolland County; and was licensed to preach on June 5, 1799, by the Tolland Association of Ministers.
In the latter half of the year 1800 he performed a mission among the new settlements in Pennsylvania and western New York, under the authority of the Missionary Society of Connecticut.

The following year he preached with much acceptance in various parishes in Connecticut, and especially in the present township of Killingworth, then the parish of North Killingworth. He began to preach there in March, 1801, and the Society gave him a call to settle as pastor on May 18. He deferred an answer until the following winter, and finally, on March 22, 1802, accepted the call, with an annual salary of $400. The church and society were, however, in an unhappy state of division, and a remonstrance (though not a personal one) against his settlement was presented to the council called for his ordination. After mature deliberation the council proceeded to ordain and install him, on April 21, the sermon being preached by Dr. Flint.

A revival of religion had recently begun in the parish, which continued for about two years, producing an accession to the church of more than ninety members. He was at that time an animated and popular preacher, and an advocate of "high Calvinism." Some took offence at the doctrines preached, and hence opposition arose. Finally, in June, 1808, the existing difficulties were reported to the Middlesex Association of Ministers, of which he was a member, and a committee was appointed to visit the parish and endeavor to effect a reconciliation. The committee performed their task, and were able to report that they found nothing prejudicial to the moral character of Mr. Andrews, or to his continuance in his place, and hoped that some mutual concessions had restored harmony.

This hope was delusive; and in October, 1810, complaints involving his Christian and ministerial character were brought before the Association by a member of his church. He was charged with domineering and revengeful behavior, with unscriptural preaching, and with impru-
dence in his relations with the housekeeper in his family. The Consociation found these charges not proven, except in regard to domineering conduct; and advised his continuance in office. But after six months' further trial a discharge was voted him, in good standing, on April 16, 1811. One hundred and forty-three persons had been admitted to the church during his pastorate.

He then removed to New York City, where he opened a school in what is now Franklin Street, and also a pioneer Sunday-school in the same quarter. In 1812, his school being largely increased, he gave it the name of "The Scientific Institution," where he fitted a class every year for college.

He also connected himself with the Presbytery of New York, and for some time supplied a church in Hempstead, Long Island, besides preaching occasionally in the city.

He studied medicine in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, receiving the degree of M.D. in March, 1816.

In October, 1818, he withdrew from the Presbytery of New York and joined the Presbytery of Jersey; and on June 16, 1819, he was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Perth Amboy, New Jersey, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Samuel H. Cox.

Difficulties soon arose, dividing the congregation, of which the majority seems to have adhered to him; but the bitterness of the opposing party was such that at his request the Presbytery voted on December 20, 1822, to dismiss him from his charge.

He continued to reside in Perth Amboy, and his supporters endeavored in 1823 to have him employed as a stated supply in his old society, but the Presbytery refused consent. Against this ruling he appealed to the Synod, unsuccessfully.

Later he was accused of fomenting dissension and preventing union in the Perth Amboy Church, particularly by holding meetings at the hours of divine service. He was placed on trial before the Presbytery in August, 1825,
and during his trial was considered to have manifested both a want of candor and a spirit of unfairness and insubordination, and was in consequence suspended from the ministry. He appealed in 1826 to the Synod and to the General Assembly, but his appeals were denied; and on June 26, 1827, in view of his contumacy in still claiming the right to continue to preach, he was deposed by vote of the Presbytery from the office of the ministry.

His father died in October, 1828, and in 1829 he removed to his native place, settled on the family estate which had fallen to him, and offered himself for practice as a physician.

He also occasionally read prayers for the small Episcopal Society of Southington, and applied to the Standing Committee of the diocese for admission to holy orders; but that society was honeycombed with Universalism, and as he admitted to the Committee that he disbelieved the eternity of future punishments, they refused to receive him.

In 1836 he represented Southington in the State legislature, and in 1837 he again removed to the city of New York, where he practiced medicine and occasionally preached as a supply.

He died in New York on April 26, 1853, in his 79th year.

He married on August 17, 1801, in Wintonbury parish, now Bloomfield, Connecticut, Mary, daughter of Colonel Hezekiah Bissell, of that parish, and a sister of the wife of his theological instructor, Dr. Flint. They had five children, of whom two died in infancy. Two sons and a daughter grew to maturity, but the elder son left home clandestinely, on coming of age, and is supposed to have perished at sea; the younger son received an honorary degree of M.D. at Rutgers College in 1820.

Mrs. Andrews was bereft of her reason while residing in Killingworth, from which state she never recovered. She died in New York City on December 24, 1848, in her 74th year.
Dr. Andrews was a man of great energy and perseverance. An engraved portrait is given in the *Andrews Memorial* and in the *Sketches of Southington*.

He published, in the *Connecticut Evangelical Magazine*, vol. 4, pp. 419-21, and vol. 5, pp. 31-37 (May and July, 1804):

A Narrative of a work of divine grace in Killingworth, second society, which began in the year 1801; republished in the Rev. Dr. Bennet Tyler's *New England Revivals*, 1846, pp. 282-300.

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David Atwater was born in New Haven in 1777, and was the younger surviving son of Dr. David and Eunice (Thompson) Atwater, of New Haven, and a grandson of Moses and Mary (Hotchkiss) Atwater, of Wallingford. The father was a well-known apothecary, who was killed in a skirmish with the British at Compo Hill, in Westport, Connecticut, in April, 1777. The mother married two years later Dr. John Goodrich (Yale 1778), of New Haven.

The son removed to Ohio after graduation, and is said to have died in 1805, aged 28 years. His name is marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue issued in the fall of that year.

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Atwater Hist. and Genealogy, 125.

Henry Baldwin, the youngest son of Michael Baldwin, of New Haven, was born here on January 14, 1780. An own brother (Michael Baldwin) had been graduated at Yale in 1792; besides half-brothers in 1772 and 1777.
Soon after graduation he went to Litchfield, and attended the law lectures of Judge Reeve, and of his former tutor, James Gould (Yale 1791). Here his mental powers, hitherto imperfectly developed, gave abundant promise of eminence.

After about two years' study he went to Philadelphia, where he remained for some months, pursuing professional studies with the Hon. Alexander J. Dallas. He was admitted to the Philadelphia bar on March 6, 1798, and under the influence of the example of his brother Michael started for the West, but was led to stop in Pittsburgh, and was admitted to the bar there on April 30, 1801.

Here he showed himself an unpolished, but powerful and acute advocate, and attained more than ordinary success as a jury lawyer. He rode the circuit over all the counties west of the Allegheny River, and his practice extended into Ohio. He grew so much in favor with the people that he was elected in 1816 as a Democratic Representative in Congress and was twice re-elected, but resigned in 1822. He occupied a conspicuous position at Washington, and as chairman of the Committee on domestic manufactures was an able advocate for protection and the draughtsman of the tariff of 1820.

Meantime his private fortune suffered in the business stringency of the period,—a venture in iron manufacture in which he had embarked, on Bear Creek in Butler County, having failed, so that he was sadly straitened.

From Congress he returned to the practice of his profession in Pittsburgh. His law library was accounted one of the finest in the West, and he was employed in all the important cases in his vicinity.

In the heated Presidential campaign of 1828, he was an earnest and active supporter of Jackson, and had some expectation of being made Secretary of the Treasury. In this he was disappointed; but when a vacancy was created on the Supreme Court bench by the death of Justice Bushrod Washington, in November, 1829, the place was offered
to Mr. Baldwin, who was commissioned on January 6, 1830.

To the labors of this office he gave himself for the remaining fourteen years of his life; and his strong reasoning powers, retentive memory, and profound and varied knowledge gave eminent distinction to his work.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by this College in 1830, and again by Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, in 1843.

He soon attracted attention by challenging the views of the Constitution held by Chief Justice Marshall and Justice Story—his own view being that the Constitution was the grant of the people of the several States, and not of the people of the United States in the aggregate.

After the death of Marshall he published in another form the dissenting opinions in which he had expressed these views.

Apart from these theories his judgments were marked by extraordinary grasp and vigor of mind. His greatest opinion is considered to have been that delivered in 1833, in the case of McGill vs. Brown, involving the doctrine of bequests for pious and charitable uses to unincorporated societies.

A few years before his death he removed from Pittsburgh to Meadville, Pennsylvania.

During the last four years of his life the violence of his naturally ungovernable temper, aggravated by excessive smoking, and other dissipated habits, increased to such a degree that doubts (which had originated as early as 1832) began to be expressed about his sanity, but no attempt was made to remove him from the bench. He died at his hotel in Philadelphia, after a week's prostration from paralysis, on April 21, 1844, in his 65th year. His circumstances were so reduced that a subscription among his friends was required for his burial.

He was married, in May, 1802, by the Rev. David Higgins, to Marana, daughter of Nathaniel Norton, of Bloom-
field, Ontario County, New York, whom he had met as a schoolgirl at Litchfield, and who died in Pittsburgh on August 25, 1803, in her 20th year, leaving an infant son, who left descendants.

He was next married, on June 11, 1805, at Meadville, by the Rev. Joseph Stockton, to Sally, daughter of Major Andrew and Sally (Brown) Ellicott, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who survived him, with an adopted daughter.

Justice Baldwin's portrait is given in the Baldwin Genealogy and in Carson's History of the Supreme Court; and is copied in volume 15 of the Green Bag.

He published separately:

1. Anniversary Address delivered before the American Institute of the City of New-York,..October 9, 1834.. New-York, 1834. 8°, pp. 24. [M. H. S. Y. C.]

   In praise of the American system of protection to industry.


   The volume includes four of his Opinions, in cases before the Supreme Court, with introduction. The author's name does not appear on the title-page, but is given in the text.

   Many of his opinions appear in the Reports of the Supreme Court.

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LYMAN BEECHER was born in New Haven on September 12, 1775, the son of David Beecher, a blacksmith, and grandson of Nathaniel and Sarah (Sperry) Beecher, also of New Haven. He was the only child of his father's third wife, Esther, daughter of John and Hope (Hawley) Lyman, of that part of Middletown, Connecticut, which is now Cromwell. She died of consumption two days after her son's birth, and the child was brought up by her eldest sister, Catharine, the childless wife of Lot Benton, a farmer of North Guilford.

He was prepared for Yale with the North Guilford minister, the Rev. Thomas W. Bray (Yale 1765), and lived at his father's house during his College course.

After graduation he pursued theological studies for about nine months under the instruction of President Dwight, and united with the College Church in April, 1798. He was licensed to preach by the New Haven West Association of Ministers, at Naugatuck, on October 23, 1798.

In December of the same year he began preaching on probation in the small Presbyterian Church in East Hampton, Long Island, in succession to Dr. Samuel Buell (Yale 1741), who died in July, 1798.

He accepted a call to settle there, with a salary of $300, on July 5, 1799, and was ordained and installed on September 5. In the following winter there was a revival of religious interest in the congregation, and as a result of this and similar revivals during his ministry there nearly three hundred persons were added to the church.

On September 19, 1799, he was married in Guilford, by Mr. Bray, to Roxana, second daughter of Eli and Roxana (Ward) Foote, a woman of unusual charm and brilliancy.

With a rapidly increasing family he soon found it impossible to live on his salary (now increased to $400), and about the close of the year 1809 he determined to seek a dismission, which was accordingly granted by the Presbytery on April 18, 1810.
He had already been invited, upon a salary of $800, to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church in Litchfield, Connecticut, a community famous at that time for intellectual activity, and he was installed there by the Litchfield Consociation, with a sermon by President Dwight, on May 30, 1810. In this congenial atmosphere, in intimacy with such parishioners as the venerable Judge Tapping Reeve and his wife, and in sympathetic relations with the neighboring clergy, he spent nearly sixteen laborious but happy years.

At a very early date a revival of religion was manifested, and he was incessantly called into service to aid in similar conditions elsewhere in the vicinity. He was intensely interested also in agitations for the reformation of morals, and a stalwart champion in their behalf.

While in Litchfield he was a prominent factor in the establishment of the Connecticut Domestic Missionary Society, the Litchfield County Foreign Mission Society, the Connecticut Education Society, the American Bible Society, and the *Christian Spectator* and *Connecticut Observer*.

Mrs. Beecher died in Litchfield, of quick consumption, on September 24, 1816, aged 41 years; and he was next married, in Portland, Maine, early in November, 1817, by the Rev. Dr. Edward Payson, to Harriet, daughter of Dr. Aaron and Paulina (King) Porter, of Portland, whose acquaintance he had made during a visit to Boston, in September, to preach at the ordination of Sereno E. Dwight as pastor of Park Street Church.

He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Middlebury College in 1818.

His second son entered Yale in 1818, and Dr. Beecher soon found that his income was not sufficient to provide for the public education of his children. After a few more years of ineffectual struggle he had just determined that he must ask a dismission, when he received, in January, 1826, a call to the newly organized Hanover Congregational Church in Boston.
He accepted the call, and was installed there on March 22, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Dr. Heman Humphrey (Yale 1805).

He was now in the full tide of his powers, and came to Boston to find orthodoxy despised and persecuted, and Unitarianism in confident possession of the field. All his endeavors were devoted to the intensely interesting combat, and he was easily the strongest representative in the community of the ancient faith. He was almost constantly employed in the promotion of revivals of religion, in which his experience gave him unusual success.

He was also largely instrumental in the establishment of the Spirit of the Pilgrims in 1828 as a controversial magazine, which performed successfully its work.

In February, 1830, the house of worship in Hanover Street was destroyed by fire; and although Dr. Beecher was provided with other opportunities for preaching steadily while a new church was built, he naturally felt somewhat unsettled, and as early as July, 1830, began to think seriously of emigrating to Cincinnati, as the center from which the new West could be influenced. In October he was elected President and Professor of Theology in Lane Seminary, a Presbyterian institution just established in the suburbs of Cincinnati; but by the advice of friends he declined the invitation.

A year later the call was renewed; and was accepted on the understanding that his acceptance secured pledged endowments of sixty thousand dollars to the seminary, and with a strong conviction of the importance of an educated ministry at the West.

His removal to Cincinnati was deferred until November, 1832, and he was inducted into office as Professor on December 26. In the spring of 1833 he was installed as pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church,—an office which it had been designed from the first that he should fill.

The division between the Old and the New School in the Presbyterian body was now gaining prominence; and
Dr. Beecher's theology subjected him from the first to suspicion and attack. He was brought to trial before the Presbytery in June, 1835, and before the Synod on appeal in October, 1835; but after the case had been appealed to the General Assembly in May, 1836, it was withdrawn by the prosecutor with general consent.

Mrs. Beecher's health had been gradually failing for several years, and her death from consumption occurred in Cincinnati, on July 7, 1835.

Dr. Beecher was next married, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, by the Rev. Hubbard Winslow, on October 7, 1836, to Mrs. Lydia (Beals) Jackson, of Boston, the widow of Captain Joseph Jackson.

The financial panic of 1837 prevented the payment of a portion of the endowments of the Seminary, and Dr. Beecher's circumstances were in consequence much straitened for a few years. He was able, however, in the summer of 1846 to make a brief visit to England, where he was heard with appreciation.

In 1843 he resigned his pastoral relation to the Second Church, but still continued to preach as occasion offered. In the summer of 1850, as the finances of the Seminary were now re-established, and he had reached the age of 75, he resigned his professorship, but was requested to retain for life the title of President and Professor emeritus. Though still vigorous in body, there had been for some time a perceptible failure in his powers of expression.

In May, 1851, he returned to the East, and spent the summer at the house of his son-in-law, Professor Stowe, in Brunswick, Maine, engaged in beginning the revision of his works for publication.

In the fall of 1851 he returned to Boston, and for several years continued to preach occasionally; but as time wore on, his command of language decreased and his mind was enfeebled, though his bodily powers were still vigorous. His wife died in February, 1856.
In the winter of 1856-57 he removed to Brooklyn, New York, and after a period of gradual failure he died there on January 10, 1863, in his 88th year. By his special request he was buried in New Haven, by the side of his life-long friend, the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel W. Taylor (Yale 1807).

The sermon delivered at his funeral by the Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon was afterwards published; as was also a commemorative discourse pronounced at Lane Seminary by Professor D. Howe Allen.

By his first wife he had four daughters (of whom one died in infancy) and five sons. The eldest daughter was engaged to Professor Alexander M. Fisher (Yale 1813), of Yale College, at the time of his loss at sea in 1822, and never married. The second daughter married Thomas C. Perkins (Yale 1818); and the youngest daughter married Professor Calvin E. Stowe (Bowdoin Coll. 1824), and became distinguished as an authoress. The eldest son was educated as a merchant, but received an honorary Master's degree here in 1833. The second and third sons were graduated at Yale in 1822 and 1828, respectively. The fourth son was graduated at Amherst College in 1834, and proved to be the most brilliant and most distinguished of the family. The youngest son was graduated at Bowdoin College in 1834. All the sons entered the ministry.

By his second marriage he had one daughter and three sons. The daughter married John Hooker (Yale 1837). The eldest son died in infancy, and the others both became ministers,—one being graduated at Illinois College in 1843, and the other at Dartmouth College in 1848.

Dr. Beecher's remarkable power in his generation was primarily due to his brilliant intellect, his intense sympathy with the gospel, and his lovable personal character. He was, wrote his son-in-law, Professor Stowe, "a man always most thoroughly in earnest, of strong powers of observation, a marvelous fertility and felicity of illustration, and living every moment under the impression that
he had a great work to do for God and man, which must
be done at once."

He published:

1. The Practicability of suppressing vice, by means of Societies
instituted for that purpose.—A Sermon [from Eccl. iv, 9, 12], deliv-
ered before the Moral Society, in East-Hampton, (Long Island.)
[A. C. A. C. H. S. U. T. S. Y. C.]

2. A Sermon [from Joel, i, 3], containing a general history of
the town of East-Hampton, (L. I.) from its first settlement to the
present time. Delivered at East-Hampton, January 1, 1806. Sag-
Harbor, 1806. 8°, pp. 40.
N. Y. H. S. U. T. S. Y. C.]

3. The remedy for Duelling.—A Sermon [from Isa. lix, 14-15],
delivered before the Presbytery of Long-Island, at the opening of
their session, at Aquebogue, April 16, 1806. 1806. 8°.

8°, pp. 48.
U. T. S. Y. C.]

The same. Boston. 8°, pp. 16. [A. C. A. Harv. M. H. S.]

The remedy proposed (with the Burr-Hamilton duel in mind)
was a refusal to vote for any duelist.

4. A Sermon [from Col. iii, 2], occasioned by the lamented
death of Mrs. Frances M. Sands, of New-Shoreham, formerly an
inhabitant of East-Hampton, (L. I.), delivered at East-Hamp-
ton October 12th, 1806. Sag-Harbor, 1806. 8°, pp. 20.
[A. C. A. Y. C.]

5. The Government of God desirable.—A Sermon [from Matth. vi, 10] delivered at Newark, during the session of the
Synod of New-York and New-Jersey, October, 1808. New-York,

The same. 2d ed. New-York, 1809. 8°, pp. 24.

Five or six more separate editions were published. The discourse
was originally preached in connection with a striking revival of
religion in his own parish.

The same. 2d ed. Andover, 1814. 8°, pp. 32.

A re-working of No. 1, above; and a forerunner of the temperance reformation.

7. A Sermon [from Ps. cxi, 10] delivered in the North Presbyterian Church in Hartford, May 20, 1813, on the evening subsequent to the formation of the “Connecticut Society for the promotion of good morals.” Hartford, 1813. 8°, pp. 21.

On the building up of waste places; the sermon led to the institution of the Domestic Missionary Society of Connecticut.

10. The Bible a code of Laws; a Sermon [from Ps. xix, 7-10], delivered in Park Street Church, Boston, Sept. 3, 1817, at the ordination of Mr. Sereno Edwards Dwight, as pastor of that church; and of Messrs Elisha P. Swift, Allen Graves, John Nichols, Levi Parsons, and Daniel Buttrick, as Missionaries to the Heathen. Andover, 1818. 8°, pp. 51.

The same. 2d ed. Andover, 1827. 8°, pp. 43.


The same, reprinted, with slight variations, under the title, On the importance of assisting young men of piety and talents in obtaining an Education for the Gospel Ministry. N. Y. [1815?] 12°, pp. 20. [Y. C.

The same. Andover, 1815. 12°, pp. 20.
[A. C. A. B. Ath. Harv. M. H. S.]

9. A Sermon [from Isa. lxii, 4], delivered at Woolcot (Con.) Sept. 21, 1814, at the Installation of the Rev. John Keyes . . Andover, 1815. 8°, pp. 34.


A re-working of No. 1, above; and a forerunner of the temperance reformation.

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On the building up of waste places; the sermon led to the institution of the Domestic Missionary Society of Connecticut.

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22. To the Congregational Ministers and Churches of Connecticut.—Copy of a letter, to the Editor of the Christian Spectator, Boston, December 18th, 1827. 8°, pp. 4.
   [C. H. S. U. T. S. Y. C.
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The same. 2d ed. Boston, 1828. 8°.


This discourse is rewritten from No. 16, above, as is acknowledged in a prefatory note.


This volume contains only Nos. 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 20, and 23 of the above list.

Another edition was printed at New York in 1842 from the same plates.


The same. 2d ed. Cincinnati, 1835. 12°, pp. 190.


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30. Something has been done, during the last forty years. [Boston, 1833.] 12°, pp. 8. [U. T. S. Y. C. Missionary Paper, No. 11.

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The subject is, the design of Collegiate institutions, and the appropriate means of its accomplishment.


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35. A Guide to Piety: or, Directions to Persons just commencing a religious life. Worcester, 1843. 16°, pp. 64. [A. C. A.


Volume 1: Lectures on Political Atheism and kindred subjects; together with Six Lectures on Intemperance. Volume 2: Sermons, delivered on various occasions [No. 24, above]. Volume 3: Views of Theology; as developed in three Sermons, and on his Trials before the Presbytery and Synod of Cincinnati, June, 1835. With Remarks on the Princeton Review.

After his death was published:

These very interesting volumes are in part in the words of Dr. Beecher, but more usually in the words of others. They contain engravings from three portraits; at the ages of 28, 58, and over 80, respectively.

Dr. Beecher also contributed largely to the *Christian Spectator*, the *Spirit of the Pilgrims*, and other periodical literature.

Eight of his sermons appeared in the *National Preacher*: three in volume 2, 1827; three in volume 3, 1829; one in volume 20, 1846; one in volume 33, 1859.

**AUTHORITIES.**


*Foote Genealogy*, 83, 155. *Hayward, of Boston*, iii, 408-09. *Woodruff,*


**WILLIAM BENEDICT** was born in Redding, Connecticut, on February 24, 1778, being the eldest son of Thaddeus Benedict (Yale 1773), a distinguished lawyer of that town, who died in 1799.

Soon after he was graduated, he began the study of law, under the instruction of Judge Reeve, at his celebrated law school in Litchfield, where he continued for a year or more. He then went to Bridgeport, where he finished his preparatory studies and was admitted to the bar of Fairfield County.

He succeeded to some of his father's business and for a time had a fair practice, and fairer prospects. He was a young man of strict integrity and popular manners, but became the victim of bad influences and spent his later years in miserable poverty, a hypochondriac and misanthropist.

He died in Bridgeport on August 26, 1819, aged 41½ years. He was never married.

**AUTHORITIES.**

Benedict Genealogy, 302.
JOSEPH BILLINGS, son of Silas and Miriam Billings, was born on March 5, 1776, in Hatfield, Massachusetts, on the farm which his ancestors had occupied for a hundred years. His mother was a daughter of Moses and Anna (Smith) Dickinson, of Hatfield.

Not being robust enough for farm work, he began in the fall of 1792 his preparation for College with his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lyman.

At graduation he was obliged by feeble health to decline an invitation to teach a high school for young ladies in Pittsfield, Massachusetts; but in the following spring, his health being somewhat improved, he became the principal of an academy at New Salem, Massachusetts, in which office he continued for one year.

Being now convinced that, owing to an impediment in his speech, he could never become a public speaker, he entered on mercantile life in Hatfield in 1799. That employment he relinquished in 1804, at the solicitation of a childless uncle who needed his care.

The rest of his life was spent quietly in Hatfield, where he died, in consequence of injuries received by being thrown from his wagon, on May 23, 1850, in his 75th year.

In younger life he filled the office of Town Clerk for several years. He became a member of the Congregational Church in Hatfield in 1813, and was appointed a Deacon in 1817.

He was married in December, 1808, to Mary, daughter of Captain Elijah Smith, of Hatfield, who though an invalid from her youth survived to old age. Their only child died at birth.

EZRA BRADLEY, a younger brother of Joel Bradley (Yale 1789), was born at Mount Carmel, in New Haven, now in Hamden, Connecticut, in 1776. Their father was an Episcopalian and their mother a Congregationalist, which may account for the religious affiliations of the sons.
After graduation Ezra Bradley studied theology, and was admitted to deacon's orders in the Episcopal Church by Bishop Jarvis at Cheshire, on September 30, 1798. These orders were conferred with the expectation that he would take a charge in the Massachusetts diocese, and accordingly he officiated in Great Barrington for a few years; but by 1801 he had fallen under suspicion, and in 1804 he was degraded from the ministry by Bishop Jarvis on the unanimous request of the clergy of the Connecticut diocese in Convocation.

He then went to Baltimore, Maryland, where he spent about three years in the study and practice of law. He led rather a free life there, and on becoming involved in some difficulties in connection with a duel, he returned to his native place.

He had inherited from his father (who died in 1801) a gristmill, and for a short time he carried on the milling business; and then, selling his mill, he bought a farm and became an agriculturist. He married about 1807 Julia, only child of Captain Alling and Rebecca (Dickerman) Ives, of Mount Carmel.

About 1810 he sold his property in Hamden, and removed to West Springfield, Massachusetts, where he purchased a farm of about three hundred acres in a retired part of the town, and had a successful career.

He died in West Springfield on November 11, 1853, aged 77 years. His widow died on July 1, 1859, at the age of 72. Their children were three daughters and two sons, all of whom survived their father.

AUTHORITIES.

Israel Brainerd, the third son in a family of fourteen children of Major and Deacon Ezra Brainerd, a farmer of Haddam, Connecticut, and grandson of Lieutenant Josiah and Hannah (Spencer) Brainerd, of Haddam, was born in Middle Haddam on September 14, 1772. His mother was Jerusha, sixth daughter of Lieutenant David and Dorothy (Brainerd) Smith, of Haddam, and a second cousin of her husband.

After a boyhood of manual labor, he began at the age of seventeen to teach school in winter; and at twenty he began the study of Latin with the Rev. Thomas W. Bray, of North Guilford.

On leaving College he taught at first the waning Academy established on Greenfield Hill, in Fairfield, Connecticut, by President Dwight, and next a large district school in the same town. He was then called to be the first principal of a new Academy established in Albany.

In the spring of 1799 he began the study of theology in the family of the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus, of Somers, Connecticut, and having made a profession of religion there, he was licensed to preach on October 1 by the Tolland Association of Ministers.

After supplying other parishes he received an almost unanimous call, about the 1st of May, 1800, with a salary of £120, from the First Church in Guilford, Connecticut; and having accepted the call he was ordained and installed as pastor on June 11, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Dr. James Dana, of New Haven. He was, however, a rigid Calvinist, and opposed to the half-way covenant; and after a short time the members of the Society found his preaching so unacceptable, that they took steps to bring about his dismissal. After some months' wrangling he was dismissed by a council on June 11, 1806. He had admitted eighty-six members to the church.

He then supplied the Congregational Church in Derby,
Connecticut, for a few months, and in September removed to Verona, Oneida County, New York, under a commission of the Connecticut Missionary Society. During the following winter he made a long missionary tour in the western counties of New York and adjacent parts of Pennsylvania; but on September 24, 1807, he was installed as pastor of the feeble Congregational Church in Verona, with liberty to travel as a missionary part of the time for four years. Here he remained for twenty-nine years, a laborious and successful minister of the gospel. He witnessed four revivals of religion in his own congregation, in one of which (1818) over one hundred members were added to the church.

In July, 1836, he resigned his pastoral charge, and after two years mainly spent in missionary service among destitute churches of the vicinity, he preached for three years at Oneida Castle, a village in the township of Verona.

He then retired from regular ministerial labor to a farm in Verona, or rather in the adjacent township of Vernon, where he passed some years, preaching occasionally, and writing frequently for the religious journals of Western New York. Later he removed to the house of his eldest daughter, in Kirtland, near Vernon; and he died in Syracuse, New York, at the house of his youngest daughter, the wife of the Rev. George W. Thomson (Hamilton Coll. 1833), on September 5, 1854, at the age of 82.

He married, on December 30, 1800, Mary (or Polly), eldest child of Asa and Polly (Hine) Huntington, of Woodbridge, Connecticut, who died in January, 1866, aged 85 years.

Of their eleven children, two sons and four daughters lived to maturity.

He published:

Diodate Brockway was born on December 29, 1776, in Lebanon Crank, now Columbia, Connecticut, being the second and eldest surviving son of the Rev. Thomas Brockway (Yale 1768), for thirty-five years the minister of that parish.

He was prepared for College at the Classical School in Columbia; and during the first six months after graduation he taught in East Haddam. He then began the study of theology under the direction of the Rev. Elijah Parsons (Yale 1768), the East Haddam minister; and completed his studies under his own father. He united with the church in his native parish in 1798.

He was licensed to preach by the Middlesex Association of Ministers on October 3, 1798, and after a few weeks began preaching in Ellington, Connecticut, and was ordained and installed there over the Congregational Church of fifty-nine members, on September 19, 1799, with a salary of £110. The house being small and dilapidated, the exercises were held in the open air, his father preaching the sermon.

A new meetinghouse was soon begun, and in July, 1804, he had a remarkable escape from instant death in a fall of sixty-five feet from the belfry to the ground-floor of the unfinished house; one of his thighs was broken, a severe wound was made in his head by a nail, and he was taken up for dead. He was lamed for life, and his general health was distinctly impaired.

In 1813 he felt obliged to offer his resignation, because his salary would not support him. As he was greatly beloved, his salary was raised, but four years later, on account of the pressure of hard times, he relinquished a
part of it. In 1829 the condition of his health required him either to resign or to have a colleague. The latter alternative was accepted, and he continued in the pastorate until his death, having a succession of colleagues from November, 1830, and during the last five years of his life performing no duties. After over twenty years of great suffering he died in Ellington on January 27, 1849, in his 73d year.

He was elected a member of the Corporation of the College in September, 1827, and held that office until his death.

He married on October 29, 1799, Miranda, daughter of Deacon John Hall, of Ellington, and sister of John Hall (Yale 1802), who died in Ellington, after long feebleness, on March 21, 1824, aged 43 years. They had three sons and four daughters; of whom only two sons survived their father. The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1820.

He published:

1. A Funeral Discourse [from II Cor. xiii, 11], delivered at the meeting-house in Ellington, July 3, A.D. 1803, on the Sabbath after the interment of Deacon Gurdon Ellsworth... Hartford, 1804. pp. 22, 8°.  
   [B. Publ. C. H. S. Y. C.]

   [B. Publ. C. H. S. Y. C.]

3. A Missionary Sermon [from II Cor. viii, 9], delivered in the North Presbyterian Meeting house, in Hartford, on the evening of May 19, 1812, at the request of the Trustees of the Missionary Society of Connecticut. Hartford, 1812. pp. 15, 8°.  
   [B. Ath. C. H. S. Y. C.]


   [C. H. S. Y. C.]

A touching address on the swift changes of life.
BENNET BRONSON was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, on November 14, 1775, being the youngest son of Deacon Stephen Bronson, a thrifty farmer of Waterbury, and grandson of Deacon Thomas and Susanna (Southmayd) Bronson. His mother was Sarah, eldest daughter of Caleb and Susanna (Todd) Humaston, of Waterbury. A sister married John Kingsbury (Yale 1786).

From an early period his father had intended that he should go to College; but the death of his two elder brothers made him so necessary for farm labor that it was not until 1790 that he was sent to Cheshire, to study with the Rev. John Foot, in whose family he resided. After six months he returned, and alternately labored on the farm and studied, until May, 1793, when he went back to Mr. Foot's to complete his preparation.

The first year after graduation he spent in teaching school and working his father's farm. In September, 1798, he engaged in a school at Derby Landing; but before the end of the first quarter he received the appointment of First Lieutenant in the provisional army of the United States. He finished the quarter, and entered on the recruiting service in May, 1799. His regiment was quartered at Scotch Plains, New Jersey, for the ensuing winter, and disbanded by an act of Congress in June, 1800.

He had by this time determined on a profession, and the next week after his return he began the study of law under the Hon. Noah B. Benedict, of Woodbury. In April, 1802, he was admitted to the bar in Litchfield County, and the next summer opened an office in his native town.

In May, 1809, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace, and was re-appointed annually until 1818, when the polit-
ical revolution in Connecticut dismissed all Federalists from office. In May, 1827, he was again designated for that position, and held it for three years, after which he refused to serve. In May, 1812, he was made one of the assistant Judges of the New Haven County Court, but after two years declined a reappointment. In May, 1824, he became Chief Justice of the same Court, and held that office for six years, or until a change of power in political parties occasioned his removal. Once only, in May, 1829, he represented the town in the Legislature.

In the spring of 1814 he became interested, for the first time, in the manufacturing business (clocks); and in the spring of 1823 he became a limited partner in a company for the manufacture of brass and gilt buttons, which proved very prosperous.

When the Waterbury Bank was organized, in 1848, Judge Bronson was one of its most influential friends, and the stock was taken up with the understanding that he was to be its chief officer. He subscribed largely himself, and served as president until his death.

In 1835, at the age of sixty, he relinquished the practice of law, and thenceforth devoted the most of his time to the management of his farm and other domestic concerns. From an early period of life he had been an extensive land owner, and a successful cultivator of the soil.

As a lawyer he was sound and discriminating, but not brilliant, nor ready as a speaker. On the bench he was thoroughly competent, upright, and able. As a man he was respected wherever he was known for his prudence, good judgment, and admirable common sense. He was an ancient Puritan in his reverence for truth and justice, for simplicity of life and piety. In politics he was an unflinching Federalist. He united with the Congregational Church in 1833, was chosen a deacon in 1838, held the office for six years, and then resigned.

He had a good constitution, and with few exceptions enjoyed uninterrupted health. In September, 1850, he
was taken slightly ill, at first with a boil on the knee. This was followed by erysipelatous inflammation. His fine physical powers gradually gave way, and he died at his home in Waterbury, on December 11, 1850, in his 76th year.

He married, on May 11, 1801, Anne, younger daughter of Richard and Annis (Hurd) Smith, of Roxbury, Connecticut, and sister of Judge Nathaniel Smith (hon. M.A. Yale 1795) and Senator Nathan Smith (hon. M.A. Yale 1808), who died on March 4, 1819, from consumption.

On May 6, 1820, he married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Deacon Benjamin and Rebecca (Taintor) Maltby, of Northford parish, in Branford, Connecticut, who died on June 12, 1840, at the age of 56.

He married, thirdly, on May 27, 1841, his second cousin, Nancy, youngest daughter of Jacob and Rhoda (Humiston) Daggett, of New Haven, and niece of Captain Henry Daggett (Yale 1771), who survived him and died in New Haven on August 14, 1867, in her 84th year.

By his first wife he had four sons and three daughters, and by his second wife two daughters. All of these reached maturity, except one daughter, who died in infancy. The eldest son died of consumption in his 21st year. The other sons were graduated at Yale, and the eldest (M.D. 1827) became a Professor in the Medical Department and a large benefactor of the University.

An engraving from his portrait is given in Anderson’s History of Waterbury.

He took a great interest in local history, and began early to collect material for the history of Waterbury, but never proceeded to publication.

AUTHORITIES.

RUFUS BUNNELL, the third in a family of ten children of Deacon Israel Bunnel, of Cheshire, then part of Wallingford, Connecticut, and grandson of Ebenezer and Lydia (Clark) Bunnel, of Cheshire, was born on March 19, 1777. His mother was Jerusha, only child of Captain Benjamin and Azubah (Hildridge) Dowd, of Middletown.

After graduation he began the study of medicine; but soon after the year 1800 was persuaded by his former fellow-townsmen, Samuel A. Law (Yale 1792), to settle in Meredith, in Delaware County, New York, where he engaged in business.

On March 4, 1804, he married Diantha, second daughter of Abner and Elizabeth (Root) Fitch, of Coventry, Connecticut. Her father had died in 1797, and Mrs. Fitch then married Captain John Mills, of Cherry Valley, New York, after whose speedy death she settled in Delhi, an adjoining town to Meredith.

In 1806 Mr. Bunnell removed to Delhi, and there, and in the town next above it, Kortright, in addition to his previous business, engaged in the manufacture of pot and pearl ashes, and in lumbering on the Delaware River for the market of Philadelphia, in partnership with his wife's second brother, Dr. Thomas Fitch.

In 1810 the partners removed to Philadelphia, and opened a lumber yard, which they managed with profit until the spring of 1812. Business being then seriously impaired by the state of the country, the partnership was dissolved.

At the close of the war, in 1815, Mr. Bunnell removed to New York City and entered into partnership with Joseph D. Beers, in the money-exchange and brokerage business. This business they extended to the principal places in the South, connecting with it the factorage of cotton, and also dealing in that article on their own account.

In 1823 he took personal charge of the branch office in Charleston, South Carolina, and continued there until the
spring of 1825, when he sailed for England, in the hope of
benefiting his health, which was generally delicate and was
then more impaired than usual.

Before sailing he had risked a large amount on the
probable advance of price in cotton, and on finding in
England that prices had fallen greatly, the impending loss
so affected him in his feeble state of health that he became
insane. His wife brought him home immediately, but he
did not rally, and he died suddenly, from an attack of cholera
morbus, in a hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on
June 11, 1826, in his 50th year.

His widow, a lady of much intellectual vivacity and
charm, removed about 1833 from New York to Bridgeport,
where she died on June 16, 1858, in her 81st year.

Their children were four sons,—of whom the eldest died
in infancy. The third son was graduated at Yale in 1826.

ELISHA CHAPMAN was born in Saybrook, Connecticut,
on December 3, 1777, being the eighth in a family of twelve
children of Captain Elisha and Huldah (Lord) Chapman,
and a nephew of the Rev. Hezekiah Chapman (Yale 1766).
He entered College after the opening of the Freshman
year.

After graduation he spent some time in school-keep-
ing,—in his native district, in Colchester, Connecticut, and
perhaps elsewhere.

His leisure hours during this period were employed in
the study of medicine; and he afterwards went to Hart-
ford, where he completed his course of study with Dr.
Mason F. Cogswell (Yale 1780), in the early part of 1801.

He then went to New London, and advertised for prac-
tice. Not meeting with immediate encouragement, he
made a voyage to Demerara, in British Guiana, with the design of establishing himself there as a physician,—at the same time acting as agent for the sale of various medicines.

After residing in Demerara about three months he took the fever of the country, and died on December 30, 1801, at the age of 24, being the first of the Class to be removed by death.

He was unmarried.

AsaheL Clarke, the third and eldest surviving son of Asahel Clarke, a farmer of Lebanon Crank, now Columbia, Connecticut, and grandson of Joseph and Rebecca (Huntington) Clarke, of Lebanon, was born on July 25, 1776. His mother was Eleanor, fourth daughter of Lieutenant Caleb and Phebe (Lyman) Strong, of Northampton, Massachusetts, and sister of Governor Caleb Strong (Harvard 1764). The Rev. William B. Clarke (Yale 1849) was a nephew.

He labored on his father's farm until he was sixteen, after which his preparation for College was conducted under Ebenezer Dutton (Yale 1787), of Lebanon.

On leaving College he pursued, with some interruptions, the study of law, under the direction of Judge Sylvester Gilbert (Dartmouth Coll. 1775), of Hebron; was admitted to the bar in 1800; and began practice (after a brief interval of residence in Coventry, Connecticut) in his native village.

His professional career was a successful one, and he had represented the town four times in the State legislature, when in June, 1815, all his prospects were shattered by a severe accident. His skull was fractured by the fall of a cart-tongue on his head, and this was followed by
months of suffering and debility. He gradually resumed the care of his affairs, but his faculties, both of mind and body, were much weakened. He resumed for a time the practice of his profession, but the effort was too painful, and he was finally persuaded to relinquish it.

He then turned his entire attention to agriculture, and was so occupied until his removal in his old age, in 1855, to the residence of his son, in Peoria, Illinois, where he died on October 14, 1865, in his 90th year.

He married, on September 6, 1804, Abigail, fourth daughter of Colonel Noadiah Hooker, of Farmington, Connecticut, and sister of John Hooker (Yale 1796), a lady of great excellence, who died in Columbia on September 9, 1839, in her 60th year. She bore him six daughters and two sons,—all of whom grew to maturity, except the elder son, who died in infancy.

AUTHORITIES.

Hooker Descendants, 64, 139. Stiles,

SYLVESTER DANA was born in Ashford, Connecticut, on October 14, 1769, being the seventh child of Anderson and Susanna (Huntington) Dana, of Ashford, and a brother of Daniel Dana (Yale 1782). When he was three years old, the family removed into the Wyoming Valley in Pennsylvania, where the father was killed by the Indians in the Wyoming massacre, in July, 1778. With his mother and six other children, this son made the weary and sorrowful journey back to Ashford, and until he was seventeen he labored on various farms in that vicinity, as he could find opportunity. In April, 1786, with his next older brother, he went to Wilkes-Barré, to cultivate the land belonging to his father’s estate. The family prospered, so that he was able finally to return to Connecticut, and complete his preparation for College with the Rev.
him in Latin and Greek; and he afterwards spent some months under the tuition of Barzillai Slosson (Yale 1781), of Sharon. In 1793 he entered an academy in New Milford, from which he passed into College in the spring of 1794.

During his first year after graduation he attended the law lectures of Judge Reeve in Litchfield; and then took his brother's place as Tutor in Williams College for a year, during which time he also read law under the direction of the Hon. Daniel Dewey (honorary M.A. Yale 1792).

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He immediately entered on the practice of law in Hartford, where he resided for the rest of his life.

In June, 1805, he began to attend the sessions of the Supreme Court of the State, for the purpose of taking notes and reporting the decisions of that body; and he so attended until provision was made by law for the appointment of a Reporter, when he was appointed to that office in June, 1814, and held it until his retirement in 1853.

In October, 1809, he was appointed by the General Assembly of Connecticut to act as Secretary of State, in the disability of Secretary Wyllys; and in 1810 he was elected to that office by the people, and held it by annual re-election for twenty-five years, or until May, 1835.

In May, 1815, he was appointed Associate Judge of the Hartford County Court, and annually afterwards (one year excepted) until May, 1825, when he was made Chief Judge, in which office he continued until June, 1833.

In March, 1818, as one of the two senior aldermen of the city, he became one of the Judges of the City Court, continuing as such by annual election until March, 1831.

In addition to his abundant official labors he was actively interested in a great number of the educational; philanthropic, and religious institutions of the city and State.
In 1847 Yale College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

After premonitory symptoms, extending over nearly a year, he had, in October, 1854, a slight stroke of paralysis, and he died in Hartford from a second attack, on March 1, 1855, in his 78th year.

A good portrait of him, painted in his old age, belongs to the Connecticut Historical Society, of which he was one of the founders and President.

As an accurate and learned lawyer he had few superiors; and still fewer as a reporter.

He married, on March 18, 1813, Sarah, fourth daughter of Wheeler and Sibyl (Tracy) Coit, he being a merchant of that part of Preston which is now Griswold. She died on July 21, 1865, in her 79th year. Their children were six daughters and two sons, one of whom died in infancy. The elder son was graduated at Yale in 1837. The eldest daughter married Governor Alexander H. Holley, of Connecticut; the second married Professor Nathan P. Seymour (Yale 1834); the third married the Rev. Samuel J. Andrews (Williams Coll. 1839); and the fourth married John P. Putnam, a classmate of her brother.

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In June, 1805, he began to attend the sessions of the Supreme Court of the State, for the purpose of taking notes and reporting the decisions of that body; and he so attended until provision was made by law for the appointment of a Reporter, when he was appointed to that office in June, 1814, and held it until his retirement in 1853.

In October, 1809, he was appointed by the General Assembly of Connecticut to act as Secretary of State, in the disability of Secretary Wyllys; and in 1810 he was elected to that office by the people, and held it by annual re-election for twenty-five years, or until May, 1835.

In May, 1815, he was appointed Associate Judge of the Hartford County Court, and annually afterwards (one year excepted) until May, 1825, when he was made Chief Judge, in which office he continued until June, 1833.

In March, 1818, as one of the two senior aldermen of the city, he became one of the Judges of the City Court, continuing as such by annual election until March, 1831.

In addition to his abundant official labors he was actively interested in a great number of the educational, philanthropic, and religious institutions of the city and State.
In 1847 Yale College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

After premonitory symptoms, extending over nearly a year, he had, in October, 1854, a slight stroke of paralysis, and he died in Hartford from a second attack, on March 1, 1855, in his 78th year.

A good portrait of him, painted in his old age, belongs to the Connecticut Historical Society, of which he was one of the founders and President.

As an accurate and learned lawyer he had few superiors; and still fewer as a reporter.

He married, on March 18, 1813, Sarah, fourth daughter of Wheeler and Sibyl (Tracy) Coit, he being a merchant of that part of Preston which is now Griswold. She died on July 21, 1865, in her 79th year. Their children were six daughters and two sons, one of whom died in infancy. The elder son was graduated at Yale in 1837. The eldest daughter married Governor Alexander H. Holley, of Connecticut; the second married Professor Nathan P. Seymour (Yale 1834); the third married the Rev. Samuel J. Andrews (Williams Coll. 1839); and the fourth married John P. Putnam, a classmate of her brother.

He published:


He also, in conjunction with his classmate Murdock, published in 1848 the *Memoirs of the Class of 1797*, which have been invaluable in the preparation of the present sketches.

The great work of his life was that begun in the volume entitled: Reports of Cases, argued and determined in the Supreme Court of Errors, of the State of Connecticut, in the years 1802, 1803, and 1804. Vol. I. Hartford, 1806. 8°, pp. vii, 339.

Two series of twenty-six volumes were published,—the last in 1853; and several pamphlets, containing extracts from the prefatory or appended historical matter, were separately issued.

Another work of somewhat similar character was the second volume of A Digested Index to the reported Decisions of the several Courts of Law in the United States, New York, 1816, 8°, pp. 651; in continuation of volume one by John Anthon (1813).

He also published A Digest of the Reported Cases, decided by the Supreme Court of Errors of the State of Connecticut, from 1786 to 1838. Hartford, 1840. 8°, pp. xi, 507.

[U. S. Yale Law School.

He also edited three collections of the Public Statute Laws of the State:—the first in 1808, in conjunction with John Treadwell and Enoch Perkins (pp. xiv, 118, 696); the second in 1821, in conjunction with Zephaniah Swift and Lemuel Whitman (pp. xvi, 512); and the third in 1824, in conjunction with Seth P. Beers and Lemuel Whitman (pp. xii, 502).

He also edited several English works on law, in which he introduced notices of American decisions, with other improvements. Among these were:—

Bosanquet and Puller's Reports, 5 vols., Hartford, 1810–II.
Coke's Commentary upon Littleton, 3 vols., Philadelphia, 1812.

He furnished Dr. Sprague in 1849 with a sketch of his father, which was published in the *Annals of the American Pulpit*, volume 1, pp. 688–93 (1857).

**AUTHORITIES.**

WARREN DUTTON, a son of Deacon Ebenezer Dutton, of East Haddam, Connecticut, and brother of Ebenezer Dutton (Yale 1787), was born in East Haddam in May, 1774. The family removed to Lebanon, in 1787, and his preparation for College was begun under the instruction of the Rev. Dr. William Lyman (Yale 1784), of Millington Parish, in East Haddam, but was chiefly gained under his brother Ebenezer, who taught school in Connecticut for some years. He delivered a poem at his graduation.

He then began the study of divinity in New Haven under President Dwight; but in January, 1798, he accepted the appointment of Tutor in Williams College, and continued in that office till September, 1800, when he was transferred to a tutorship at Yale. At Commencement in that year he delivered a Master's Oration on the Present State of Literature in the United States.

He had already acquired a considerable reputation as a writer, and within three months after his return to New Haven he was selected to be the editor of a political newspaper in Boston under the auspices of the Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Morse and other leading men of the ultra Federalist School. The paper, previously known as The Massachusetts Mercury, appeared for the first time on January 1, 1801, with the title of The Mercury and New England Palladium, and he conducted it with much ability for about two years.

In 1803, having completed his law studies in the office of John Lowell (Harvard Coll. 1786), an eminent counselor in Boston, he was admitted to the bar and entered on the practice of his profession in that city. Very soon afterwards Mr. Lowell retired and went to Europe for his health, leaving much business in Mr. Dutton's hands. This at once gave him a large share of professional employment, and he became extensively known as a lawyer.

On June 3, 1806, he was married by the Rev. Charles Lowell, a brother of the bride, to Elizabeth Cutts, the sec-
ond daughter of Judge John Lowell (Harvard Coll. 1760), of Boston, by his second wife, Rebecca Russell Tyng, and the sister of his best friend.

In 1811, and again in 1820, he represented the town of Boston in the State legislature, and in the latter year was a member of the Convention for revising the State Constitution. In 1821 he was a member of the Massachusetts Senate.

In 1825, his health being somewhat impaired, he visited Europe; and from the time of his return, after an absence of about fifteen months, he engaged only occasionally in the practice of his profession,—for the last time before the Supreme Court at Washington in 1837.

The later years of his life were spent in Brighton, a suburb of Boston, where he died on March 3, 1857, in his 83d year. His widow died there on January 8, 1864, in her 81st year.

Their children were three sons, all of whom attained to manhood; the second (who changed his name to Russell on the inheritance of certain property) was graduated at Harvard in 1829, and the youngest in 1831.

He published:

1. The present state of literature; a Poem, delivered in New-Haven, at the Public Commencement of Yale-College, September 10, 1800. Hartford, 1800. 8°, pp. 16.


   Unusually sprightly and clever. A passage is given to the ridicule of Abraham Bishop’s Oration on political delusion.


   In part devoted to criticism of Jefferson’s administration.

3. An Address delivered to the Members of the Bar of Suffolk, at their Annual Meeting, in September, 1819. Boston, 1819. 8°, pp. 18.
Biographical Sketches, 1797


On the rank and importance of the law as a profession, with reflections on its advancement.

He delivered the anniversary Phi Beta Kappa Oration at New Haven in December, 1800, but it was not published.

AUTHORITIES.


TIMOTHY FIELD, the fourth child and elder son of Captain Timothy Field, of East Guilford, now Madison, Connecticut, and grandson of David and Abigail (Tyler, Stone) Field, of Madison, was born on September 28, 1775. His mother was Anna, daughter of David and Anna (Tallman) Dudley, of North Madison. His younger brother was graduated at Yale in 1802. His College career was a distinguished one, and the oration which he delivered at graduation on Theoretical Philosophy, won great applause.

He studied theology with President Dwight, and was licensed to preach by the Eastern Association of New Haven County on May 28, 1799.

On President Dwight's recommendation he was immediately invited to Canandaigua, New York, then a small town, where a Congregational (afterwards Presbyterian) Church of eighteen members had recently been organized. On February 27, 1800, he was ordained and installed as their pastor; but the field proved a discouraging one, and he took a dismission in June, 1805.

He had married, on January 3, 1801, Wealthy, daughter of Josiah and Ann (Crampton) Bishop, of Madison, and now removed his family to his old home, and started on a search for re-employment.

He was finally called on November 18, 1806, and installed on January 30, 1807, as pastor of the West (Congrega-
tional) Church of fifty-six members in Westminster, in southeastern Vermont. The sermon on that occasion was preached by Professor Roswell Shurtleff, of Dartmouth College.

His active pastorate closed with the year 1834, though he was not formally dismissed until the installation of his successor on March 31, 1835. His ministry here was eminently useful. Though the parish was not large, he received into the church 375 persons, on profession of their faith. In 1830 he was a member of the Convention for altering the Constitution of the State.

After his dismissal he continued to live in the parish, and occasionally supplied the pulpit and taught in the Sabbath-school.

In the latter part of the year 1843 he was attacked with a disease of the brain, and was removed to the Insane Hospital in Brattleboro, Vermont, where he died on February 22, 1844, in his 69th year.

He was a man of much more than average ability and scholarship, and gifted with the power of biting sarcasm.

His wife died in Westminster, of the spotted fever, on April 17, 1814, aged 41 years. By her he had seven children, of whom only two sons and one daughter lived to grow up.

He next married, on January 1, 1815, Mrs. Susanna Lusk, a daughter of Timothy and Anne (Ashley) Pomeroy, of Northampton, Massachusetts, by whom he had three sons, all of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. Field died on January 10, 1864, in her 87th year.

He published:

1. A Sermon [from Hebr. vii, 6], delivered at Westminster, September 15, 1816. 8°, pp. 20. [U. T. S.]
   On the promises and blessings of the Abrahamic covenant.

2. Two Sermons [from I Cor. x, 17; I Thess. iii, 8], delivered at Westminster, November 7, 1824, on the Sabbath when ninety-three persons were admitted into the Communion of the Church. Bellows Falls, 1825. 8°, pp. 31. [U. T. S.]
Biographical Sketches, 1797

3. A Sermon [from Ps. cxiii, 5], preached November 12, A. D. 1829, in Westminster, West Parish, Vermont, at the Dedication of a new meeting-house. Brattleboro, 1830. 8vo, pp. 15.

[A. T. S. Y. C.]

AUTHORITIES.


Samuel Augustus Foot, the third son and seventh child of the Rev. John Foot (Yale 1765), of Cheshire, Connecticut, was born in Cheshire on November 8, 1780, and was thus the youngest among those graduated in this Class. His eldest brother had been graduated in 1790, and another brother was a classmate. He entered College in June of the Freshman year.

For a few months after taking his degree he studied law with Daniel N. Brinsmade (Yale 1772), of Washington, Connecticut, and then entered the Law School of Judge Reeve in Litchfield. But his health, which had always been delicate, soon broke down, so that he was obliged to relinquish his design of practicing law, and turned his attention to more active occupations.

In March, 1803, he married Eudocia, eldest daughter of General Andrew and Elizabeth Mary Ann (Atwater) Hull, of Cheshire, and about the same time settled in New Haven as a West-India trader. His business was broken up by the war of 1812, and this with the declining health of his father led him to return in 1813 to Cheshire, where he devoted himself to his farm.

He now had leisure and opportunity to share in the party politics of the day, and before long became known as a zealous and active partisan in the ranks of the Anti-Federalists.

In the sessions of the General Assembly in 1817 and 1818, when his party gained the ascendancy in the State, he was a representative from Cheshire, and a leading mem-
ber of the House. In April, 1821, he was at the same election chosen a State Senator and a Representative; and with a wise regard to his popularity and future prospects, he declined the higher station and accepted the lower. In the two succeeding years he again represented the town in the Legislature, and during this service he was elected a Representative in Congress for the term of two years.

Immediately after the expiration of this term, he again, in May, 1825, represented his native town in the General Assembly, and was Speaker of the House. In 1826 he filled the same offices; and during the session he was appointed a Senator in Congress for the full term of six years, beginning in March, 1827. The latter part of this term was rendered memorable by his introduction of the resolution that the sale of the public lands be suspended, which occasioned the great debate between Hayne and Webster. He was defeated as a candidate for re-election, but in April, 1833, was elected a Representative in Congress for two years from the 4th of March in that year.

In 1834 the Connecticut Whigs who were in opposition to Jackson's administration nominated Mr. Foot for the governorship. He obtained a plurality of the votes cast, and the election was thereby thrown into the General Assembly, which gave it to him.

He accordingly resigned his seat in Congress, to serve as Governor, and was again the Whig candidate for the same office the next year, but was defeated.

After this he retired from public service, except for his candidacy as a presidential elector on the Clay and Frelinghuysen ticket in 1844.

He died at his residence in Cheshire, after an illness of some months, on September 15, 1846, in his 66th year. His widow died at the house of her eldest son, in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 12, 1849, at the age of 66, and her body was brought to Cheshire for interment.

Their children were six sons, of whom three died in early life. The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1823,
and the second reached high distinction as an Admiral in the United States Navy.

Governor Foot, while a strong party man, retained the respect of all for his high character and attractive social qualities. The College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1834.

His portrait is reproduced in Norton’s *Governors of Connecticut*, and another in *The Green Bag*, volume 3.

From a similarity of name his career is sometimes confused with that of his third cousin, Samuel Alfred Foot (Union College 1811), a distinguished lawyer and judge of New York City and Geneva, New York.

**AUTHORITIES.**


**WILLIAM LAMBERT FOOT,** the next elder brother of the preceding graduate, was born in Cheshire, Connecticut, on October 10, 1778. After a period of early ill-health, he began the study of Latin with his father at the age of twelve, and joined the Freshman Class in the spring of 1794.

At graduation he was undecided as to a profession, and for a year he remained at home without employment. He then concluded to study medicine, and put himself under the instruction of his first cousin, Dr. William B. Hall (Yale 1786), of Middletown.

In 1799 he was licensed and began practice in his native town in connection with the husband of his sister Lucinda, Dr. Thomas T. Cornwall. After two or three years, his health failing, he engaged in mercantile business for about five years. Then, having recovered his health, he resumed practice, and continued to respond to professional calls until disabled by rheumatism and old age.
He was a member of the State Legislature in 1839, Judge of Probate for the district of Cheshire for four years (1835-38), Town Clerk and Treasurer for six years, and also held other town offices.

He died in Cheshire on August 7, 1849, in his 71st year.

On March 18, 1801, he married Mary, daughter of Captain Dan Scovill, of Saybrook.

Their children were three sons and three daughters, all of whom survived their father. The eldest son followed his father's profession.

AUTHORITIES.


Charles Goodrich was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, on April 2, 1778, being the eldest son of Judge Charles Goodrich, of Pittsfield, by his second wife, Hannah, daughter of Samuel Ward, and grandson of Colonel David and Prudence (Churchill) Goodrich, of Wethersfield, Connecticut. His father was a half-brother of the father of the Rev. Elizur Goodrich (Yale 1752). He was prepared for College at the Williamstown Academy, before its incorporation as Williams College. He joined the church in Yale College at the end of his Senior year.

On Sunday, September 17, four days after graduation, he married Amelia, daughter of Isaac Jones (Yale 1757), of New Haven, by his third wife, Sybil Benjamin, Mr. Jones's second wife having been Mr. Goodrich's (much older) half-sister.

He now returned to Pittsfield, and took the oversight of his father's farm. About the year 1803 he lost for a time his religious faith, and on recovering it felt impelled to enter the ministry.

Accordingly he began theological studies with the Rev. Dr. Alvan Hyde (Dartmouth College 1788), of Lee, Massachusetts; but was not able to leave his aged father for
a parish. In 1809 he was chosen a deacon in the new Union Church, and retained this office until he entered the ministry. He also held for fourteen years a commission as Justice of the Peace, being active in the counsels of the Federalist party.

His father having died in November, 1816, in his 97th year, he was licensed to preach in 1822, and in June, 1824, was ordained as an evangelist by the Berkshire Association of ministers.

For a few months he supplied the pulpit in Great Barrington; and then, by appointment of the Berkshire and Columbia Missionary Society, he preached to two small destitute churches in Berkshire County for five or six months.

He likewise fulfilled missions in Herkimer County, and in Hillsdale, Columbia County, New York; and for a time supplied the congregations of West Stockbridge and South Hadley, in Massachusetts.

In the spring and summer of 1827 he was preaching in Worcester and Millbury, Massachusetts, and received about eighty members to those churches under his ministrations.

In the fall of 1830 he sold his patrimony in Pittsfield, and in 1831 removed to Havana, in the present township of Montour, Schuyler County, New York, where three of his children had previously settled. After purchasing an estate there, he preached as a stated supply to several congregations in the vicinity for about ten years, until disabled by a severe illness.

In 1852 he removed to the house of one of his daughters in Penn Yan, New York, where he died on June 16, 1871, in his 94th year, being the last survivor of his Class.

He had five sons and four daughters, all of whom lived to maturity except the eldest son. The second son was graduated at the Berkshire Medical College in 1826.

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AUTHORITIES.

Goodrich Family, 49, 81.
GEORGE GRIFFIN was born in East Haddam, Connecticut, on January 14, 1778, being the third son of George Griffin, and a brother of Edward Dorr Griffin, of the Class of 1790. He was prepared for College in the short space of eight months, under the instruction of the Rev. Frederick W. Hotchkiss (Yale 1778), of Saybrook, and he entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

After graduation he began the study of law with Noah B. Benedict (Yale 1788), of Woodbury, and six months later he removed to the Law School at Litchfield.

He was admitted to the bar in December, 1799, and in the summer of 1800 settled in Wilkes-Barré, Pennsylvania, where he pursued his profession for more than six years. The immediate cause of his leaving there was a practical joke which was perpetrated on him in his being elected high constable of the borough.

Late in the fall of 1806 he removed to New York City, and from that date for fifty-two years, or until prevented by old age and its infirmities, he proceeded steadily in the active exercise of his profession, from which he derived both fame and fortune.

Late in life his mind turned strongly to theological studies and to the enjoyment of general literature.

As a lawyer he combined in an eminent degree moving eloquence and a thorough knowledge of his profession. He was also distinguished as an adviser in chambers, and rarely gifted in the power of settling controversies and arranging complicated details with laborious conscientiousness.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by Columbia College in 1837.

He died at his residence in New York, on May 6, 1860, in his 83d year, from softening of the brain, ending in paralysis.

While residing in Wilkes-Barré he married, on July 3, 1801, Lydia, daughter of Colonel Zebulon Butler, a dis-
tinted officer of the Revolution, and Phebe (Haight) Butler, who died on May 1, 1864.

Their children were four sons and four daughters; two of the latter died in infancy.

The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1822, and followed his father's profession, but died before him. The second son was graduated at Columbia College in 1823, and entered the ministry, but died after a brief and brilliant career. The third and fourth sons were educated at Williams College during their uncle's presidency.

He published:


An anonymous treatise, on the thesis that Christ suffered in his divine, as well as in his human nature. The work was replied to, by the Rev. Dr. Bennet Tyler (Yale 1804).


On the internal evidences of Christianity.

Besides the above, a number of his professional arguments found their way into print, as well as some of his addresses at meetings of philanthropic societies.

AUTHORITIES.

Historical Magazine, iv, 187-88. Worth, Hyde Genealogy, i, 163, 196; Kulp, Families of the Wyoming Valley, i, 334-35; ii, 1002-03.

IRA HART was born in Bristol, then part of Farmington, Connecticut, on September 18, 1771, being the eldest child of Jonathan and Mary (Coe) Hart, of Farmington, and grandson of Thomas and Hannah (Coe) Hart, of Farmington.

He entered College in June of the Freshman year, and about the same time his father removed to Paris, in what
is now Oneida County, New York. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith in March of his Sophomore year. His College course was pursued under great discouragements on account of pecuniary embarrassment.

After graduation he studied theology at New Haven, under the instruction of President Dwight, and was licensed to preach by the New Haven West Association of Ministers on June 5, 1798. He also held the Berkeley Scholarship during this year.

A Congregational Church had been organized in 1796 in Middlebury Society in Waterbury, Connecticut; and on November 7, 1798, Mr. Hart was ordained and installed as pastor. The people, however, soon became very generally alienated from him on account of his severity in church-discipline, and a fierce and long continued struggle was only terminated by his dismissal on April 5, 1809. During his pastorate the community had enjoyed three seasons of religious revival, in which many were added to the Church.

During the summer of 1809 he supplied the pulpit in North Stonington, Connecticut, and in the fall he received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Congregational Church, where he was installed on December 6. Here he spent the remnant of his days, enjoying the respect and confidence of his own people and of his brethren in the ministry. After twenty years of constant service, he received a severe contusion in the side, about the middle of September, 1829, by a fall from his chaise. He languished, in partial confinement to the house, until October 29, when he died suddenly, in his chair, at the age of 58.

He was married in New Haven by President Dwight, on December 3, 1798, to Maria, sister of the Rev. John Sherman (Yale 1792), who died in Stonington on September 21, 1857, aged 83 years.

They had three sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, except the second son, who died in his
Sophomore year at Yale, while a member of the Class of 1821.

He was earnest and popular as a preacher, and distinguished for tenderness and sympathy in his pastoral labors.

He printed, in the *Connecticut Evangelical Magazine* for August and September, 1802 (vol. 3, pp. 64–69, 102–09):

A Narrative of a revival of religion in Middlebury in the years 1799 and 1800.

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*Anderson*, Hist. of Waterbury, i, Appendix, 61.  
*Bronson*, Hist. of Waterbury, 278.  
*Pres. Stiles*, Literary Diary, iii, 560.  
Ecclesiastical Hist. of Conn., 421.  

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HOMER HINE was born in New Milford, Connecticut, on July 25, 1776, the second son in a family of ten children of Captain Noble Hine, a farmer, and Patience (Hubbell) Hine, and grandson of James and Margaret (Noble) Hine, of New Milford. A sister married the Rev. Charles A. Boardman (honorary M.A. Yale 1819). His father died just before the opening of his Senior year.

His early education was partly in the school of the Rev. Truman Marsh (Yale 1786), the Episcopal minister of New Milford, and partly at the hands of Mr. Marsh’s classmate, the Congregational pastor of the town, the Rev. Stanley Griswold.

The first year after graduation he spent very pleasantly in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, as preceptor of an academy. The next year was spent in the study of law, under the direction of Philo Ruggles (honorary M.A. Yale 1800), of New Milford; and during the year 1800 he attended the law school at Litchfield.

He was admitted to the bar in Litchfield in the spring of 1801, and in June of the same year emigrated to Canfield, in Mahoning County, Ohio, where he began practice.
In 1806 he removed to Youngstown, in the same county, where he continued in the practice of law with good success until his retirement at the age of sixty-three. After his retirement he occupied himself in agriculture. He died in Youngstown on July 19, 1856, at the age of 80.

Between 1804 and 1825 he was four times a representative of his county in the State Legislature. He was also the first postmaster upon the Western Reserve.

On October 5, 1807, he married Mary, daughter of Abraham and Mary (Ayres) Skinner, of Painesville, Ohio, who had removed from East Hartford, Connecticut, in 1805. They had eight children, of whom two sons died in infancy, and two daughters and four sons grew to maturity.

Mrs. Hine died on December 18, 1882, in her 94th year.

He published:


AUTHORITIES.


JIRAH ISHAM was born in Westchester Society, in Colchester, Connecticut, on May 1, 1778, and was thus the youngest but one in the Class. His father was Captain John Isham, 2d, of Colchester, son of Joseph and Susanna Isham, of the same town; and his mother Eunice, fourth daughter of Thomas and Anna (Bingham) Baldwin of Bozrah.

After graduation he studied law for one year under the Hon. David Daggett (Yale 1783), of New Haven, and then transferred himself to the care of the Hon. Jeremiah G. Brainard (Yale 1779), of New London, where he expected to settle for life.
He was admitted to the bar in 1800, and continued in full practice in New London until his death there, on October 6, 1842, in his 65th year.

He was much respected as a man; and as a laborious student, an able and devoted adviser, a fluent and grateful speaker, his numerous clients trusted and honored him.

He held for nine years before his death the office of State's attorney for New London County; was elected Mayor of the city in 1837, but resigned in 1838; was Clerk of the Probate District of New London from 1830 to 1838, and Judge of the same Court for the last two years of his life.

During the war of 1812, as one of the brigadier-generals of the State militia, he commanded for a time the troops stationed at New London and its vicinity, and commanded respect for his ability and courage.

He was married in New Haven by the Rev. Dr. James Dana, on August 29, 1799, to Lucretia, daughter of the late Dr. Leverett Hubbard (Yale 1744), who died soon in New London, at the age of 23.

He next married Sarah, eldest daughter of Jonathan and Elizabeth (Tabor) Starr, of New London.

His third wife, whom he married about June 1, 1823, was Elizabeth C., daughter of Major John P. Trott, of New London, who survived him, dying on July 23, 1844.

By his first wife he had one daughter, by his second wife four daughters, and by his third wife three daughters and five sons. All but one of his children survived him.

An engraving from his portrait is given in Hurd's History of New London County.

He published:


Now one of the rarest of the Washington orations.
Ezra Ives was born in Hamden, Connecticut, then part of New Haven, on March 18, 1776, the second son and fifth child of Ezra and Mabel Ives, of Hamden. He entered the Class after the opening of the Freshman year.

Shortly after graduation he went South, probably to teach, and on his return, in about two years' time, began the study of medicine in Hartford with Dr. Mason F. Cogswell (Yale 1780).

He obtained his medical license, probably in 1801, and then went to the neighborhood of St. Helena’s Island, South Carolina, midway between Charleston and Savannah. He resided in the village of Pocotaligo, in Prince William's parish, Beaufort district, and practiced over a wide neighborhood; and this continued until his death there in the early summer of 1818, in his 43d year.

He is one of the heirs named in his father's will, which was dated in 1813; but the father outlived this son, and the distribution of his estate shows that Dr. Ives left no issue.

BETHEL JUDD was born in Watertown, then part of Waterbury, Connecticut, in May, 1776, being a son of Noah Judd, of Watertown, and grandson of Lieutenant John and Mercy (Bronson) Judd. His mother was Rebekah, second daughter of Jonathan and Rachel (Hickox) Prindle, of Waterbury. A younger brother received an honorary degree at Yale in 1820. He entered College in June of the Freshman year.
His family attended the Episcopal Church, and on graduation he prepared himself for orders. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Jarvis, of Connecticut, at Cheshire, on September 30, 1798, and for a couple of years (1799 to August, 1801) had charge of St. Paul's Church in Woodbury, and of the adjoining parish of Roxbury. He was called thence to Hudson, New York, and became in 1802 Rector of Christ Church in that place, where he was advanced to the priesthood.

In 1806 or 1807 he supplied the small parish of Claverack, near Hudson.

In 1807 he was chosen Principal of St. John's College, Annapolis, and Rector of St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The College was in a very low condition, and he left Annapolis in 1811.

At the close of September in that year he was invited to become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, Connecticut, and in June, 1813, he was elected one of the Standing Committee of the diocese. His resignation of this rectorship was accepted on September 27, 1813. He resumed the position, however, in 1814, and served until the summer of 1816, when he became Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he was active and influential in the reorganization of the diocese, and was spoken of as a candidate for the Bishopric. Meantime he spent the summers with his family in Norwalk, and in 1818 he undertook a mission of two months among the destitute parishes of the eastern part of Connecticut, as an agent of the Christian Knowledge Society. In the course of his tour he came to New London for a Sunday, with the result that he received a call, on September 14, to the rectorship of St. James's Church in that city, which he accepted, and retained the charge for fourteen years. The smallness of his salary, however, compelled him to resort to the teaching of an academy for young women as an additional means of support.

When the vacancy in the Connecticut Episcopate was under consideration, in 1818–19, his name was brought
forwards, especially by some of the most influential of the laity in New Haven, as being better fitted, on the whole, for the office than any presbyter in the diocese; but, while his piety was unquestioned, and his views of the principles of the church were sound, he was not sufficiently popular with his brethren to command any general support.

He was elected a Trustee of Washington, now Trinity, College in 1830, and in 1831 received from the same institution the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

In July, 1832, Dr. Judd was chosen by the Diocesan Convention Principal of the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, and he at once removed thither, being Rector of the parish as well as head of the school. His services had ceased to be acceptable to a majority of the members of the parish at New London; and he brought no vigor or prosperity to the Cheshire institution.

Not meeting with the success that he anticipated, he resigned his office of Principal in October, 1835, having removed his residence some months previously to Norwalk.

He preached for a time in the neighboring parish of Wilton, but about 1837 removed to Ithaca, New York.

In 1843 he left Ithaca, and accepted a call from Christ Church parish at Sacket's Harbor, in Jefferson County, where he was greatly prospered in his ministry for about three years.

In 1846 he removed to Avon Springs, Livingston County, on account of the health of his only surviving daughter, and had charge of the church there for about a year.

In the latter part of 1847 he went to St. Augustine, Florida, with his daughter; and though he had previously received an appointment as a missionary, yet on his arrival the vestry there elected him to the rectorship.

In the spring of 1848 he was obliged by his own illness to return to the North, and settled in Rochester, New York, and performed missionary labor for a short time.

His last years were spent partly in New York State, and partly with a son in Wilmington, Delaware, where he
died, after an illness of about three weeks, on April 8, 1858, at the age of 82. He retained his physical and mental vigor in a remarkable degree, and had preached within a month of his death. His body was brought to New London for burial.

He married, about the first of May, 1803, Margaret, daughter of 'Squire William Heron, of Redding, Connecticut, and a sister of Maurice Heron (Yale 1806). She was a very accomplished woman, and died of consumption, in New London, on January 30, 1828, aged 50 years.

Of their seven children two died in infancy; of the three remaining sons the eldest was graduated at Brown University in 1824, and had entered the ministry before his early death. The youngest son was graduated at West Point in 1839.

He published:


A plea for the promotion and diffusion of religious knowledge, by fostering the Academy.


An exposition of the doctrine of the Articles and Liturgy in respect to baptism.

He also edited the following volume, by William Paley:—


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Bronson, Hist. of Waterbury, 512.
Descendants of Thomas Judd, 42, 47.
Hallam, Annals of St. James's Church, New London, 92-94. Sel-
leck, Address at Centenary of St. Paul's Church, Norwalk, 13-15.
ASA LYMAN, a younger brother of the Rev. Dr. William Lyman (Yale 1784), was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, on February 24, 1777.

After graduation he remained in New Haven, serving as College Butler, and studying divinity with President Dwight. He was licensed to preach by the Windham Association of Ministers in May, 1799, and after preaching elsewhere in the vicinity of New Haven, accepted a call (given June 23, 1800), with a salary of $400, to the Congregational Church of 87 members in Mount Carmel Society, in Hamden, where he was ordained on September 9, 1800,—his brother preaching the sermon, which was afterwards published.

He was married on the 23d of the following December, to Mary, second daughter of Lieutenant Aaron and Esther (Trowbridge) Benedict, of Middlebury, an elder sister of Amos Benedict (Yale 1800).

His ministerial career had opened with much promise, but ill health obliged him to take a dismission from his parish in April, 1803, and to resort to teaching for a livelihood. Twenty-six members had been added to the church under his ministry.

As his health returned he resumed preaching, and in 1805, while supplying the pulpit of the North Congregational Church in Bath, Maine, he received a call to settle there. He accepted, and was installed on January 1, 1806, but resigned in consequence of ill health on February 4, 1808, terminating his service on March 9.

He was again settled, in Windham, Maine, on November 30, 1809, but on account of another failure of health laid down his office on June 1, 1810.

He was then occupied for a short time in Portland, Maine, as a bookseller and publisher on a small scale, but without much success.

During the rest of his life his chief employment was teaching, in various localities.
In 1820 he conducted a boarding-school in Jamaica, Long Island.
In 1825 he supplied a short time the Presbyterian Church in Chatham, New Jersey.
In 1828 he removed to New York City, and for a time edited The Youth's Journal.
Early in 1831 he removed to Buffalo, and after teaching there took charge of a boarding-school in Skaneateles, in Onondaga County.
About 1834 he removed to Clinton, in Oneida County, for the purpose of educating his sons in Hamilton College; and he died there, on January 20, 1836, at the age of 59, having struggled all his life against the inroads of pulmonary disease.
His widow died in November, 1865, aged 88½ years.
They had three sons, of whom the eldest died in infancy, and five daughters, the second of whom married the Rev. Ebenezer Mead (Yale 1823). The second son was graduated at Hamilton College in 1837, entered the Episcopal ministry, and became Bishop of the diocese of North Carolina. The youngest son was graduated at Columbia College in 1840, and after entering the Episcopal ministry became a priest in the Roman Catholic Church.

Sylvestor Maxwell, the youngest son of Colonel Hugh Maxwell, a native of Ireland, whose family removed to America in his childhood, was born in Heath, then a part of Charlemont, Franklin County, Massachusetts, on April 16, 1775. His mother was Bridget, second daughter of William and Phoebe Munroe, of Lexington, Massa-
chusetts. The Rev. Dr. Joshua Leavitt (Yale 1814) was his nephew.

The town of Heath was newly settled, upon the mountains, and his early advantages were very small. At the age of seventeen his father resolved to give him a College education, and placed him under the teaching of his pastor, the Rev. Joseph Strong (Yale 1784); and his preparation was completed under that eminent instructor, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lyman (Yale 1767), of Hatfield.

After graduation he spent a year in teaching the county academy in Burke County, Georgia. He then studied law in the office of the Hon. Samuel Hinckley (Yale 1781), of Northampton, Massachusetts, and on being admitted to the bar in 1801 established himself in the practice of law in Charlemont, where he resided until the close of his life, universally beloved and honored. His modesty, and perhaps his integrity and good sense, led him to be distinguished rather as a counsellor than as an advocate at the bar. For many years the chief direction of the public affairs of the town lay in his hands, and he was repeatedly elected to both branches of the State Legislature.

He united with the Congregational Church in Charlemont in 1824, and served as Superintendent of the Sunday School for about twenty years, and as Deacon for a briefer period. He was a man of rare purity and probity, distinguished for his regard for justice and truth, as well as by his services as a peacemaker in composing neighborly strifes. He was no less remarkable for his sincerity in religion, his firm maintenance of gospel doctrine as he received it, and a love for all Christians regardless of names and peculiarities.

He died in Charlemont on December 21, 1858, in his 84th year.

On December 25, 1806, he married Tirzah, daughter of Deacon Lemuel and Abigail (White) Taylor, of the adjoining town of Buckland, by whom he had ten children, six of whom survived their parents,—the last dying in
1909. The youngest son died by accident while a member of the Sophomore Class in Williams College. Professor Charles U. Clark (Yale 1897) is a great-grandson. Mrs. Maxwell died on September 17, 1857, aged 73 years.

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C. U. Clark, MS. Letter, April, July, 1860.
1910. Joshua Leavitt, MS. Letter,

JAMES MURDOCK was born on February 16, 1776, in Westbrook, then part of Saybrook, Connecticut, the only son of Abraham Murdock; who was a brother of three Yale graduates,—Peter (1755), Jonathan (1766), and James (1774). Abraham Murdock died in 1777, and his widow—Hannah, daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Spencer) Lay, of Westbrook—married in 1780 Seth Smith, of East Lyme, by whom she had a son who was graduated here in 1802.

James Murdock was prepared for College by his uncle, the Rev. Jonathan Murdock, of Bozrah. He joined the College Church on profession of faith in November, 1794. At graduation he delivered the Latin Oration, on the Importance of comparing and classing our Ideas. He then became Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven; and on relinquishing that office in March, 1799, he began the study of theology under President Dwight. He was also during the last two of these years a Scholar on the Berkeley foundation.

In the autumn of 1799, he joined his classmate Niles for one year in the charge of the academy which afterwards developed into Hamilton College, in Clinton, New York.

In September, 1800, he resumed his theological studies under the Rev. Asahel S. Norton (Yale 1790), of Clinton, and was licensed to preach in January, 1801, by the Oneida (Congregational) Association of Ministers. He returned to New Haven in April, and after briefer experiences else-
where, was invited to preach, in the fall of 1801, as a candidate for settlement in Princeton, Worcester County, Massachusetts. He received a unanimous call to settle there in March, 1802, and was ordained on June 23, on a salary of $366.

He possessed the unlimited confidence and esteem of his people, though for some years his ministry seemed comparatively unfruitful; but in 1810 it was attended by a revival of religious interest, in which about fifty persons were added to the church. During his pastorate he was a close student, and made large acquisitions, especially in biblical and Oriental literature.

On October 11, 1815, he was dismissed from the pastorate, on being elected to the Professorship of the Greek and Latin languages in the University of Vermont, at Burlington. While filling that chair, he was also obliged to act as Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy.

In 1818 he was elected to the Professorship of languages in Dartmouth College, but declined.

In the spring of 1819 he returned to Massachusetts, on accepting with some reluctance, after great urgency, an appointment as Brown Professor of Sacred Rhetoric and Ecclesiastical History in the Theological Seminary at Andover. In the autumn of that year Harvard University conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Difficulties soon arose between him and the other Professors, respecting his course of duties in the Seminary, and he offered his resignation in the fall of 1820. It was not, however, accepted, but the difficulties continued and at last issued in 1828 in his dismission from the institution.

In 1829 he removed to New Haven, where he resided for the rest of his life, very much retired, and devoted to private studies, especially in ecclesiastical history.

In the autumn of 1855 he went to Columbus, Mississippi, to spend the winter with his only surviving son, but about
the time of his intended return was attacked with disease, and died on August 10, 1856, aged 80½ years. He is buried in New Haven.

He was married in New Haven by the Rev. John Gemmil, the second week in October, 1799, to Rebekah Lydia, youngest daughter of Jeremiah Atwater, the College Steward, and sister of Jeremiah M. Atwater (Yale 1785). She died in New Haven on December 27, 1832, in her 55th year.

They had ten children, six of whom died in infancy or early childhood; of the others, two sons and two daughters, the elder son died at the age of 19. The elder daughter married the Rev. Edward R. Tyler (Yale 1825), and the younger married the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel S. Richardson (Yale 1834).

An interesting sketch of his life, by the Rev. Dr. Richardson, was printed in the Church Review for January, 1857, and afterwards separately.

Dr. Murdock was a thorough and painstaking scholar, with a well-balanced mind and accurate memory, great readiness in making his learning available, and untiring powers of acquisition.

He published:


The sermon occupies pp. 1–26.


[A. C. A. Br. Mus. Y. C.]


Also reprinted in Scotland.

His great work, however, was not in the line of independent composition; he also published:

5. Elements of Dogmatic History.—By William Muenscher.—Translated from the second edition of the original German. New Haven, 1830. 12°, pp. 203. [Y. C.]


In his 70th year he resumed his early study of Syriac for the purpose of completing this very satisfactory translation.

He assisted his son-in-law, the Rev. E. R. Tyler, in the preparation of the following:

The Congregational Catechism, containing a general survey of the organization, government, and discipline of Christian Churches. New Haven, 1844. 12°, pp. 137. [Y. C.]

He also contributed to the Panoplist, the New Englander, the Church Review, and other periodicals; and was associated with his classmate Day in the preparation of Memoirs of their College Class.
JOHN NILES was born in Westchester Society in Colchester, Connecticut, on December 31, 1775, the eldest child of Nathan Niles, of Colchester, and his wife, Dorcas Beckwith, of Lyme, and a grandson of Nathan and Mary Niles, of Westchester. He united with the College Church near the end of his Junior year.

For the first year after graduation he filled the office of College Butler. Meantime he had pursued the study of theology under Dr. Backus and President Dwight, and he was licensed to preach by the New Haven West Association of Ministers on October 23, 1798.

He had already declined one offer of a settlement in the ministry in Connecticut, when, near the close of the year 1798, he took charge of Hamilton Oneida Academy, now Hamilton College, in Clinton, New York, as the first Preceptor of that institution.

He discharged the duties of that station with great faithfulness and ability for about three years, during which he also preached occasionally in the vicinity. Finding his health impaired by his labors, he then returned to Connecticut, and was partially occupied in preaching until the autumn of 1803, when he settled on a farm in the new township of Prattsburg, in Steuben County, Western New York.

In about eight months from the time of his arrival, a church of fourteen members was gathered there; and he preached for a considerable time alternately in Prattsburg and in Bath, the county seat.

In June, 1806, he was ordained, without pastoral charge, by the Ontario Association of Congregational Ministers;
and on July 6, 1808, he was installed by a committee of the same body as pastor of the church in Bath. He accordingly removed thither, and gave himself thenceforth wholly to this duty. The church altered its form of government from Congregational to Presbyterian in September, 1811.

He died in Bath, on September 13, 1812, after three weeks' illness, from fever, in his 37th year.

He married on May 13, 1799, Hannah, younger daughter of Deacon George Elliot, of Killingworth, now Clinton, Connecticut, and sister of Achilles H. Elliot (Yale 1802). She died on October 9, 1819, in her 43d year.

Their children were two sons and three daughters. One son and two daughters lived to maturity; the two youngest children died in infancy.

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Gridley, Hist. of Kirtland, N. Y.
123. Hakes, Landmarks of Steuben

WILLIAM PAGE was born in Charlestown, New Hampshire, on September 2, 1779, the son of Dr. William and Chloe Page, of Charlestown, and grandson of John and Hannah (Robbins) Page, of New Fairfield, Connecticut. His mother was a daughter of the Rev. Samuel Todd (Yale 1734), of Plymouth, Connecticut.

He was prepared for College by Levi Hedge (Harvard 1792), and was one of the youngest members of his Class. After graduation he taught for a short time in the Charlestown Academy, until his father's impaired health and embarrassed affairs required his attention.

In 1798 Dr. Page removed to Bellows Falls, Vermont, and his son aided him for one or two years as assistant engineer in the construction of a canal at that place.
As soon as he was at liberty he entered on the study of law at Burlington, Vermont, under the direction of Judge Daniel Farrand (Yale 1781).

On being admitted to the bar, in March, 1806, he went immediately to Rutland, Vermont, and was there actively and prosperously engaged in his profession until March, 1825, when he was appointed cashier of the Bank of Rutland, the duties of which position occupied him for the rest of his active career.

In October, 1803, he was appointed Secretary to the Governor and Council of Vermont, and was annually reappointed to that office (with the exception of one year) until 1809. From 1813 he held the office of Justice of the Peace.

In April, 1829, he was chosen a Deacon of the Congregational Church in Rutland.

He died in Rutland on February 14, 1850, in his 71st year, leaving the reputation of a most excellent citizen and exemplary man.

He married, on May 17, 1807, Mary, daughter of Colonel Boardman, of Bennington, Vermont, who died on April 10, 1810, at the age of 25. He next married, on October 18, 1813, Cynthia Amanda Hickok, of Lansingburg, New York, a sister of Norman Hickok (Yale 1803), who died in 1866, at the age of 74.

By his first marriage he had one daughter and one son; and by his second marriage five daughters and six sons. All his children reached maturity, and all survived him, except one daughter and one son. One son was graduated at Middlebury College in 1840, and at the Yale Medical School in 1843; and another son was Governor of the State of Vermont from 1867 to 1869. A daughter married the Rev. Aaron G. Pease (Univ. of Vt. 1837).

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Saunderson, Hist. of Charlestown, 498, 704.
Horatio Seymour was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, on May 31, 1778, the third son and fourth child of Major Moses Seymour, of Litchfield, and grandson of Moses and Rachel (Goodwin) Seymour, of West Hartford. His mother was Molly, youngest child of Colonel Ebenezer and Deborah (Buel) Marsh, of Litchfield. His only sister married the Rev. Truman Marsh (Yale 1786). Origen S. Seymour (Yale 1824), John F. Seymour (Yale 1835), and Governor Horatio Seymour of New York were nephews.

He was prepared for College at New Milford, Connecticut, by his brother-in-law, Mr. Marsh.

For the first year after graduation he was an assistant in the Episcopal Academy at Cheshire, Connecticut. The next year he spent at home, attending the Law School of Judge Reeve.

In October, 1799, he went to Middlebury, Vermont, and continued his professional studies in the office of the Hon. Daniel Chipman. In the spring of 1800 he was admitted to the bar and began business in Middlebury. While not seeking to extend his practice to other counties, it is said that no other lawyer in Addison County ever had so extensive a business as his came to be. This result was owing to his talents, which were of a superior order, to his thorough knowledge of the law, and even more to his great popularity as a man.

In December, 1800, he was appointed postmaster of Middlebury, and continued in the office for nine years. When the Vermont State Bank was established in 1806, he was chosen one of its first directors, and he held that office until the branch at Middlebury was closed. In 1809 he was elected a member of the Council, or Upper House, in the State Legislature, and was annually re-elected for the five following years. He served as State's Attorney for Addison County from 1810 to 1813, and again from 1815 to 1819.
In October, 1820, the Legislature appointed him a Senator in Congress for six years from March 4, 1821; and at the expiration of that term he was re-elected for a second.

In 1833 he resumed his law practice, and continued it until forced to retire by the infirmities of age. In October, 1847, the Legislature appointed him Judge of Probate for the district of Addison, and he retained this office until 1855.

On the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation, in 1847, the Yale Corporation conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

He was a member of the Corporation of Middlebury College from 1810 to 1855. He united with the Episcopal Society in Middlebury at its first organization, and was for many years Senior Warden of the parish.

During the administrations of Jefferson and Madison, he was in the main an adherent of their policy. He subsequently supported President Adams, and the Whigs; but was always more swayed by principle than by party ties. In 1836 he was the Whig candidate for Governor of Vermont, but was defeated. His constitutional diffidence prevented his voice from being often heard in the Senate. No man had fewer enemies, or more attached friends.

After some years of slow and rather premature decline, he died at his residence in Middlebury on November 21, 1857, aged 79½ years.

He married in the spring of 1800 Lucy, daughter of Jonah Case, of Addison, Vermont, who died on October 19, 1838.

Their children were four sons and two daughters. The eldest son was graduated at Middlebury College in 1820, and the third in 1832. The younger daughter married Philip Battell (Middlebury College 1826). Philip Battell Stewart (Yale 1886) is a great-grandson.

A portrait of Mr. Seymour is given in Swift's History of Middlebury.
THEODORE SILL, the younger son of Dr. Elisha Sill (Yale 1754), of Goshen, Litchfield County, Connecticut, was born in Goshen on January 3, 1777.

Soon after graduation he entered Judge Reeve's Law School in Litchfield, where he continued for about a year. He then went to Whitesboro, Oneida County, New York, to continue his studies in the office of his brother-in-law, Thomas R. Gold (Yale 1786), a practitioner of distinction.

On his admission to the bar in 1800, he was taken into partnership with Mr. Gold, and for many years they did a very large law business, the junior partner himself sustaining a high rank at the bar of the County and State, both as an able advocate and an eloquent speaker.

He was appointed County Treasurer in 1802, and was continued in that office until 1810. He served as a member of the State Assembly during four sessions, in 1814-15 and 1826-27. In politics he was originally a Federalist, and after the disintegration of that party, a supporter of DeWitt Clinton. He was active in the State militia, and reached the rank of Brigadier-General in 1821.

He was of good height, stately figure, courtly manners, and dignified bearing. Besides his ability as a lawyer and persuasive jury advocate, and as a successful politician, he was also largely interested in the manufacturing interests of Oneida County.

In the latter part of his life he fell into intemperate habits and lost control of his business. He died at his home in Whitesboro on March 27, 1836, in his 60th year.

He married on September 10, 1810, Eliza, eldest daughter of Dr. J. Milton Mann (Brown University 1787), of Hudson, New York, whose widow had settled in Whites-
Richard Smith, the eldest child of Dr. Phineas Smith, of Sharon, Connecticut, and grandson of Dan and Keziah (Devotion) Smith, of Suffield, was born in Sharon on January 17, 1779. His mother was Abigail Lay, of Sharon.

His preparation for College was completed under Barzillai Slosson (Yale 1791), and he entered College at the opening of the Sophomore year with the Class which was graduated in 1796; but the death of his father in June, 1794, detained him from College for over a year, and so postponed his graduation.

From New Haven he returned to Sharon, and after the settlement of his father's estate he entered on the study of law in the office of his father's first cousin, John Cotton Smith (Yale 1783), and was admitted to the bar at Litchfield in March, 1801.

He thought at first of settling in Vermont, but abandoned the plan, on account of the long probation required there; and in August, 1801, he repaired to Canandaigua, New York, and was admitted to the bar of Ontario County. On the erection of Genesee County, with Batavia for its capital, he took up his residence there (in 1804), and remained there for the rest of his life.

He was not greatly interested in his profession, but was a useful and highly respected citizen. He held the office
of County Surrogate from 1805 to 1811, and served as Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for between thirty and forty years consecutively.

His health continued firm until about 1849, after which a succession of slight paralytic attacks weakened him. In the summer of 1859 his mind began to give way, and he died, of apoplexy, at his home in Batavia, on December 31, 1859, aged 81 years.

He married in 1816 Mrs. Almira (Landon) Babcock, of Connecticut birth, who died in 1833.


By his first marriage he had five daughters, all of whom grew to maturity.

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*Doolittle, Sketch of Congregational* styne, Sharon Births, Marriages, and *Church, Belchertown, 272. Van Al-* Deaths, 117.

Seth Perkins Staples, the third son and child of the Rev. John Staples (Princeton Coll. 1765), pastor of the Congregational Church in Westminster Society, Canterbury, Connecticut, was born in Canterbury on August 31, 1776. His mother was Susanna, sister of Enoch Perkins (Yale 1781). Two brothers were graduated here.

In the spring of 1793 he began his preparation for College with the Rev. Elisha Atkins (Yale 1773), of North Killingly, now Putnam, and he entered College in June of the Freshman year.

Upon graduation he immediately began the study of law in the office of the Hon. David Daggett (Yale 1783), of New Haven, and two years later, in September, 1799, was admitted to the bar at Litchfield.

He then opened an office in New Haven, and went into full practice. In 1800 Isaac Beers, the New Haven bookseller, imported for him a very complete law library, one
of the best at that time in New England. This library induced law students to esteem it a high privilege to study in his office, and he soon found himself the head of a flourishing private law-school.

After carrying this on alone for several years, he called to his aid in 1820 the Hon. Samuel J. Hitchcock (Yale 1809), and made him a partner both in his office and School. The School thus begun was formally recognized by the Yale Corporation in 1846 as the Law Department of the College.

In 1824 Mr. Staples removed to New York City, where he soon acquired an extensive practice, especially in the United States courts. He continued to be fully devoted to his profession until about 1856.

He died in New York on November 6, 1861, in his 86th year, and was brought to New Haven for burial.

He was married in New Haven, on November 25, 1799, to Catharine, only daughter of the Rev. Professor Samuel Wales (Yale 1767), of Yale College, by whom he had three sons and three daughters, all of whom grew to adult life. The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1827. A daughter married Sutherland Douglas (Yale 1822), and subsequently the Rt. Rev. B. B. Smith.

Mrs. Staples died in New York, after many years of delicate health, on February 15, 1856, in her 77th year.

Mr. Staples represented the town of New Haven in the State Legislature during five sessions in 1814–16, but after that date withdrew altogether from political life.

THEODORE STRONG, the eldest child of Governor Caleb Strong (Harvard 1764), of Northampton, Massachusetts, and grandson of Lieutenant Caleb and Phebe (Lyman) Strong of Northampton, was born in that town on January 13, 1779. His mother was Sarah, second daughter of the Rev. John Hooker (Yale 1751), of Northampton. Two brothers were graduated at Harvard, in 1803 and 1810.
respectively. He entered College at the beginning of the third term of Freshman year.

After leaving College he returned to his native town, where he passed through a course of legal studies under his father's instruction; but having little fondness for the details of business, and possessing sufficient property for his support, he did not engage in the active duties of the profession.

He continued to reside in Northampton until about 1843, when he removed to Coal Grove, a suburb of Ironton, on the southern border of Ohio, where he owned a large tract of land adjoining the Ohio River, on which were valuable beds of iron and coal.

He died at Coal Grove on February 12, 1855, aged 76 years.

He was married in Boston on June 3, 1806, by the Rev. William Emerson, to Martha (or Patty) Allen, of Lynn, Massachusetts, a niece and adopted daughter of Jeremiah Allen, of Boston.

Their children were one son and four daughters (three of whom died before their father). The eldest and surviving daughter married the Rev. Dr. Augustus C. Thompson (honorary M.A. Yale 1841).

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Dwight, Strong Family, xxx, 222.

Ephraim Treadwell Woodruff, the youngest of nine children of Timothy and Lucy (Treadwell) Woodruff, of Farmington, Connecticut, was born in Farmington on October 17, 1777. At the age of four he lost his mother, and at the age of ten his father. He was left as a legacy to his eldest brother (Yale 1784), who was settled in 1789 in Stonington, Connecticut, and this brother prepared him for College, as his father had intended.
On graduation he taught an academy in Stonington for one year, and subsequently for six months in Farmington. He then began the study of theology under the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers, and on June 3, 1800, was licensed to preach by the Tolland Association of Ministers.

After preaching elsewhere, he was called in December, 1800, on a salary of £120, to the Congregational Church of one hundred and one members in North Coventry, Connecticut, where he was ordained and installed on April 8, 1801. The sermon preached by his brother on the occasion was afterwards published.

Under his ministry of sixteen and one-half years, the community enjoyed three special seasons of revival, during which nearly one hundred and forty members were added to the church. Besides his faithful ministerial labors, Mr. Woodruff taught a private school for both sexes in his own house, for nearly the whole time of his residence in Coventry.

In 1815 he found his health failing from excess of labor, and proposed to take a dismission, but his people would not consent. Two years later the state of his health compelled his resignation (on October 21, 1817). After a few months he accepted a commission from the Missionary Society of Connecticut to labor on the Connecticut Reserve in Ohio; but on his way thither he was invited to take charge of the academy at Little Falls, Herkimer County, New York, with a salary of nine hundred dollars a year and liberty to supply pulpits as he had opportunity.

He accepted this offer, and finding his health considerably improved at the end of a year, proceeded on his mission.

He arrived in Ohio in April, 1819, and fixed his residence in Wayne, Ashtabula County, where he remained until his death. For twenty years he preached either as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Wayne, or as a missionary, and with much success. In Wayne, two revivals under his
ministry added about one hundred and fifty members to that church.

At length, in 1839, difficulty in his vocal organs and the failure of both sight and hearing obliged him to relinquish preaching.

He continued to reside on his little farm of twenty acres, and for some years acted as agent of the Connecticut Bible Society.

He died in Wayne, on November 26, 1859, in his 83d year.

He married on October 7, 1801, Sally, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Bartlett) Alden, of Lebanon, Connecticut, her widowed mother being then the wife of his eldest brother. She died in Hartford, Ohio, on January 27, 1830, aged 50, and some two years later he married Susan, daughter of Nathaniel and Martha Porter, of East Windsor, Connecticut, and granddaughter of the Rev. Samuel Tudor (Yale 1728), who survived him.

His children, by his first marriage, were five daughters and three sons. The eldest son was graduated at Hamilton College in 1831, and became a minister.

He published:

1. The Sovereignty of God. A funeral sermon [from Isa. lxiv, 8] occasioned by the death of three little boys, who were drowned by their mother, at Kinsman, Ohio. Warren, 1820. 8°.


After his retirement he spent about three years in the composition of a hundred short sermons for the use of
feeble churches without a minister; but lacked the means to publish them.

His family had in contemplation, after his death, the preparation of a biography, but this does not seem to have been accomplished.

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Annals, 1797-98

The death of the Rev. Dr. Elizur Goodrich (Yale 1752), of Durham, in November, 1797, caused the first vacancy in the Corporation since President Dwight's induction; which was filled at the ensuing Commencement by the election of the Rev. Dr. James Dana (Harvard 1753), pastor of the First Church in New Haven.

At Commencement in 1798 Dan Huntington, of the Class of 1794, resigned the tutorship; and on account of the unusual size of the class then entering, it was necessary to call in in his stead two tutors—Jeremiah Day, of the Class of 1795; and Henry Davis, of the Class of 1796. At the same time Ebenezer Grant Marsh, of the Class of 1795, was appointed Instructor in Hebrew; and a vote was passed, to the effect that a Professorship of Chemistry and Natural History be instituted, as soon as the funds should warrant it.

At this Commencement some excitement was caused by a public attack on the Phi Beta Kappa Society, on account of its secrecy. No result of permanence followed, though the prospects of some of the members were temporarily embarrassed by charges of sympathy with jacobinism and illuminism.

At the Commencement in 1798 a committee was appointed to proceed with the erection of a new dwelling-house for the President, the old President's House being in a state of great decay.

An anonymous pamphlet was issued early in 1798, entitled *An Appeal to the candid, upon the present state of Religion and Politics in Connecticut* (16°, pp. 23), which was mainly a diatribe against the College and its
President. The chief criticism was against the lack of freedom shown to Episcopal students. The author was John Cosins Ogden (Princeton 1770, and *ad eundem* M.A. Yale 1782), an Episcopalian clergyman, of unbalanced mind, who had formerly lived in New Haven, and was a son-in-law of General Wooster (Yale 1738) and brother-in-law of the Hon. Pierpont Edwards, an uncle of President Dwight.
Sketches, Class of 1798

*Johannes Akins
*Plinius Arms
*Henricus Harramond Bacot, A.M.
*Amos Baldwin, A.M.
*Enos Bronson, A.M.
*Jacobus Burnet, A.M.
*Guilielmus Powell Farrand, A.M. Neo-Caes. 1802
*Daniel Fuller
*Claudius Herrick, A.M.

Polit. Prof.
*Ebenezer Learned, A.M.
*Thomas Lewis, A.M. 1803
*Daniel Parker, A.M. et Guil. 1806
*Jonathan Remington
*David Bradford Ripley
*Theodorus Sedgwick
*Carolus Shepherd
*David Brinsmade Wilcoxson, A.M.
*Josephus Williams, A.M. 1861
*David Young

JOHN AKINS came to College from Washington township, in Duchess County, New York.
He did not enter College until after the beginning of the Sophomore year.
He is believed to have settled in Poughkeepsie, in his native county.
His name is first marked deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of Graduates printed in 1811. He must not, however, be identified (as has been attempted) with another John Akin, or Akins, who died in Pawling, Duchess County, in November, 1810, leaving several married children.

Pliny Arms, the eldest son of Deacon Jonathan Arms, a blacksmith and trader of Deerfield, by his second wife, Eunice, third daughter of Deacon Aaron and Eunice (Dwight) Lyman, of Belchertown, Massachusetts, and grandson of William and Rebecca (Nash) Arms, of Deerfield, was born in that town on February 17, 1778.

He settled in Deerfield as a lawyer, and was prominently useful there in many public relations. He received a commission as Justice of the Peace in 1814, and as Justice of the Peace and Quorum in 1845.

He died in Deerfield on February 2, 1859, aged 81 years.

He married on June 19, 1810, Thankful, third daughter of Colonel Thomas W. and Thankful (Field) Dickinson, of Deerfield, who was about four years his junior.

They had six sons (of whom four died early) and two daughters.

Authorities.


Henry Harramond Bacot, who was born in Charleston, South Carolina, in April, 1780, was the youngest son of Peter Bacot, of Charleston, and grandson of Pierre (or Peter) and Marie (Peronneau) Bacot. His great-grandparents, Pierre and Jaquine Bacot, emigrated to the neighborhood of Charleston from Tours, France, after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes. His mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Muncreef)
Harramond, of Charleston. His eldest brother was appointed postmaster of Charleston by President Washington in 1794, and held that office for over forty years. He entered Yale after the opening of the Freshman year.

He practiced law in his native city, also holding military rank as Colonel, and was universally respected and esteemed for his solid and amiable qualities. His health failed comparatively early, and after frequent visits to Europe for its restoration, he finally returned in December, 1832, from a visit to a branch of his family in France, and after a gradual decline died in Charleston, on October 13, 1833, aged 53½ years. He was unmarried.

A great-nephew and namesake, Dr. Henry Harramond Bacot, was graduated here in 1837.

AUTHORITIES.

Amos Baldwin, the only child of Alsop Baldwin, of Watertown, then part of Waterbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Deacon Theophilus and Dorothy Baldwin, of Amity Parish in New Haven, now Woodbridge, was born on March 26, 1775. His mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Amos Sherman, of Woodbridge. He entered Yale after the opening of the Freshman year.

He spent some years as a trader in Wolcott and in Cheshire, Connecticut; but ultimately returned to his paternal farm in Watertown, where he died in the middle or latter part of June, 1839, in his 64th year. (His will is dated on June 10.)

He represented Watertown in the State Legislature in 1818.

He married Sally Law, of Cheshire, who survived him. Their only child was a son.

AUTHORITIES.
WILLIAM BRISTOL, the youngest son of Judge Simeon Bristol (Yale 1760), of Hamden, then part of New Haven, was born on June 2, 1779.

He studied law in the office of the Hon. David Daggett, and was admitted to the bar in New Haven County in November, 1800. In 1800–02 his father built for him the handsome house on Elm Street, after the pattern of the adjacent mansion of Judge Daggett, which was torn down in 1908 to make room for the new Public Library.

He was Speaker of the House of Representatives of Connecticut in 1817. He represented New Haven in the Convention held in Hartford in 1818 which formed the present State constitution.

In 1818 and 1819 he was a member of the State Senate, and (ex-officio) of the Corporation of the College.

In 1819, at the comparatively early age of forty, he was appointed Judge of the Superior Court and Supreme Court of Errors, which office he held until his resignation in 1826, having in that year been appointed Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Connecticut, in which latter office he continued until his death.

He was elected an alderman of the city in 1818, 1821, and 1826, and Mayor in June, 1827, holding the office for one year. In 1825 he was nominated by his political friends as candidate for Governor, but declined, preferring the quietude of the judicial station to the excitements attending a political canvass.

In 1830 he was joined with Judge Samuel Church (Yale 1803) in the report of a new and revised criminal code for the State.

He died suddenly, after a period of infirmity, in New Haven, on Monday evening, March 7, 1836, in his 57th year.

Judge Bristol was a man of superior mental powers, which he cultivated with untiring industry. His learning,
ability, and integrity, united with a courteous urbanity, elicited the admiration of his professional brethren and won the confidence of the community. "As a judge he was the favorite of everyone, judges, jurors, witnesses, and counsel, all bore willing testimony to the ability and impartiality with which his official duty was invariably performed. Towards the younger members of the profession he was particularly kind, attentive, and encouraging; and no young man practicing before him could feel the slightest apprehension that the merits of his case would be overlooked in the decision, no matter how diffident he might be in presenting his views, or however powerful and experienced might be the counsel opposed to him. Such was the confidence placed in the decisions of Judge Bristol, that controversies involving large sums and intricate questions, were frequently referred to him by the parties, and were quietly disposed of in a short time in his office, which would otherwise have required months or years of expensive litigation." He lived universally respected, and his death was deeply lamented.

He was married, in New Haven, on January 6, 1805, by the Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard, to Sarah (or Sally) Edwards, of New Haven, who died on December 24, 1866, aged 86 years. Three sons were graduates of Yale, in 1825, 1827, and 1835, and a daughter married John Murdoch (Yale 1834).

His only separate publication, over his own name, was the following:

An Address, intended to have been delivered (in substance) at the late Town Meeting, in New-Haven; in Reply to the reasons urged for requesting His Excellency the Governor to convene the General Assembly, to take into consideration the alarming situation of Public Affairs; but prevented from being delivered by causes herein explained. Together with a Short Account of that Extraordinary Meeting. By William Bristoll, Esq. New-Haven, 1809. 8°, pp. 19. [M. H. S. N. Y. H. S. Y. C.]

In defence of the Embargo. The Address seems to have been hooted down by the opposition.
He delivered the Fourth of July Oration in New Haven in 1800, but it does not seem to have been printed.

ENOS BRONSON, the eldest child of Eli Bronson, of Waterbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Isaac and Eunice (Richards) Bronson, of Waterbury, was born in that town on March 31, 1774. His mother was Mehetabel, eldest daughter of Captain Enos and Hannah (Moss) Atwater, of Wallingford.

After leaving College he began the study of law; but by the summer of 1799 had gone to Philadelphia, where he taught for a time in the Episcopal Academy.

There he conceived the idea of conducting a Federalist newspaper, and after a full correspondence with President Dwight on the subject, he undertook in March, 1801, the publication of The Gazette of the United States, and Daily Advertiser, which he edited with great ability until his death. He was an earnest opponent of the Democratic party, and the Gazette exercised a powerful influence throughout the country.

Mr. Bronson wrote with great vigor and directness, in a pure, lucid, and simple style. He was a master of irony, sarcasm, and invective, and his printing-office was repeatedly threatened with vengeance for his outspokenness.

As the head of the business-firm which published the Gazette, he supervised and issued editions of Roscoe's Lorenzo de Medici (1803) and Leo X (1805-06), with the purpose of assisting to cultivate a taste for literature and history.

He died in Philadelphia on April 17, 1823, at the age of 49.
He was married in Philadelphia, on December 4, 1804, by the Rev. Dr. Robert Blackwell, to Mary, daughter of the Rt. Rev. William and Mary (Harrison) White, of Philadelphia, by whom he had five daughters and two sons. One son became an Episcopal clergyman, and one daughter married Professor Henry Reed (Univ. of Pa. 1825).

Mrs. Bronson died in Philadelphia, on November 17, 1826, in her 50th year.

AUTHORITIES.


James Burnet, the only son of the Rev. Dr. Matthias Burnet (Princeton 1769) by his first wife, Ann Combs, of Jamaica, Long Island, was born on January 15, 1779, in Jamaica, where his father was pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

In 1785 the father removed to the Congregational Church in Norwalk, Connecticut, and in the same year received the degree of Master of Arts at Yale. The son did not enter College until after the opening of the Sophomore year. At graduation he delivered the Valedictory Oration.

He won the Berkeley Scholarship at graduation, but did not remain in residence.

On graduation he became the principal of the new Staples Academy in Easton, then part of Weston, in his native county, and later a lawyer in Norwalk, and was considered a young man of talent, but more gay in conduct than became his parentage. He also while at the bar prepared some boys for College.

He died in Norwalk on December 4, 1806, about five months after his father, in his 28th year.

AUTHORITIES.

WILLIAM POWELL FARRAND, a son of Jonathan Farrand, of Milford, and of Judea Society in Woodbury, now the town of Washington, Connecticut, by his second wife, Rebecca Powell, of Washington, was born in 1777. A half-sister married Daniel N. Brinsmade (Yale 1772).

He received a Master's degree from Princeton College in 1802.

As early as 1804 he was established as a bookseller in Philadelphia, where he continued until his death on November 30, 1839, in his 63d year.

He edited in 1807-08 a monthly magazine, called The Evangelical Intelligencer, published under the patronage of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

AUTHORITIES.
Cothren, Hist. of Woodbury, i, 544.

DANIEL FULLER, the younger son of Dr. Jonathan and Sibyl (Meacham) Fuller, of Mansfield, Connecticut, was born in Mansfield on March 16, 1778. His brother was graduated here in 1783.

He resided at College for one or two years after graduation on the Berkeley Scholarship.

He was for many years a teacher in Schenectady, New York, where he died on January 3, 1849, in his 71st year. In a notice of his death in the Connecticut Courant he is characterized as "a man of the most extensive learning."

AUTHORITIES.

CLAUDIUS HERRICK, the eldest son of Deacon Henry and Jerusha (Foster) Herrick, of Southampton, Long Island, and grandson of Nathan and Eunice Herrick, of Southampton, was born in that town on February 24, 1775. He
was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Buell (Yale 1741), of East Hampton, but did not enter until after the opening of the Sophomore year. At graduation he delivered the Latin Salutatory Oration.

He taught for a year or two in the Academy in Greenfield, Massachusetts, and then studied theology, probably with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769) of Somers, Connecticut. He was licensed to preach by the Tolland Association of Ministers on June 2, 1801.

On March 3, 1802, he was settled as pastor of the Congregational Church at Woodbridge, in the suburbs of New Haven, but on account of failing health he was dismissed in September, 1806.

Early in 1807 he removed to New Haven, leasing from the College what was called the Greenough house, on the corner now occupied by the Battell Chapel, and in September, 1808, began a highly successful school for young ladies, which he maintained until his death, and which from the beginning of 1811 was conducted in his residence. The school was distinguished for a high tone of moral and religious sentiment.

Besides this congenial labor, though ceasing entirely from formal ministerial duty, he devoted much of his time to unofficial pastoral service among the sick and afflicted. Few men in this community have so consistently spent themselves in doing good.

He struggled continually with serious ill health, and died on May 26, 1831, in his 57th year, after two weeks' illness from typhus fever, contracted while visiting a patient.

He was married by President Dwight, on March 17, 1802, to Hannah, elder surviving daughter of John and Sarah (Beers) Pierrepont, of New Haven, who died here on July 10, 1859, in her 83d year.

Their children were three sons, and a daughter who died in infancy. The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1822, and the second son in 1824. The youngest son entered on
a business career, but spent the last twenty years of his life in the service of the College as its Librarian and Treasurer.

**AUTHORITIES.**


Horatio Hickok, of Lansingburg, Rensselaer County, New York, was born in February, 1778. He entered the Class from Williams College after the opening of the Sophomore year. He was probably a son of Ezra Hickok, an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Lansingburg.

He studied law after graduation, and was admitted to practice in Rensselaer County in February, 1806. On December 2, 1802, he was married by the Rev. Jonas Coe, of the Presbyterian Church in Troy and Lansingburg, to Jane, daughter of Tertullus Dickinson, of New York City and Lansingburg,—one of whose sisters married in 1811 Professor Thomas Church Brownell, of Union College, who became in 1819 Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Connecticut.

At the opening of Washington, now Trinity College, in Hartford, of which Bishop Brownell was President, Mr. Hickok (by this time a widower) was made Professor of Agriculture and Political Economy, but held the chair for only two years (1824-26). He was not, however, an Episcopalian, and it is still remembered that the Bishop was criticized for the appointment of his brother-in-law to a professorship,—and that of Agriculture.

He returned about 1829 to Schaghticoke, in his native county, as a practitioner of law, and as late as January, 1834, was still residing there and active in founding the County Agricultural Society.
In the meantime his only surviving child had married Isaac E. Crary (Washington Coll. 1827), who removed to Michigan Territory in 1831, and became an eminent citizen of that State, the founder of its Public School system, and its first Member of Congress.

Judge Hickok (as he was subsequently called), then called "of Albany," located lands in Calhoun County, Michigan, in the summer of 1835; and in April, 1836, he is on record as having removed to Marshall in that county, and residing there in the family of his daughter.

Mrs. Crary died in 1839, and subsequently her father lived on his farm, about three miles north of the present city of Marshall.

He is remembered as an accomplished and agreeable gentleman of the old school, dignified and scholarly, an enthusiast in agriculture, the possessor of a large library, and spending most of his time among his books.

He died in Marshall on September 16, 1845, in his 68th year.

The inventory of his estate shows that he owned at the time of his death about two thousand acres of land in Michigan, worth about $6,000, and about $1,200 in personal estate. His will provided for a brother and nephews, and specified that any residue be used for the endowment of a library for the township of Marshall; but no residuary fund remained.

The marble shaft erected by his son-in-law, which marks his grave in Oakgrove Cemetery in Marshall, bears witness to the dominant interests of both his earlier and later life by emblems of scholarship and agriculture.

AUTHORITIES.

Hon. J. C. Patterson, MS. Letters, 1910.

Ebenezer Learned, the eldest son and the fourth of seven children of Amasa Learned (Yale 1772) and Grace (Hallam) Learned, was born in that part of Killingly
which is now Putnam, Connecticut, on March 27, 1780.
In his infancy his parents removed to New London. During his College course his father became involved in disastrous land speculations, resulting in the loss of his fortune; and at graduation the son delivered an oration "on the Advantages of Poverty," of which he was at the time making trial, as he had been compelled to interrupt his studies to aid in the family support.

He soon took charge of the Union School in New London, where he taught for three years. Having studied law, he settled in practice, at first in the neighboring town of Groton, but afterwards in New London.

After practicing his profession for twenty years or more, he accepted the position of cashier of the Union Bank of New London, and continued in that office until his retirement from active life. In 1839 he served as Bank Commissioner of the State, but declined all other solicitations to accept public office. His knowledge of business and his integrity of character made him highly prized as a counselor, and he was not infrequently employed in the settlement of estates and like duties. In February, 1840, he was chosen a deacon of the First Congregational Church, and he was always ready to aid in any benevolent work. He accumulated a handsome fortune, and enjoyed in a remarkable degree the respect and confidence of the whole community.

He was six feet in height, and of corresponding size, of swarthy complexion, with a countenance rather severe at first appearance, but warmed with a quiet humor and tender feeling. He retained to the time of his last brief illness his powers of mind, and to a large degree those of his body; and died in New London on September 11, 1858, in his 79th year.

He married on October 10, 1808, Charlotte, daughter of Bela and Betsey (Billings) Peck, of Norwich, Connecticut, who died on March 8, 1819.
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By her he had two daughters (one of whom died in infancy) and two sons. The elder daughter married the Rev. Dr. Robert McEwen (Yale 1827). The sons were graduated at Yale, in 1831 and 1834, respectively.

He was next married, by the Rev. Dr. Abel McEwen, on March 28, 1820, to his first cousin, Lydia, eldest daughter of the Hon. Joshua Coit (Harvard 1776) and Ann Boradil (Hallam) Coit, of New London, who died on March 19, 1877, in her 90th year.

Their only child was graduated at Yale in 1841.

AUTHORITIES.


THOMAS LEWIS, the eldest child of Samuel Smith Lewis, a farmer of limited means, of Salem Society in Waterbury, now Naugatuck, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Amy (Smith) Lewis, was born on April 13 (or 14), 1777. His mother was Abigail, eldest child of Matthew and Abigail (Thomas) Baldwin, of Milford and Woodbridge.

He studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus, of Somers, Connecticut, and after being licensed to preach declined two invitations to settle in Connecticut parishes. While still living at home, he assisted young men in their preparation for college.

In 1810 he was on the eve of accepting a call to a third parish, Marlborough Society, in Hartford County, when he was attacked with severe hemorrhage of the lungs. President Dwight was able to recommend him shortly after to be Principal of the Academy in Sunbury, Liberty County, Georgia. He arrived in Georgia in December, and at the beginning of April was enough improved to begin a brief but highly successful service as teacher.

The labor which he took upon himself for the benefit of his pupils, together with exposure incurred in assiduously
visiting the sick of the neighborhood, and too great zeal in occasionally venturing to preach, proved too exhaustive, but he persevered at his post until 1804, and after a few weeks of extreme feebleness he died in Sunbury on March 3, 1804, in his 27th year. He was unmarried.

An Oration on his death, by John Elliott (Yale 1794), was delivered in Sunbury Meeting-House, a month later, and was afterwards published; as was also a Funeral Sermon, by the Rev. Holland Weeks, pastor of the First Church in Waterbury, delivered in his native parish on April 30.

AUTHORITIES.


Daniel Parker, the elder son of Amasa Parker, a soldier of the Revolution, of Judea Society, now Washington, Connecticut, and grandson of Thomas and Abigail (Dutton) Parker, of Wallingford and Washington, was born in Washington on June 22, 1774. His mother was Deidamia, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Parmelee, of Litchfield. His brother Amasa was graduated here in 1808. He entered College with the Class of 1797, but left before the end of Freshman year, and joined the next Class in Sophomore year.

He studied theology, and in November, 1801, began preaching in the new and small parish known as Ellsworth Society, in Sharon, Connecticut. Here a Congregational Church of twenty-eight members was formed under his preaching, and he was urged to take the pastorate, on an annual salary of £85. He accepted the call with serious misgivings, on account of insufficient support, and was ordained and installed by the North Consociation of Litchfield County on May 26, 1802. In 1806 he received an ad eundem Master's degree from Williams College.
In 1807, to eke out his scanty resources, he undertook, with the general approval of his parish and the neighboring clergy, the conduct of a boarding-school for both sexes; and was successful in the enterprise, far beyond his expectations. He also with the same object embarked in various business concerns, not unnaturally somewhat to the hazard of his reputation as a minister.

In May, 1812, he asked for a dismissal from the pastorate, for the reason that his school was necessary for the support of his family and more and more absorbed his time and energies. After six months' delay the Church and Society reluctantly agreed, and on November 19, he was dismissed by the Consociation, but not without a reproof for entangling himself in other avocations, and a threat of refusing to recommend him for resettlement, unless he should sever his various business connections.

For nearly five months after this he continued to supply gratuitously his old pulpit.

The financial situation during the war with Great Britain affected Mr. Parker like many others disastrously, so that in December, 1814, he was forced into bankruptcy, which gave color to the cruel allegation subsequently of some of his ministerial neighbors that by continuing to be involved in business he had deserved the further interference of the Consociation.

In March, 1816, he closed his school, having accepted an invitation to take charge of an Academy in Greenville, Greene County, New York, and to supply a vacant Presbyterian church in Cairo, nine miles distant.

He began his new duties in May, 1816, but in August, 1817, was summoned to Connecticut by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers for trial on new charges of lack of integrity in the conduct of his affairs; and in his necessary absence was suspended from the ministerial functions derived from that quarter.

Before 1819 he removed to Hudson, and thence to Kingston, New York.
The last seven or eight years of his life were spent in New York City, where he found employment as a teacher, and is also said to have been preaching at the outbreak of the cholera in 1834. He was urged to leave the city until the alarm was over, but declined, saying it was his duty to remain and care for his parishioners, whatever might be the consequences. He died at his post on September 26, in his 61st year, and is supposed to have been buried in the vicinity of his last labors, in the grounds of St. John’s Church on Broadway.

He was married, by the Rev. Uriel Gridley, in March, 1799, to Anna, daughter of Colonel Thomas Fenn, a distinguished Revolutionary veteran, and Abi (Welton) Fenn, of Watertown, Connecticut. She was a woman of remarkable energy, with a firm but sweet character and high attainments.

She died in Delhi, New York, on September 16, 1870, in her 91st year.

Their children were two sons and four daughters. The elder son, the Hon. Amasa Junius Parker, L.L.D., was graduated at Union College in 1825, and attained high rank at the bar and on the bench of the State of New York; his name is worthily perpetuated by a son (Union Coll. 1863) and two grandsons (Yale 1891 and 1892).

Mr. Parker was over six feet in height, powerfully made, and of great strength; a fearless advocate of the truth as he saw it, and of unwearied tenacity of spirit. He was always especially interested in schools and in educational matters in general.

He is said to have become interested in his later years in the doctrines of Swedenborg.

He published:

1. A Funeral Sermon [from Ps. cxix, 75], delivered in Sharon, Ellsworth Society, at the interment of Mrs. Dolly Chaffee, consort of Mr. Joel Chaffee, who departed this life, September 18, 1810, aged 49. Hartford, 1811. 8°, pp. 16. [N. Y. H. S.]

On Christian submission.
2. A Discourse [from Ps. cxxxiii, 1], delivered at Canaan, March 23, 1815, at the Installation of Meridian Chapter. Hartford, 1815. 8°, pp. 25. [B. Ath. Y. C.]

The fact that Mr. Parker was a prominent Mason was among the reasons for his prosecution by his fellow-ministers. This is a thoroughly Gospel sermon in its tone.

3. A Discourse [from Ps. cv, 5] delivered before the members of the Literary School in Sharon, Ellsworth Society, at the close of the Summer Term, September 6, 1815. . . Hartford, 1816. 8°, pp. 24. [B. Ath.]

On the subject of the recent remarkable revivals of religion, including that in his School, in which nearly thirty persons became Christians.

4. A New Year's Discourse before the Literary Institute in Greenville, Greene County, N. Y. Catskill, 1817. 8°.


This arraignment of his enemies, and defence of himself, is written in a remarkably vigorous and convincing style; and, while he does not carry the reader entirely with him in judging the motives and conduct of his fellow-ministers, he appears to vindicate successfully his own honesty. The preface is dated at Hudson in January, 1819.

The book was replied to by the Rev. Joseph Harvey (Yale 1808), of Goshen.


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AUTHORITIES.

JONATHAN REMINGTON, the only child of Lieutenant Nathaniel Remington, of Suffield, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Jonathan and Thankful (Warner) Remington, of Suffield, was born on November 12, 1777. His mother was Rachel, second daughter of Ebenezer and Abigail (Palmer) Noble, of Suffield.

He was a farmer in that part of West Springfield, Massachusetts, which is now Agawam (adjoining his native town), and died either in Agawam or Suffield, on August 18, 1851, in his 74th year.

He married in West Springfield, on December 22, 1814, Mary Leonard, who died on October 27, 1849, aged 67 years.

They had one daughter and one son, and possibly other children.

AUTHORITIES.


DAVID BRADFORD RIPLEY, the only surviving son of the Rev. David Ripley (Yale 1749), of Abington Parish in Pomfret, Connecticut, was born in Abington on February 11, 1777. His father died when he was in his ninth year.

He studied theology after graduation, and was licensed to preach by the Tolland Association of Ministers on June 2, 1801.

In 1803 he supplied the vacant pulpit in the Congregational Society in Lisbon, Connecticut; and on December 9 was invited by the Church to settle, but the call was not concurred in by the Society. On September 19, 1804, he was ordained and installed over the Congregational Church in Marlborough, Connecticut, to which his classmate Lewis had formerly been called.

He retained this pastorate with credit until March, 1827, and during the next year supplied the pulpit in his native parish. He then removed to Virgil, Cortland County,
New York, where he supplied various churches in the vicinity until about 1837, under the patronage of the American Home Missionary Society. Later he settled in Northern Illinois, preaching in various destitute places. From 1832 he identified himself with the Presbyterian denomination.

He died in Endor, Will County, Illinois, on September 1, or 4, 1839, in his 63d year.

He married, in 1807, Betsey Payson, by whom he had six daughters (of whom one died in infancy) and one son. One daughter married the Rev. Luman C. Gilbert (Western Reserve College, 1838).

AUTHORITIES.


THEODORE SEDGWICK, eldest son of the Hon. Theodore Sedgwick (Yale 1765), was born in Sheffield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, in December, 1780. In his infancy his father removed to the village of Stockbridge in the same county. He entered the Class after the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he studied law under his father's direction, and in 1801 began practice in Albany, New York, in partnership with the Hon. Harmanus Bleecker. He withdrew from this connection and from all active practice, in the summer of 1821, on account of impaired health, and returned to Stockbridge, where he resided until his death. As a lawyer, enjoying an extensive practice, he maintained a high standing, and was effective both as a forensic and a popular speaker.

After his retirement he enjoyed the pursuit of literature, and interested himself greatly in agricultural affairs, being twice elected President of the County Agricultural
Society. He represented the town in the General Court in 1824, 1825, and 1827, and was for a series of years the unsuccessful Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor, and for Congress.

After years of agitation of the project, he introduced into the Legislature in 1827 a bill for the construction of a railroad from Boston to Albany, which had generally been derided as a chimerical scheme.

He was a man of great nobleness of character, an earnest advocate of free-trade and temperance, and an opponent of slavery.

His death, on November 7, 1839, in Pittsfield, in his 59th year, was the result of a stroke of apoplexy, at the close of an address to the Democratic citizens of Pittsfield.

He married, on November 28, 1808, Susan Anne Livingston, daughter of Matthew R. and Catharine (Livingston) Ripley, who wrote various tales for children and several larger works of fiction. She died in Stockbridge on January 20, 1867, in her 79th year.

They had one son (Columbia College 1829), who became a distinguished lawyer in New York City, and one daughter.

He published:


2. An Address, delivered before the Berkshire Association for the promotion of Agriculture and Manufactures, at Pittsfield, October 2, 1823 . . . Pittsfield, 1823. 8°, pp. 32.


An anonymous, sprightly commentary, in the form of letters, on the manners and customs of New England, and miscellaneous subjects.

Yale College

5. An Address, delivered before the Berkshire Agricultural Society, October 7, 1830. Pittsfield, 1830. 8°, pp. 20.


On public and private economy.


Volumes 2 and 3 have as a sub-title: Illustrated by Observations made in England in the year 1836.

Volume 1 is concerned with the theory of Public, i.e., Political Economy; and the other volumes contain mainly comments on conditions in England. The third volume appeared posthumously.

He was engaged at the time of his death on a work on the general subject of Party.

An engraving from a portrait painted after his death is given in the Democratic Review, vol. xi.

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Charles Shepherd, third son of Levi Shepherd, of Northampton, Massachusetts, and grandson of James and Sarah (Hopkins) Shepherd, or Shepard, of Hartford, was born in Northampton on April 11, 1780. His mother was Mary, daughter of General Seth Pomeroy, of Northampton, and sister of the Rev. Seth Pomeroy (Yale 1753) and of Dr. Medad Pomeroy (Yale 1757). His eldest sister had married Dr. Æneas Monson, Junior (Yale 1780), of New Haven, shortly before he entered Yale from Williams College, at the opening of Junior year.

His father, commonly called Dr. Shepherd, kept a drug store (which later was expanded into a country store for dry-goods and groceries), and died in 1805.
The son studied law, but eventually joined his father and brothers in carrying on in Northampton a factory for making duck, or canvas, and rope. They lived on Round Hill, and are remembered as gay and festive gentlemen in their day, inclined to the liberal side in politics.

He died late in February, 1821, in his 41st year.

His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Shepherd, joined the First Church of Northampton in 1819. She survived her husband, with two daughters (minors).

AUTHORITIES.


DAVID BRINSMADE WILCOXSON, the youngest of nine children, and only son of David Wilcoxson (Yale 1744) and Israelia Wilcoxson, of that part of Stratford, Connecticut, which is now Huntington, and grandson of John and Deborah (Brinsmade) Wilcoxson, of Stratford, was born in that town on February 7, 1776. His father died the year before he entered College. His mother was the youngest child of Thomas and Sarah (Jeanes) Salmon, of Stratford.

One relic is preserved which illustrates his tastes as an undergraduate,—an engraved Song on Vacation, by Daniel Tillotson (a non-graduate classmate), dated Yale College, January 1, 1796, and set to music by David B. Wilcockson.

His health after graduation was very infirm, and he seemed to be doomed to an early death from a lingering disease.

On November 19, 1801, as he was returning from Derby to his home, on an unruly horse, while crossing the Housatonic over Leavenworth's Bridge, which was notoriously unsafe, he is supposed to have been thrown by a start of his horse into the river, where his body was found the
next day. No one saw the accident, but the horse was found standing on the bridge.

He was unmarried, in the 26th year of his age.

AUTHORITIES.

1801. Orcutt, Hist. of Stratford, ii,

JOSEPH WILLIAMS, the eldest child of General Joseph Williams, of Norwich, Connecticut, and grandson of Joseph and Eunice (Wheeler) Williams, of Norwich, was born there on March 29, 1779. His mother was Abigail, the oldest child of Captain William and Sarah (Lathrop) Coit, of Norwich.

He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Timothy Dwight, at his academy on Greenfield Hill, and entered Yale in January of the Freshman year.

His law studies after graduation, with Simeon Baldwin (Yale 1781), of New Haven, were interrupted by his father's sudden death, in October, 1800, which caused his return home, and threw on him the care of a dependent household.

His long life was most usefully spent in Norwich, where he held a great variety of public offices and was universally esteemed as a wise counselor and an industrious, upright citizen.

In 1803 he entered on a long term of service as Secretary and Treasurer of the Norwich Fire Insurance Society. For over forty years he was Cashier of the Merchants Bank. For forty years he held a commission as Justice of the Peace, and for twenty-two years he was in the City Government as alderman. He represented Norwich in three sessions of the Legislature in 1813–14, and was for a series of years State Agent for the Mohegan Indians. He was one of the projectors and at the time of his death the President of the Norwich Savings Society.
In July, 1864, he injured himself severely by a fall, and was thenceforwards confined to his room, suffering intensely.

He died in Norwich on November 28, 1865, in his 87th year, being at that time the oldest native male resident of Norwich, and the last survivor of his College class.

He was fond of society, gentle and courteous in his manners, and an earnest, consistent Christian.

He married, on February 19, 1815, Rebecca, youngest daughter of John and Mehitable (Tyler) Coit, of Norwich, who was a first cousin of his mother, and the widow of her cousin, Daniel T. Coit, of what is now Griswold, Connecticut, who died in January, 1808, leaving one son (Yale 1825).

She died on June 17, 1841, in her 59th year. Their children were three sons, who died in early life, and two daughters, who lived to old age, unmarried.

DAVID YOUNG was probably a son of David Young, of Windham and Lebanon, Connecticut. He was born in 1774, and Lebanon was his residence while at College.

On graduation he remained at College for a year, in the office of College Butler.

He settled in Windham as a lawyer, and maintained a good standing in his profession. He was a Representative in the State Legislature at the two sessions of 1815.

He died in Windham in August, 1829, at the age of 55.

He married Freelove, fourth daughter of Shubael Abbe (Yale 1764), of Windham, who was ten years his junior. A son who bore his father's name was distinguished in public life.

AUTHORITIES.


Trowbridge, Champion Genealogy, ham, 22.

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Annals, 1798-99

Early in 1799 Tutor Jeremiah Atwater (Yale 1793) withdrew from office, and his duty was assumed by Ebenezer Grant Marsh (Yale 1795), recently appointed Instructor in Hebrew. At the ensuing Commencement, Tutor Zechariah Lewis (Yale 1794) also resigned; and two new tutors entered upon office,—Charles Denison and Benjamin Silliman, of the Class of 1796,—the unusual size of the Freshman Class making an extra officer necessary.

At this Commencement the Committee on the new President's House were authorized to finish the exterior in wood (instead of brick, as previously ordered).

At this date also a Committee was appointed to approach the General Assembly for a grant of money towards the building of a new College for students' rooms,—a project which was realized by the erection of North Middle College in 1801-03. With a view to this end steps were authorized to be taken for the immediate acquisition of two small parcels of land, on the College Street side of what is now the College Square,—one belonging to the town, on which stood the almshouse, and the other belonging to the county and the site of the jail.

Among the acts of the Corporation at the same meeting, as showing the progress of the College and the city in luxury, it now became for the first time necessary to prohibit students from boarding at taverns in New Haven.

The orations exhibited at Commencement this year, as also the year previous, were considered by the Anti-Federalists to be exceedingly offensive on the score of partisan politics, for which President Dwight was held responsible.
An anonymous publication, at Richmond, Virginia, in 1799, entitled "A Short History of Late Ecclesiastical Oppressions in New-England and Vermont, by a Citizen," is noticeable for an attack (pp. 18-19) on President Dwight, particularly for his opposition to clerical dress, forms of prayer, and rites and ceremonies in general.
Sketches, Class of 1799

*Benjamin Burritt  *1827
*Ezekiel Jones Chapman, A.M.  *1866
*Petrus DeWitt  *1851
*Benjamin Woolsey Dwight, A.M.  *1850
*Edmundus Dwight  *1849
*Jacobus Eells, A.M. Hamilt. 1819  *1856
*Andreas Eliot, A.M., Socius  *1829
*Oliverus Ellsworth, A.M., Tutor  *1805
*Alanson Hamlin, A.M. 1804  *1839
*Guilielmus Soranzo Hasell, A.M.  *1815
*Thomas Hill Hubbard, A.M. 1807, e Congr.  *1857
*Carolus McEwen  *1836
*Oliverus Mather, A.M.  *1820
*Rogerus Newberry, A.M. 1807  *1837
*Jeremias Osborn  *1826
*Matthaeus Perkins, A.M. Guil. 1803  *1808
*Sidneius Platt  *1807
*Godfredus Scarborough  *1867
*Elias Shipman, A.M. 1807  *1833
Benjamin Burritt, son of Captain and Deacon Abel Burritt, of New Haven, was born on April 24, 1778, and baptized two days later. His mother was Eunice, fourth daughter of Stephen and Martha (Thompson) Austin, of New Haven. Abel Burritt Jacocks (Yale 1841) was a nephew.

He spent his life in his native place, but ruined himself by dissipation.

He died in the New Haven Almshouse on April 24, 1827, his 49th birthday.

Ezekiel Jones Chapman, the eldest of the ten children of Deacon William and Caroline (Jones) Chapman, of Saybrook, Connecticut, and grandson of Benjamin Chapman, of Saybrook, was born in that town on August 13, 1781.

During his College course he was hopefully converted to Christ, and was admitted to the College Church.

After graduation he studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers, and was licensed to preach by the Tolland Association of Ministers on October 6, 1801. On the 28th of the same month he was ordained by the same Association as an evangelist, at Hebron, at the request of the Connecticut Missionary Society, who sent him in November to the Western Reserve of Ohio, to labor as a fellow-missionary with the Rev. Joseph Badger (Yale 1785).

He left this field in April, 1803, for similar labor in New York State, and in 1804 settled in Ontario County, where he preached for over twenty years, viz.: in
Charleston, now Lima, for about eight years (though not regularly installed there until January 12, 1809); in Bristol for six years (installed October 13, 1814, dismissed March 30, 1820); and in Livonia for seven years; besides briefer engagements elsewhere. In 1827 he removed to Oneida Lake, in Madison County, where he resided until his death. When no longer able to preach, on account of feeble health, he engaged in the service of the Presbyterian Board of Publication as a colporteur.

His labors in the different places of his ministry were attended with gratifying success.

He died in Oneida Lake, on August 1, 1866, aged 85 years.

He married, on April 18, 1804, Palmyra Adams, of Brookfield, Madison County, New York, who died in Livonia, on July 31, 1826. He was next married, on April 2, 1828, to Tryphena, second daughter of Dr. John and Abigail (Moseley) Clark, of Windsor, Connecticut, and Lebanon, Madison County, New York, who died on May 1, 1867, aged 81 years.

By his first marriage he had three sons and two daughters, and by his second marriage one daughter,—all of whom lived to maturity.

He published:

Critical and Explanatory Notes, on many passages in the New Testament, which to common readers are hard to be understood. Also, an Illustration of the genuine beauty and force of several other passages. Canandaigua, 1819. 8°, pp. 208.


A third edition was also issued.

A fresh and suggestive work, with constant references to the import of the original Greek.

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Family, 93, 123. Hotchkinn, Hist. of lily, 360.
Biographical Sketches, 1799

PETER DEWITT, the eldest son of John DeWitt, a prominent citizen of Clinton, Duchess County, New York, and grandson of Petrus and Rachel (Radcliff) DeWitt, of Hyde Park, in the same county, was born in Poughkeepsie, on April 19, 1780. His mother was Catharine, daughter of Dirck and Helen (Weaver) VanVliet, of Clinton. In 1795 he was sent to school in Sharon, Connecticut, but in March, 1796, entered the Academy in Kingston, New York, in preparation for College, where he joined the Junior Class in the summer of 1797.

After graduation he studied law with his kinsman, Peter Radcliff (Yale 1793), of Poughkeepsie; and with him removed in 1802 to the city of New York, where he was admitted to practice on May 14, 1803.

He immediately opened an office by himself, and for more than thirty years stood among the foremost of the New York bar as an equity lawyer and conveyancer. He devoted himself with singular industry to his professional duties, and was distinguished for his simplicity of character, his amiability and cheerfulness, his sound judgment, and undeviating integrity.

He continued to attend to business until a few weeks before his death, which occurred at his residence, 11 St. Mark's Place, in the City of New York, on May 8, 1851, in his 72d year.

On June 15, 1807, he married Janet, daughter of George and Janet (Duncan) Gosman, of New York City, who died at the country residence of her sons, in Bronxville, New York, on January 17, 1883, in her 94th year.

He was the father of ten sons and three daughters, of whom all but one son and one daughter survived him. The eldest son entered Yale in 1823, but on account of ill health did not graduate. Three other sons succeeded their father in the practice of the law.

Mr. DeWitt was a Jeffersonian Democrat in politics, and took a keen interest in the triumphs of democratic principles, but made it a rule not to accept public office.
Joel Doolittle, the third son and fifth child of Titus Doolittle, a farmer of that part of Westfield which is now Russell, Massachusetts, and grandson of John and Hannah (Royce) Doolittle, of Wallingford, Connecticut, was born in Russell in April, 1774. His mother was Mary, daughter of Dr. Benjamin and Esther (Matthews) Lewis, of Wallingford. He entered at the opening of the Junior year from Williams College. A brother was graduated here in 1804.

He began the study of law after graduation, but in the autumn of 1800 went to Middlebury, Vermont, to accept a position as tutor in Middlebury College at its opening. He held this position for one year; and then, having been admitted to the bar, entered on the lifelong practice of his profession in that town.

He was extensively employed as a counselor and advocate until 1817, when he was elected a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State, which office he filled by annual election for seven years (1817–22, 1824). He was also a member of the State Council for three years (1815–17), and a Representative in the Legislature in 1824. In 1834 he was chosen a member of the Council of Censors, of which body he was made President. He was also several times an unsuccessful candidate for the governorship of the State.

In 1819 he was elected a member of the Corporation of Middlebury College, and so continued until his death. After leaving the bench he again engaged in practice, as health permitted. He was studious as a lawyer, and faithful in the discharge of his duty to his clients, as well as in the discharge of all public trusts. At the organization of an Episcopal Church in Middlebury, in 1810, he became a
communicant, and continued through life an exemplary and devoted member of that body.

He died in Middlebury on March 9, 1841, at the age of 67. An engraving from a portrait is given in Swift's *History of Middlebury*, and in the *Doolittle Family*.

He married about 1810 Sarah Porter, daughter of Ephraim and Sarah (Porter) Fitch, of Pawlet, Rutland County, Vermont, who removed after his death to the home of her sons in Painesville, Ohio. She died in Montville, Ohio, on November 20, 1875, aged 85 years.

Their children were four sons and three daughters, of whom all but one daughter survived their father.

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**Benjamin Woolsey Dwight,** the second son of Timothy Dwight (Yale 1769), was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, on February 10, 1780, and was named for his maternal grandfather (Yale 1744). In his infancy his father removed to Greenfield Hill, where he prepared this son for College, which he entered in the Sophomore year, after President Dwight's accession to the presidency.

He won the Berkeley Scholarship at graduation, and resided at the College on that foundation for one or two years. He then pursued a course of medical study in Philadelphia, under Drs. Benjamin Rush and Philip S. Physick; and having declined the offer of a tutorship at Yale, entered on practice in Catskill, New York, in July, 1803. He found himself, however, reluctantly compelled, in March, 1805, to abandon his profession on account of the state of his health.

He then returned to New Haven, and after serving for a short time as his father's private secretary and amanuen-
sis, engaged in the crockery business in partnership with Hezekiah Belden (Yale 1796). He soon removed to New York City and went into the hardware trade as a member of the firm of Dwight, Palmer & Co.

Their prosperous business was broken up by the war of 1812, and from 1813 to 1816 he was again in New Haven, being married in South Hadley on May 7, 1815, to Sophia Woodbridge, eldest daughter of the Rev. Joseph Strong (Yale 1784), of Heath, Massachusetts, who had been adopted in her youth by her uncle, Colonel Benjamin R. Woodbridge, of South Hadley. She had finished her education at the Rev. Claudius Herrick's school in New Haven, and during that time (1812–14) was an inmate of President Dwight's family.

Early in 1817 he went again to Catskill to live, and was for fourteen years a hardware merchant of high reputation. He was at first to a large degree a direct importer from England for a wide circle of out-of-town customers; but in later years this branch of his business fell off entirely, from the competition of New York City trade. He was for many years an elder in the Catskill Presbyterian Church and active in giving Bible-class instruction on the Sabbath and conducting other religious exercises.

In April, 1831, he removed to Clinton, in Oneida County, to enjoy the life of a gentleman-farmer on a farm of eighty acres. Early in 1832 he was appointed Treasurer of Hamilton College, in Clinton, and in that position, for the rest of his life, had great satisfaction in establishing on a secure basis the finances of that institution.

He died in Clinton on May 18, 1850, in his 71st year, of pleurisy, terminating after a very few days' illness in congestion of the brain.

His wife's health had been poor since her marriage, and was much more impaired after his death. She died in Clinton, on December 3, 1861, at the age of 69.

Their children were three sons and three daughters, all of whom survived their parents. The eldest son was
graduated at Hamilton College in 1835, and had a fruitful career as teacher and author. The second son (Hamilton Coll. 1840) was the distinguished Professor of Law in Columbia College. Two daughters married in succession Elliott Anthony (Hamilton Coll. 1850).

He published, in volume 1 of the Memoirs of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences:

A Dissertation on the Chronic Debility of the Stomach. New Haven, 1811. 8°, pp. 219-311.

This is also said to have been republished in London. The subject was one of acute interest to the writer, who was a victim through his adult life of dyspepsia in its most aggravated form.

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Record, iv, 152; Reminiscences of

EDMUND DWIGHT, fourth son and seventh child of Jonathan Dwight, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and grandson of Captain Edmund and Elizabeth (Scutt) Dwight, of Boston, and Halifax, Nova Scotia, was born in Springfield on November 28, 1780. He was a third cousin of President Dwight. His mother was Margaret, third daughter of Dr. Israel Ashley (Yale 1730), of Westfield. A younger brother was graduated here in 1801.

After graduation he read law with the Hon. Fisher Ames, of Dedham; and subsequently spent two years in a visit to England and the continent of Europe.

Returning in 1804, he engaged immediately in extensive commercial business with his father and brothers in Springfield.

His affairs led him frequently to Boston, where he formed the acquaintance of Mary Harrison, daughter of Samuel Eliot, an eminent and successful merchant, and Catharine (Atkins) Eliot, whom he married on April 19, 1809. She was an aunt of President Eliot, of Harvard.
In 1816 he removed to Boston, and soon afterwards formed a partnership there with James K. Mills, which continued until his death. The firm early became interested in the manufacturing enterprises on a large scale which were just then obtaining a foothold in New England. The mills and manufacturing establishments promoted by his special efforts were located on the Connecticut River above Springfield, at Chicopee and Holyoke, and the great prosperity of those towns dates from his initial enterprise. He became ultimately one of the wealthiest citizens of Boston.

He took an early and active share in the construction of the Western Railroad, from Worcester to Albany, being an influential member of the Board of Directors for most of the time from its organization in 1836 until his death, and for one year (1843-44) its President.

Another direction in which he employed his energies to a large extent for the later years of his life was the improvement of the common-school system of Massachusetts. He was the main instrument in the creation of the State Board of Education in 1837, of which he was one of the original members, and through his liberal contributions (amounting to about twenty-five thousand dollars) the policy inaugurated by the Board was assured of an efficient and successful trial.

He was for several years in early life a member of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts, from Springfield, and later both a representative and a Senator from Boston. In 1848 he was Presidential Elector at large. He was one of the founders of the American Antiquarian Society, at Worcester, in 1812.

An experience of almost uninterrupted health during his later years, was followed by his death, in Boston, after a short but severe illness from pleurisy, on April 1, 1849, in his 69th year.

An engraving from a portrait is given in the Dwight Family and in the American Journal of Education.
Mrs. Dwight died in Boston, from consumption, after many years of ill health and great suffering, on October 12, 1846, in her 59th year.

Their children were four sons and six daughters. Only the youngest son (Harvard 1844) and five daughters survived their parents; of the latter, the second married Dr. Samuel Parkman (Harvard 1834), the third married Judge John Wells (Williams Coll. 1838), the fourth married the Hon. Edward Turner Boyd Twistleton, of London, and the fifth married James E. Cabot (Harvard 1840).

AUTHORITIES.


JAMES EELLS, the only surviving son of the Rev. James Eells (Yale 1763), of Eastbury, now Buckingham, Connecticut, was born in April, 1778.

After graduation he studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers, and was licensed to preach by the Tolland County Association of Ministers on June 1, 1802.

He was called in April, 1804, to the pastorate of a small church (at first Congregational, afterwards Presbyterian) at Hampton Village, in the township of Westmoreland, Oneida County, New York, where he was ordained on July 11, and labored with success until compelled by failing health to take a dismission on February 10, 1825. He received a Master’s degree from Hamilton College in 1819.

He was then employed for seven or eight years as General Agent of the Western Education Society. About 1830 he removed his residence to Ohio, and remained there for nearly twenty years, supplying vacant churches as he was able.

He then returned to New York, and for a few years resided in Auburn.
He was killed by a passing train while standing on the railroad track at Grafton, Lorain County, Ohio, on May 3, 1856, aged 78 years.

A son was graduated at Hamilton College in 1827 and entered his father’s profession, but died early.

AUTHORITIES.

Chapin, Glastenbury Centennial, 91. 738. N. Y. Evangelist, May 22, 1856.
P. Jones, Annals of Oneida County.

ANDREW ELIOT, the only son of the Rev. Dr. Andrew Eliot (Harvard 1762), of Fairfield, Connecticut, and grandson of Andrew and Ruth (Symonds) Eliot, of Boston, was born in Fairfield on August 15, 1780, and was baptized by his father five days later. His mother was Mary, daughter of the Hon. Joseph Pynchon (Harvard 1726) and Mary (Colton, Cheney) Pynchon, of Boston. One of his sisters married the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Hewit (Yale 1808).

He remained at College for a year after graduation, filling the office of College Butler, and later pursued the study of theology, being licensed to preach by the Fairfield West Association of Ministers on May 31, 1803. His father died in October, 1805.

His only pastorate was in New Milford, in Litchfield County, where he was ordained over the Congregational Church of seventy-three members of February 24, 1808. The sermon on this occasion, by the Rev. Samuel Fisher (Williams Coll. 1799), of Wilton, was afterwards published.

The parish had been long vacant, after the retirement of the Rev. Stanley Griswold (Yale 1786), and it was several years before the injurious effects of Mr. Griswold’s conduct were outlived and prosperity restored.

Mr. Eliot’s influence and arduous labors as a pastor were highly salutary, and he was much beloved. During his ministry 339 persons were admitted to the church.
He died in New Milford on May 9, 1829, in his 49th year.

He was chosen a Fellow of Yale College in September, 1818, and served until his death.

He married on September 19, 1820, Sophia, daughter of Captain John and Elizabeth Wasson, of Fairfield, who died on November 17, 1822, in her 33d year. Their only child, a daughter, survived them.

He published:

A Sermon [from I Tim. ii, 1-2], preached on the day of the General Election, at Hartford, May 5th, 1819. Hartford, 1819.

AUTHORITIES.


OLIVER ELLSWORTH, Junior, the third child and eldest surviving son of Chief-Justice Oliver Ellsworth (Prince- ton 1766), of Windsor, Connecticut, and grandson of Cap- tain David and Jemima (Leavitt) Ellsworth, of Windsor, was born in Windsor on April 27, 1781. His mother was Abigail, youngest daughter of William Wolcott (Yale 1734), of Windsor. One brother was graduated here in 1801, and two in 1810. His three sisters married respec- tively Ezekiel Williams (Yale 1785), Thomas S. Williams (Yale 1794), and Joseph Wood (Yale 1801). At gradu- ation he delivered an Oration on a National University.

In the November following he sailed for Europe as the private secretary to his father, who went as the head of President Adams's mission for the conclusion of a new treaty with France; large extracts from his diary are given in Brown’s Life of the Chief-Justice.

He returned home a year later, and soon after settled in New Haven as a resident graduate. For the College year 1801–02 he served as Tutor; but over-diligence in
study, with naturally frail health, compelled his resignation.

He visited the West Indies for relief, but the climate failed to benefit him, and his death ensued from consumption, in New London, Connecticut, on July 4, 1805, in his 25th year. He was unmarried. The ranks of the Class had not before been broken by death.

AUTHORITIES.


ALANSON HAMLIN was born in 1778, in Sharon, Connecticut, the eighth of twenty-two children of Captain Nathaniel Hamlin, of Sharon, and grandson of Thomas and Ruth (Gibbs) Hamlin, of Wareham, Massachusetts, His mother was Lucy Foster, of Sharon. He did not enter College until after the opening of the Sophomore year.

At his graduation he delivered the Valedictory Oration.

He became a lawyer, and settled at first in Danbury. In October, 1812, he was one of the Representatives in the General Assembly. He was treasurer of the borough in 1822. In 1826 he removed to Bridgeport, and in 1838 he was Mayor of the city. His residence was on the East side of Main Street, North of Bank Street.

In 1832 he delivered a poem on Slavery (eulogistic of the Colonization Society) before the Phi Beta Kappa Society in New Haven, but it was never published.

He died in Bridgeport, on November 18, 1839, aged 61 years, leaving little or no property.

He married on April 6, 1808, Mary Warner, who was admitted to the First Church in Bridgeport in 1833, and survived him, without children.

AUTHORITIES.


Genealogy, 369.
WILLIAM SORANZO HASELL was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on November 15, 1780, the second son of Parker Quince; and of Susannah, youngest daughter of James and Sarah (Wright) Hasell. Before coming to College he had taken his mother's maiden name as his surname.

He delivered at graduation Alfred, a Historical Poem.

He settled after graduation in North Carolina, as the editor and proprietor of the *Wilmington Gazette*; and died in Wilmington, on October 6, 1815, aged 35 years.

The notices of his death emphasize his amiable character and the severe loss sustained by the community.

He married Eliza Gardentart, who afterwards married the Rev. Dr. Plumer.

He had no children.

AUTHORITIES.

THOMAS HILL HUBBARD, fourth son of the Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard (Yale 1758), of New Haven, was born here on December 5, 1781.

He studied law after graduation with the Hon. John Woodworth (Yale 1788), in Troy, New York, and then entered on the successful practice of his profession in Hamilton, in the same State, where he continued until 1824. On the organization of Madison County in 1806 he was appointed to the office of Surrogate, which he held until 1816, when he was made Prosecuting Attorney for the district, including that county. He held this office until 1821. He was elected a Representative in Congress for the 15th session (1817–19) and the 17th session (1821–23).

With his removal to Utica in 1824 the more active portion of his professional career closed. In June of
that year the Court of Chancery for the Utica district was established and he was appointed Clerk. He held the office but a short time, and then became Clerk of the Supreme Court. In 1837 he retired from all public employments, and thenceforward devoted himself to domestic life and the management of his ample fortune. He served, however, as a Presidential Elector at the election of Polk in 1844 and of Pierce in 1852, as he had already done for Madison in 1812.

He died in Utica on May 21, 1857, in his 76th year.

As an advocate he was esteemed as both able and effective. As a friend and neighbor he was greatly respected for his uniform kindness and gentleness and his open-hearted liberality.

He married, on June 12, 1812, Phebe, second daughter of Micah and Content (Guernsey) Hubbard, of Middletown, Connecticut, who survived him.

Their children were six sons and five daughters. The second and third sons were graduates, in 1834 and 1836 respectively, of Hamilton College, of which Mr. Hubbard was a Trustee from 1817 to 1827.

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Bagg, Pioneers of Utica, 571-72. Walworth, Hyde Genealogy, ii, 826.

ELI IVES, the third son and fourth child of Dr. Levi Ives, a highly respectable physician of large practice in New Haven, was born here on February 7, 1779, and was baptized two weeks later. His mother was Lydia, daughter of Deacon Abraham and Elizabeth (Bradley) Augur, of New Haven. A brother was graduated at Yale in 1791.

In April, 1799, before taking his first degree, he was appointed Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School in New Haven, but held the office only until June, 1800. Meantime he had begun the study of medicine, in part with his
father, but mainly with Dr. Eneas Munson (Yale 1753); and subsequently he visited Philadelphia for the benefit of further courses under Dr. Benjamin Rush and Dr. Caspar Wistar.

Early in 1802, although offered a tutorship in College by President Dwight, he began practice in New Haven,—for a few months with his father, and then by himself. Three years later he attended another course of lectures in the School at Philadelphia.

On September 17, 1805, he married Maria, daughter of Deacon Nathan and Mary (Phelps) Beers, of New Haven; and about 1814 he built a house for himself on the Northeast corner of Temple and Wall streets, in which he died, and which is still standing, though much altered.

Devoting himself to his profession with singleness of purpose and tireless energy, he soon obtained a large and lucrative practice.

In 1806 he was elected one of the Fellows of the State Medical Society, and was re-elected for eight succeeding years. He was also the Secretary in 1810–12, a member of the Examining Committee for New Haven County from 1805 to 1812, and Vice President in 1824–27. The honorary degree of M.D. was conferred on him by the Society in October, 1811.

In the proceedings of the Convention of the Society and the College, from 1807 to 1810, which resulted in the establishment of the Yale Medical Department, Dr. Ives bore an influential part. He seems, indeed, to have been at the head of the movement, so far as the Medical Society was concerned, as were President Dwight and Professor Silliman on the part of the College.

When the Medical School was begun, in 1813, Dr. Ives was appointed Professor of Materia Medica and Botany, in association with the venerable Dr. Munson, from whom, however, no instruction was expected.

Dr. Ives's knowledge of the indigenous Materia Medica was greater than that of any of his contemporaries; and
his study of Botany was one of the chief interests of his life. He imported a valuable botanical library, and the extensive grounds of the School building (now Sheffield Hall) were partly converted by him, at his own expense, into a botanical garden for the benefit of his classes, which was for a time of great interest.

He was a much valued member of the Horticultural and Pomological Societies of New Haven, and the President of each. In the raising of fruits, and particularly of pears (five varieties of which bore his name), grapes, and strawberries, he had more than the usual success.

He was a member of the Convention which framed the first United States Pharmacopoeia in 1820, and President of the succeeding Convention in 1830.

In 1829 he was transferred to the chair of Theory and Practice in the Medical School, which he held until 1852. As a practitioner he was wonderfully shrewd and able, and his instruction was correspondingly suggestive and efficient. In 1852 he again took the chair of Materia Medica, but a year later, on account of protracted ill health, was made Professor Emeritus.

In 1860 the American Medical Association held its annual meeting in New Haven, and the preëminence of Dr. Ives was recognized by his being given the office of President.

He died in New Haven, on October 8, 1861, in his 83d year. His widow died on March 14, 1864, in her 82d year.

Two of their sons became noted physicians in New Haven,—N. Beers Ives (Yale 1825) and Levi Ives (Yale Medical School 1838); a third son died while preparing for the same profession. One daughter married Dr. Henry A. Tomlinson (Yale 1828), and another died in infancy.

Dr. Ives was tall and spare in person, unceremonious and unpretending in manner, and plain in dress. As a physician he was remarkable for insight, for fertility of resources, and for great care in watching his patients.
He made a profession of religion in 1808, and ever after lived a humble, consistent Christian life.

The address delivered at his funeral by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Dutton, was printed in the *New Englander*, and republished separately. Another very discriminating biographical notice by his pupil and colleague, Dr. Henry Bronson, was printed in the *Proceedings* of the Connecticut Medical Society for 1867, and afterwards published separately.

A portrait of Dr. Ives by Jocelyn, painted in 1827, belongs to the University, and is reproduced in Kingsley's *Yale College*. An engraving, representing him a few years before his death, is given in Dr. Bronson's *Biographical Notice*.

He published separately only two articles:

1. An Oration, on Chemistry and Botany; delivered before the Phi Beta Kappa Society, at New Haven, Dec. 9, 1802. New Haven, 1803. 8°, pp. 16. *Y. C.*
   Mainly devoted to the new science of chemistry.

2. Extracts from an Address delivered before the New Haven Horticultural Society, at their annual meeting in October, 1837. [New Haven.] 8°, pp. 16. *B. Publ. Y. C.*
   In the first number of the *Communications* of the Connecticut Medical Society, published in 1810, he printed three short papers:
   An unsuccessful case of Hydrophobia, pp. 56–60;
   A case of Uterine Polypus, pp. 70–74.
   Case of retroverted Uterus [anonymous], pp. 78–80.

In 1811 he contributed an Account of vegetable productions, found in New-Haven, to President Dwight's *Statistical Account of the City of New Haven*; a much more extended catalogue, "the joint production of Drs. Eli Ives, William Tully, and Melines C. Leavenworth," was appended to Baldwin's *Annals of Yale College*, pp. 264–302, 1831.

Dr. Ives contributed six papers to the *American Journal of Science*:

In volume 1, 1818–19:

Observations on a species of Limosella, recently discovered in the United States, pp. 74–76;
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Description of a new series of Asclepias, p. 252;
On the Comparative Quantity of Nutritious Matter which may be obtained from an Acre of Land when cultivated with Potatoes or Wheat, pp. 297-98;
Description of a New Species of Gnaphalium, pp. 380-81.

In volume 3, 1821:
On Spring Pasture, pp. 355-56.
In volume 21, 1832:
Chloric ether [= chloroform], pp. 406-07.

In 1848 he published in the Northern Literary Messenger, of New Haven, several valuable papers entitled, Historical Sketches of the Medical Society of New Haven County; by a Member. These were re-published with additions in the New Haven Journal and Courier for October, 1852.

The Yale Library has several manuscript reports by students of Dr. Ives’s medical lectures.

AUTHORITIES.


James Luce Kingsley, the eldest child of Deacon Jonathan Kingsley, of Scotland Parish in Windham, Connecticut, and grandson of Salmon and Lydia (Burgess) Kingsley, of Scotland, was born in Scotland on August 28, 1778. His mother was Zillah, daughter of Benajah and Deborah (Perkins) Cary, and widow of James Luce, Junior, of Scotland. In his childhood he was much in the house of John Whiting (Yale 1726), of Scotland, whose second wife was the mother of James Luce, Junior, for whom he was named. His mother was a first cousin of Enoch Perkins (Yale 1781).

At the early age of ten he was sent, on account of his promise, to the Plainfield Academy; but his preparation for College was completed under the Rev. Ludovicus Weld (Harvard 1789), of Hampton. In 1795 he was admitted
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...to Williams College, but did not return thither after the Freshman year. Then came an interval of feeble health; and in May, 1797, he joined the Sophomore Class at Yale. At graduation he delivered an Oration on the Origin of Alphabetical Characters. The next year he spent in Wethersfield, as the teacher of a select school; and during the following year he remained at home, partly occupied with private pupils.

In the fall of 1801 he was appointed Tutor in the College and entered on the duties of that office, which he discharged with singular success for four years, or until his election in September, 1805, as Professor of the Hebrew, Greek, and Latin languages, and of Ecclesiastical History; with which was combined for nineteen years the duties of Librarian. He continued, however, for seven years longer, or until a year after his marriage, to do the work of a Tutor, carrying one division of the students in all the branches pursued by them, from the beginning of the course to the end of the Junior year.

In the autumn of 1812, on ceasing to give regular instruction outside the field of his professorship, he employed his leisure in preparing a course of lectures on language, and another on history, for delivery in Senior year.

From 1812 to 1831 his main duties were in connection with Latin and Greek; though he also offered instruction to such students as chose to study Hebrew, and gave with more or less regularity lectures on history. In 1831 a Professor of Greek was appointed, and thenceforwards Professor Kingsley considered the Latin language and literature his only proper department, although he did not cease for a few years longer to instruct in Hebrew and history.

In August, 1851, he resigned his office, and was appointed Professor Emeritus. He volunteered for the ensuing year to take charge of an optional class; but soon after that year closed, he died in New Haven, after a
few days’ illness, from dysentery, on August 31, 1852, having just entered on his 75th year.

During the half-century of his active connection with the College, he was never absent for any length of time, except when in 1845 he volunteered to go to Europe, at his own expense, for the purchase of books for the Library, and was absent about eight months.

He was married on September 23, 1811, to Lydia, eldest daughter of Daniel Lathrop and Elizabeth (Bill) Coit, of Norwich, who died in New Haven on December 2, 1861, in her 83d year. One of her sisters married Pelatiah Perit (Yale 1802), and a brother was graduated here in 1819.

Their eldest son (Yale 1832) died in early manhood; and they were survived by two sons (Yale 1834 and 1843, respectively), and by a daughter, the wife of Henry T. Blake (Yale 1848).

His portrait, painted by Nathaniel Jocelyn in 1828, is in the University collections; an engraving from a likeness taken late in life has been often published, as in the Congregational Quarterly for April, 1863, and in his son’s book, Yale College.

Professor Kingsley’s life and character are admirably described in the Commemorative Discourse by his colleague, Professor Thacher, to which is prefixed the Address at his funeral by President Woolsey. He was an excellent Latin scholar, and gifted with a special power of elegant composition in that language, as well as in English. The accurate knowledge of History, particularly of American history, and that of his native State and of the College, was equally his province; and if any of his generation among the graduates deserved the title of a “universal scholar,” it was he.

He was no less distinguished for his critical acumen and the keenness of his wit, as well as for the transparent sincerity and Christian poise of his character.

He published:
1. Remarks on the present situation of Yale College; for the consideration of its friends and patrons. [New Haven, 1817.] 8°, pp. 16.
   The first edition was prepared after the death of President Dwight, in aid of an attempt to gain funds; as a partial result of this appeal, North College was erected in 1821.
   The second edition accomplished the erection of a new chapel in 1824.
   Both were anonymous.


3. Reports on the Course of Instruction in Yale College; by a Committee of the Corporation and the Academical Faculty. New Haven, 1828. 8°, pp. 56.
   The subject of these reports was the retention or omission of Greek and Latin in the College course; and part 2 of the Report by the Faculty (pp. 30-49) was the work of Professor Kingsley. A clear and strong defence of classical study, it was accepted as settling that question at Yale College for the rest of the century.

   A reprint of two articles in volume 8 of the American Quarterly Register, for April, 1835, and August, 1836 (pp. 13-40, 201-18). Brief as is this Sketch, it is of the highest value.

5. A Historical Discourse, delivered by request before the Citizens of New Haven, April 25, 1838, the two hundredth Anniversary of the first settlement of the Town and Colony. New Haven, 1838. 8°, pp. 115.
   This is the most elaborate of the author's publications, and still ranks as a prime authority.

Professor Kingsley edited the following Latin texts for the use of students,—all published without his name:—

Extracts for Translation. Used by the Students of Yale College. New Haven, 1830. 12°, pp. 72. [Y. C.]

Excerpta Latina in usum linguæ Latinæ Studiosorum. Novi-Portus, 1836. 12°, pp. iv, 80. [Y. C.]

A different selection from the former.


Tacitus [History, Germania, Agricola, etc.] Philadelphia, 1844. 12°, pp. 329.

His most notable productions were his anonymous contributions to periodicals, several of which made a remarkable sensation. Among these may be specified:—

From the North American Review:—

Connecticut School Fund, volume 16, pp. 379-96, April, 1823;

Webster's Dictionary, volume 28, pp. 433-80, April, 1829;

Popular Eloquence of the Romans, volume 30, pp. 259-74, January, 1830;

Modern Latin, volume 43, pp. 28-52; volume 44, pp. 270-72, July, 1836-January, 1837;

Latin Lexicography, volume 45, pp. 336-60, October, 1837;

Blue Laws of the Old States, volume 48, pp. 501-14, April, 1839;

Otis’s Translation of the Tusculan Questions, volume 49, pp. 488-90, October, 1839.

From the Christian Spectator, volume 7, pp. 425-29, August, 1825;


From the Quarterly Christian Spectator:

Review of Dwight’s Travels in the North of Germany, volume 1, pp. 631-74, December, 1829;

Review of Quincy’s Centennial Address to the Citizens of Boston, and Francis’s Historical Sketch of Watertown, volume 2, pp. 676-93, December, 1830.

From the New Englander:

Early History of Connecticut, volume 1, pp. 224-30, April, 1843;

Review of Frost’s Pictorial History of the United States, pp. 600-02;

Gurdon Saltonstall, Governor of Connecticut, volume 2, pp. 495-503, October, 1844;


Review of the Report to the Corporation of Brown University, on changes in the system of Collegiate Education, volume 8, pp. 470–72, August, 1850.

Also in the Monthly Anthology, volume 8, Boston, 1810, Review of Peters' History of Connecticut;

in the Analectic Magazine, volume 9, Philadelphia, 1817, Sketch of President Dwight;

in the United States Literary Gazette, volume 4, Boston, 1826, Review of Williston's Tacitus;

in the American Monthly Review, volume 3, Boston, 1833, Review of Stuart's Select Classics;

in the American Journal of Science, volume 30, New Haven, 1836, Remarks on Prof. Stuart's examination of Gen. I;


At the time of his resignation of his professorship, he was requested by the Corporation of the College to prepare an extended documentary history of the institution, with whose history, written and unwritten, he was so well acquainted. It is understood that he had determined to comply with this request, but his death prevented even the beginning of the task.

AUTHORITIES.


CHARLES McEWEN, the only son of Abijah McEwen, of Stratford, Connecticut, by his second wife, Jerusha, eldest child of Abraham and Rebecca (Gold) Tomlinson, of Stratford, and grandson of Timothy and Abigail
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(Hurd) McCune, of Stratford, was born in that town on September 22, 1779.

He became a lawyer in his native place, but about 1818 removed to New York City, where he died on January 6, 1836, in his 57th year.

He was buried in Stratford.

AUTHORITIES.
Orcutt, Hist. of Stratford, ii, 1245; Tomlinson Family, 46.

OLIVER MATHER, the eldest child of Colonel Oliver Mather, of Windsor, Connecticut, and a nephew of Dr. Charles Mather (Yale 1763) and the Rev. Allyn Mather (Yale 1771), was born in Windsor on January 13, 1779. His mother was Jemima, sister of Chief-Justice Oliver Ellsworth, and he was thus a first cousin of his classmate Ellsworth. A brother was graduated here in 1810.

He died in Windsor on March 11, 1820, in his 42d year. He was never married.

AUTHORITIES.

HENRY MEIGS, the eldest child of Professor Josiah Meigs (Yale 1778), was born in New Haven on October 28, 1782.

After graduation he studied law, and settled in practice in New York City. In 1807 he was appointed one of the city magistrates, and he continued in that office for several years. Though exempt from military duty, he volunteered in the war of 1812, and served for city defence, with the rank of Adjutant, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Marinus Willett, through the war. In 1818 he was a member of the State Assembly.
From 1819 to 1821 he was a representative in Congress. In that body he advocated vigorously the Missouri Compromise, and introduced a proposition for applying the proceeds of the sale of the public lands to the emancipation of the slaves and their colonization in Africa.

In 1832-33 he was President of the Board of Aldermen of New York, and at that time advocated strongly the introduction of the Croton water on a grand scale.

He was also Judge of one of the city courts, and afterwards Clerk of the Court of General Sessions.

In 1845 he was elected Recording Secretary of the American Institute; and this position, in connection with the Secretaryship of the Farmers' Club, he retained until his death. The printed Transactions of the Institute bear witness to his great industry and his attachment to the cause of agriculture.

He died in New York City, at his son's house, after six months' confinement, on May 20, 1861, in his 79th year.

A copy of his portrait is included in the Meigs Genealogy.

He married on February 19, 1806, Julia, daughter of Stephen Austin, of Philadelphia.

She died in New York, on May 10, 1841, in her 58th year.

Two daughters and three sons survived their parents; a daughter and a son died in infancy.

He published many papers in the Transactions of the American Institute; of these his Addresses at the Annual Fairs, and perhaps others, were printed separately.

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Roger Newberry, Third, the sixth child and eldest surviving son of General Roger Newberry, of Windsor, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Roger Newberry (Yale 1726), was born in Windsor on October 7, 1779. His mother was Eunice, daughter of John and Eunice (Colton) Ely, of Springfield, Massachusetts.

He pursued the study of law after his graduation, and practiced in Windsor until about 1807; but eventually became hopelessly insane, and after many years spent in retirement died on September 10, 1837, in his 58th year.

He was never married.

AUTHORITIES.


Jeremiah Osborn, the eldest child of Captain Jeremiah Osborn, of East Hampton, Long Island, and grandson of Jeremiah and Mercy (Baker) Osborn, of East Hampton, was born on September 17, 1776. His mother was Mary, daughter of John and Phebe (Miller) Parsons.

He settled immediately after graduation in Troy, New York, and soon entered on the practice of law, for a time in partnership with John Woodworth (Yale 1788). In March, 1803, he was appointed Surrogate of Rensselaer County, and he held that office for nearly three years.

Owing to some misdoing he absconded, and all that can be gathered of his later career is that he died in Littleton, Halifax County, North Carolina, near the close of the year 1826, aged 50 years.

By his wife, Miss Peck, he had one son, born about 1807, who lived to maturity.

AUTHORITIES.

MATTHEW PERKINS, third son and child of Ephraim Perkins, a farmer, of what is now Chaplin, Connecticut, and of Becket, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and nephew of Enoch Perkins (Yale 1781), was born in Becket on March 15, 1777. His mother was Mary, sister of Benjamin Chaplin, Junior (Yale 1778). He did not enter College until after the opening of the Sophomore year.

He studied law, and settled in practice in Lisbon, St. Lawrence County, New York. He prospered in his profession, and held the office of Surrogate of the County from March, 1802, until his death. He also engaged in farming. He received a Master's degree from Williams College in 1803.

He died in Lisbon on September 11, 1808, in his 30th year.

He married, about 1800, Mary, daughter of Benjamin Tibbits, of Troy. Their children were one son, who died in early manhood, and two daughters, who lived to marry.

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SIDNEY PLATT, son of Jeremiah Platt, a wealthy merchant of New York and New Haven, and his wife, Mary Ann Platt, and grandson of Dr. Zophar and Rebecca (Wood) Platt, of Huntington, Long Island, was born in New Haven on April 19, 1781. Samuel Platt Broome (Yale 1786) was a first cousin.

After graduation he was employed for a short time as a clerk in the New York Custom House.

He died in New Haven on June 21, 1807, in his 27th year.
GODFREY SCARBOROUGH, the son of Samuel Scarborough, of that part of Pomfret which is now Brooklyn, Connecticut, was born on December 22, 1778. His mother was Mary, daughter of Ichabod and Margery (Aldrich) Amidon, of Mendon, Massachusetts.

After graduation he studied law, and settled about 1808 in the practice of his profession in that part of East Windsor which is now South Windsor, Connecticut; at the same time he kept an office in the neighboring town of Suffield.

He became embarrassed financially, and absconded in the spring of 1826, leaving a wife and young children, who for many years knew nothing of his history.

On leaving Connecticut he went to Wheeling, Virginia; and thence to Paris, Kentucky, where he taught school. About 1847 he removed to Iowa, and died in Kossuth, Des Moines County, on May 15, 1867, in his 89th year. He had outlived the rest of his College Class.

Two daughters survived him.

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ELIAS SHIPMAN, the eldest son of Elias Shipman, a merchant of Milford and New Haven, Connecticut, was born in New Haven in 1778. His mother was Esther, daughter of Dr. Elisha Whiting (Yale 1747), of Milford.

He studied medicine, and began practice in Guilford, whence in 1806 he removed to New Haven, where he continued for about twelve years longer to attend to his profession.

He died in New Haven, unmarried, on May 11, 1833, aged 54 years.

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AUTHORITIES.
MOSES STUART, third child and only son of Isaac Stuart, a farmer of Wilton Parish in Norwalk, Connecticut, and grandson of Robert and Experience Stuart, of Wilton, was born on March 26, 1780. His mother was Olive, daughter of Thaddeus and Abigail Morehouse.

In his fifteenth year he was sent to an academy in Norwalk, where his preceptor urged him to prepare for College. Later he was placed under the instruction of Roger Minott Sherman (Yale 1792), then a young lawyer in Norwalk, and from his hands entered the Sophomore Class at Yale in May, 1797. At graduation he delivered the Salutatory Oration.

During the next year he taught an academy in what is now Easton (then called North Fairfiled); and during a part of the following year he was the principal of a high school in Danbury. Here he began the study of law; but he soon gave up his school and devoted himself entirely to the preparation for the bar in Newtown. He was admitted to practice at Danbury in the autumn of 1802; but a few weeks earlier he had delivered the Master's Oration at the College, on Credulity, with great applause, and had been elected Tutor.

He entered on the duties of the tutorship in November, and filled that office for two years with marked success as a stimulating teacher. During the earlier part of his time he was a student of law in the office of Seth P. Staples (Yale 1797); but he soon became interested for the first time in personal religion, and began preparation for the ministry under President Dwight.

He was licensed to preach by the New Haven East Association on February 1, 1804; and after the completion of his College work he journeyed for his health in Vermont, where he preached for several Sabbaths in Middlebury, and was invited to settle as pastor of the Congregational Church.
Having declined this call, he returned to New Haven, where he supplied during the ensuing winter for some weeks the pulpit of the First Church in the illness of the pastor, the Rev. Dr. James Dana (Harvard 1753). The members of that church and society soon made a movement to obtain Dr. Dana's consent to the settlement of Mr. Stuart as his colleague; but the old man was opposed to all new men and measures, and the result was his own dismissal in December, 1805.

Mr. Stuart was then chosen pastor with only five dissenting votes, and was ordained and installed on March 5, 1806. Shortly after he was married to Abigail Clark, of Danbury, a sister of Adam S. Clarke (Yale 1788).

His pastorate lasted only until January, 1810, but during these three years and ten months two hundred persons were admitted to the church, of whom only twenty-eight were received by letter. His energy and enthusiasm were well-nigh irresistible, and his popularity as a preacher extended far beyond the bounds of his own congregation.

In the summer of 1809 Dr. Eliphalet Pearson (Harvard 1773), who had been the first Professor of Sacred Literature in the new Theological Seminary at Andover, Massachusetts, resigned his office; and the vacant place was soon after offered to Mr. Stuart. His brilliant general scholarship, and his earnestness and effectiveness as a teacher, marked him out for success in this new field, though comparatively ignorant of the subjects which it embraced. On his part, he saw that the revival of Biblical learning was one of the great necessities of the church, and with characteristic ardor he threw himself into the work.

On February 28, 1810, he was inaugurated as Professor, and such was his diligence that, amid the unwonted cares and labors of his new office, he was able to print, only three years later, the first Hebrew grammar in the English language. With equal promptness he acquired the command of the German language, and began to make its treasures available for the use of his pupils. For the next forty
years his pen was extraordinarily prolific, and his power in arousing and directing the mind of the clergy who came under his influence unparalleled.

In the summer of 1848 he resigned his Professorship, in consequence of the infirmities of advancing age. At the end of November, 1851, while still in the full tide of literary labor, a bone in his wrist was fractured by a fall in the street, and the resulting pain and confinement rendered him unable to withstand a severe cold, passing into typhoid fever, which after several days terminated his life on January 4, 1852, in his 72d year.

His widow died in Andover on September 4, 1855, aged 72 years.

Their children were four sons and five daughters. One son died early, and the others were graduates of Yale in 1828, 1831, and 1833, respectively. Two of the daughters were in succession the wives of Professor Austin Phelps (Univ. of Pa. 1837); one married Professor R. D. C. Robbins (Middlebury Coll. 1835); and another married the Rev. George N. Anthony (Brown Univ. 1850).

He declined the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, which was tendered him by Harvard University in 1823.

His deep, sonorous voice, with a commanding and impassioned manner, gave him rare power as a pulpit orator; but his chief field of influence lay in the classroom, where his enthusiasm and zeal in biblical criticism and interpretation introduced a new era in theological study. At the same time it is only fair to say that his fervor and industry were not balanced by exact scholarship.

A portrait of Professor Stuart is reproduced in the last General Catalogue (1908) of Andover Seminary.

He published:

1. A Sermon [from I Cor. iii, 6], preached at the Ordination of the Rev. Thomas Punderson, October 26th, A. D. 1809, to the pastoral care of the Church and Society of Union Parish, Pittsfield. Pittsfield, 1809. 8°, pp. 24.

2. A Sermon [from John x, 27, 28], preached before the Administration of the Lord's Supper to the First Congregational Church, in New Haven, January 14, A. D. 1810. New-Haven, 1810. 8°, pp. 16.


Published in connection with the foregoing.

4. A Hebrew Grammar without the points ... Andover, 1813. 8°, pp. 124.
Set up in part by his own hands.

5. A Sermon [from Deut. xv, 11], delivered by request of the Female Charitable Society in Salem, at their Anniversary the first Wednesday in August, A. D. 1815. Andover, 1815. 8°, pp. 32.
The sermon occupies pp. 1–22.

The sermon occupies pp. 1–30.

The same. 3d Edition. Andover, 1819. 12°, pp. 156.

Also, later editions, including four or five printed in Great Britain. Replied to by Professor Andrews Norton. This defence of the doctrine of the Trinity was, as the author elsewhere says, distinctly the fruit of his studies in German theology, for which he had been much the object of suspicion.
8. A Hebrew Grammar with a copious Syntax and Praxis. [With the points.] Andover, 1821. 8°, pp. xii, 386.
   Later editions include one published at Oxford by Dr. Pusey.
   The same 2d Edition. Andover, 1828. 8°, pp. 46.
   Also, later editions.

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   The same. 2d Edition. Andover, 1833. 8°, pp. 618.
   

   Also, later editions; that of 1860 revised by his son-in-law, Professor Robbins.

15. An Examination of the Strictures upon the American Education Society, in a late number of the Biblical Repertory; originally published in that work. Andover, 1829. 8°, pp. 48.
   

   

   The same. 2d Edition. Andover, 1832. 8°, pp. 231.
   

   Also, an English edition, edited by Dr. Pusey.

   The same, Volume 2, No. 1, with title: Course of Hebrew Study adapted to the use of beginners. Andover, 1830. 8°, pp. 204.
   

17. A brief Sketch of the life and character of Mrs. Elizabeth Adams. Andover, 1829. 8°, pp. 23.
   

   Mrs. Adams was the wife of John Adams (Yale 1795).

   

   The same. 2d ed. Boston, 1830. 8°, pp. 52.
   

   Also, later editions.

   Replied to by the Rev. Bernard Whitman.

19. Exegetical Essays on several words relating to Future Punishment. Andover, 1830. 12°, pp. 156.
   
20. Essay on the Prize-Question, whether the use of distilled liquors, or traffic in them, is compatible, at the present time, with making a profession of Christianity? New-York, [etc. Andover], 1830. 8°, pp. 70.


Also, re-published in London, by Dr. J. Pye Smith.

The Essay answers the questions raised in the negative; but allows the use of wine, provided there is no excess.


The same. [Second Edition.] Andover, 1831. 8°, pp. 36.

[A. A. S. B. Publ. Y. C.]

The same. [Third Edition.] Boston, 1845. 8°, pp. 35.


The same. 2d Edition. Andover, 1835. 8°, pp. 684.

[N. Y. Publ. U. T. S. Y. C.]

Also, later editions: that of 1859 by his son-in-law, Professor Robbins.


The same. 2d Edition. Andover, 1841. 8°, pp. 312.

[Harv. N. Y. Publ. U. T. S. Y. C.]

25. What is the most appropriate Age for entering on the Active Duties of the Sacred Office? [Published by the American Education Society. Boston, 1839.] 12°, pp. 15.

[A. C. A. B. Publ. Y. C.]

[B. Publ. Y. C.

27. Mr. Webster's Andover Address and his Political Course while Secretary of State.—The Publishers have no authority to designate the authorship of the following pages; but from various circumstances, they infer the probability, that they were written by Prof. Stuart, of Andover. Essex County, 1844. 8°, pp. 20.

This defence of Mr. Webster's course was subsequently acknowledged by Professor Stuart.


Other editions were published in Great Britain,—one by Samuel Davidson, and one by Peter Lorimer.


31. Miscellanies consisting of I. Letters to Dr. Channing on the Trinity; II. Two Sermons on the Atonement; III. Sacramental Sermon on the Lamb of God; IV. Dedication Sermon—Real Christianity; V. Letter to Dr. Channing on Religious Liberty; VI. Supplementary Notes and Postscripts of new additional matter. Andover, 1846. 12°, pp. xi, 369.

Republications, except the third item, which is a Sermon, preached in Andover in 1846, from John i, 29.

In reply to criticisms on his edition of Roediger's revision of Gesenius.


Written in May, 1847, and printed in February, 1848. The letter gives the result of a critical investigation, undertaken at Dr. Nott's request, of the Scriptures, in respect to the subject of Wines, and concludes that unfermented wine is the only wine commended.


A defence of Mr. Webster's course in respect to slavery; it provoked several replies, e.g., by the Rev. George W. Perkins (Yale 1824), the Rev. Rufus W. Clark (Yale 1838), and the Hon. William Jay (Yale 1807).


He also published many valuable works as editor or translator. As, for example:—

A Harmony in Greek of the Gospels, with Notes, .. by W. Newcome. Andover, 1814. 8°.

Dissertations on the importance and best method of studying the Original Languages of the Bible, by Jahn and others. .. Andover, 1821. 8°.


Passages cited from the Old Testament by the writers of the New Testament compared with the original Hebrew and the Septuagint Version. Arranged by the Junior Class in the Theological Seminary, Andover. Andover, 1827. 4°.

Practical Rules for Greek Accents and Quantity. From the German of Buttmann and Passow. Andover, 1829. 12°.


This was made the subject of a severe criticism by Professor James L. Kingsley. [See above, p. 367.]


Hebrew Grammar, by F. H. W. Gesenius, as revised by E. Rödiger. Translated, with additions, and a chrestomathy. Andover, 1846. 8°.

He also contributed largely to periodicals; it may be sufficient to mention the Panoplist, the Christian Spectator, the Spirit of the Pilgrims, the American Quarterly Register (5 articles, 1828–33), the North American Review (2 articles, 1838–51), the Quarterly Review of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (2 articles, 1851), the Biblical Repository, of which he was an editor (over 30 articles, 1831–42), and the Bibliotheca Sacra (11 articles, 1849–52).

An article in the Christian Review, vol. 6, pp. 446–71 (1841), on the Study of the German Language, has a distinct autobiographical value.

He furnished Dr. Sprague in 1851 a brief sketch of Dr. Matthias Burnet, which was printed in the Annals of the American Pulpit, volume 2, pp. 94–96 (1857).

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THADDEUS BURR WAKEMAN, the third child and eldest surviving son of Thaddeus and Esther Wakeman, of Greenfield Hill in Fairfield, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Catharina (Gilbert) Wakeman, of Greenfield Hill, was born on September 13, 1778. His mother was a sister of Philip Burr Bradley (Yale 1758). He did not enter College until after the opening of the Sophomore year.

He became a lawyer in his native town, removing about 1816 to New York City. In 1810–15 he was interested in the investment of capital in various business schemes in Utica, New York.

In 1820 he was much interested in the organization of a “National Institute for promoting the Industry of the United States,” in favor of protection. In 1833 he became the Corresponding Secretary of the American Institute (of which he had been one of the projectors), and the duties of that position, performed with indefatigable energy, occupied him for the rest of his life.

He died in New York on November 7, 1848, in his 71st year. He was never married.

An engraving from his portrait is given in the Wakeman Genealogy.

Authorities.

Wakeman Genealogy, 187, 226.

JOHN WINN, the second son and child of Peter and Mary (Farley) Winn, of Midway, Liberty County, Georgia, and grandson of John and Sarah Winn, of Midway, was born on December 4, 1779, and baptized on January 6, 1780.

For a time after graduation he taught in Midway. He settled there as a lawyer, and held the rank of Major in the militia.
He married, on May 7, 1806, Eliza, younger daughter of James and Elizabeth (Quarterman) Wilson, of Midway, who was eleven years his junior, and by whom he had five sons and two daughters. Three of the sons, who became Presbyterian clergymen, were graduated at College,—one at Amherst College in 1834, one at Franklin College in 1838, and one at the University of Georgia in 1841. The elder daughter married the Rev. Samuel J. Cassels (Univ. of Ga. 1838).

Major Winn died in August, 1820, in his 41st year.

AUTHORITIES.

Midway Church Records, 82, 93, 117, 152. Stacy, Hist. of Midway Ch., 77, 266.
Annals, 1799-1800

At the opening of the year Warren Dutton, of the Class of 1797, was added to the corps of Tutors, this enlargement of the teaching force being made necessary by another unusually large Freshman Class.

In the latter part of 1799 another bitter pamphlet by the Rev. John Cosins Ogden, reflecting on President Dwight as a political partisan, appeared, without indication of the author or the place of printing. The title was: Friendly Remarks to the people of Connecticut, upon their College and Schools (12°, pp. 42).

In October, 1799, the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences, which has always been in intimate connection with the College, obtained its charter from the Legislature.
Sketches, Class of 1800

*Thomas Adams, A.M. *1806
*Saulus Alvord *1842
*Shubael Bartlett, A.M. *1854
*Amos Benedict *1816
*Jesse Smith Bradley *1833
*Daniel Bishop Brown *1822
*Abija Carrington, Socius ex officio *1851
*Harveius Chase *1857
*Pitkin Cowles, A.M. *1833
*Asaphus Dunbar *1814
*David Ely, A.M. 1804 *1857
*Hezekias Flagg *1821
*Jacobus Gilbert *1818
*Thomas Peabody Grosvenor, e Congr. *1817
*Moses Hatch, A.M. *1820
*Josephus Howland, A.M. 1804 *1827
*Samuel Gray Huntington, A.M. *1854
*Samuel Jones *1862
*Philander Judson *1806
*Aegidius Crouch Kellogg *1861
*Hugo Knox *1858
*Prentice Law *1811
*Elisaeus Phelps, Socius ex off., e Congr. *1847
*Ludovicus St.John *1821
*Henricus Smith *1813
*Johannes Stevens
*Abiram Stoddard *1855
Biographical Sketches, 1800

*Thomas Barnard Strong *1863
*Erastus Swift *1843
*Aegidius Wade *1832
*Joel Walter, A.M. *1832
*Lemuel Whitman, e Congr. *1841
*Chauncaeus Whittelsey, A.M. *1834
*Thomas Williams, A.M. Brun. 1814 *1876

THOMAS ADAMS, the eldest son of Cornelius Adams, a farmer and deacon in the Separate Church, in Canterbury, Connecticut, and a first cousin of John Adams (Yale 1795), was born on March 21, 1775. His mother was Esther, the youngest child of Deacon Thomas and Anna (Seaver) Stedman, of Hampton, Connecticut.

Three of his brothers were graduated here, in 1801, 1803, and 1806, respectively. He entered College during the Freshman year, and delivered the Salutatory Oration on receiving his degree.

He studied theology in Hartford (probably with the Rev. Dr. Nathan Strong), and was licensed to preach by the Hartford North Association of Ministers on February 7, 1804. In the mean time he had been offered, in March, 1803, a tutorship in the College, but declined it.

In October, 1804, he was elected Principal of the Academy in Kingston, Ulster County, New York, with an annual salary of $700. While still retaining that office to the great satisfaction of the community, he died in Kingston, after a long and severe illness, on October 28, 1806, in his 32d year. He was unmarried.

AUTHORITIES.


SAUL ALVORD, the second and eldest surviving child of Captain Saul Alvord, a tavern-keeper of Bolton, Tolland County, Connecticut, and grandchild of Saul and Martha
Yale College

(Churchill) Alvord, of Northampton, Massachusetts, and Bolton, was born in Bolton on May 27, 1781. His mother was Eleanor, third daughter of Captain Martin and Mary (Boardman) Kellogg, of Newington Parish in Wethersfield. He entered the Class after the opening of the Freshman year.

After graduation he studied law, and in 1803 he was admitted to the Tolland County bar. He then engaged in the practice of his profession in his native town, where he also held many important offices. He represented Bolton in seven sessions of the Legislature, between 1808 and 1817, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1818.

He was also for three years (1838–41) an associate Judge of the County Court.

With a high regard for integrity, and faithfulness to every trust, he commanded the respect and confidence of all.

On October 31, 1842, he was thrown from his wagon, and died the same day in Bolton, in his 62d year.

He married on November 11, 1806, Phebe, daughter of Major John Hutchinson and Phebe (Hubbell) Buell, of Hebron. She died in Bolton on February 24, 1857, in her 70th year. Their children were six sons (of whom one died in infancy) and two daughters.

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AUTHORITIES.

Alvord Genealogy, 106, 181-82. in the New World, i, 193. Welles,

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SHUBAEL BARTLETT, the second child and eldest son of Deacon John Bartlett, a shoemaker, of Exeter Parish in Lebanon, Connecticut, and grandson of Ichabod and Desire (Otis) Bartlett, was born in Lebanon on April 2, 1778. His mother was Desire, youngest daughter of Lieutenant Thomas and Susannah (Clark) Loomis, of Lebanon. A brother was graduated here in 1807.
He united with the church in June, 1794, and was then prepared for College, with a view of entering the ministry, by his pastor, the Rev. Zebulon Ely (Yale 1779). His means for the collegiate course were mainly provided by his own exertions. In the latter part of his course he acted as an amanuensis for President Dwight.

After graduation he taught for a while in the New Haven Hopkins Grammar School, and meantime studied theology, with President Dwight. He served as College Butler for the year 1801-02, and in September, 1802, was licensed to preach.

In January, 1803, he received an invitation from the North Congregational Church and Society in East Windsor, Connecticut, to preach there as a candidate. In the meantime, during a visit in Hartford, he had formed the acquaintance of Miss Fanny Leffingwell, the eldest child and only daughter of John and Lois (Allen) Leffingwell of that city, to whom he was married by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Strong on January 19, 1803.

In August he went to East Windsor and supplied the pulpit for several months. Towards the close of the year he was formally called to the pastorate, while he was in negotiation with other societies. On President Dwight's advice he decided to accept the invitation to East Windsor, and was ordained and installed there on February 15, 1804; the sermon on that occasion by his early pastor, the Rev. Mr. Ely, was afterwards published. The church then had fifty-six members; and during the fifty years of his ministry five hundred and twenty-four were added to this number.

In October, 1848, the Rev. Samuel J. Andrews (Williams Coll. 1839) was settled as colleague pastor with Mr. Bartlett. The senior pastor, however, continued to assist in the work of the office until December, 1853, when a severe attack of influenza prostrated him. He died at his home in East Windsor, on June 6, 1854, in his 77th year.

His widow died on August 28, 1864, in her 86th year.
Their children were seven sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to maturity. Three sons were graduated at Yale, two in 1828 and one in 1833. One daughter married the Rev. Samuel R. Brown (Yale 1832).

Mr. Bartlett was a man of unaffected piety, and a blessing to the community.

His only publication was:


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Mrs. Potwine was the widow of Mr. Bartlett’s predecessor in the East Windsor pulpit.

The sermon which he had prepared for the fiftieth anniversary of his pastoral charge, from Hebrews xiii, 7, 17, but which he was never able to deliver, was printed (pp. 97-136), with a Sketch of his Life, in a History of the First Ecclesiastical Society in East Windsor (Hartford, 1857).

AUTHORITIES.

Leffingwell Record, 74, 103. Loomis
Genealogy, Female branches, ii, 690.

N. E. Hist.-Geneal. Society's Memo-
rial Biographies, ii, 187-96. T. Rob-
bins, Diary, i, 201, 387, 459. [Roe,]

AMBOS BENEDICT, the elder surviving son of Lieutenant Aaron and Esther Benedict, of Middlebury Parish, in Waterbury, Connecticut, and nephew of Amos Benedict (Yale 1774), was born in Middlebury on July 6, 1780. His mother was a daughter of John and Mary (Comstock) Trowbridge, of Wilton Parish, in Norwalk. An elder sister married the Rev. Asa Lyman (Yale 1797).

He studied law at the Litchfield Law School, under Judge Tapping Reeve, and was admitted to the bar on August 20, 1806. In 1807 he removed to Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, and entered on an active professional life, soon attaining the first rank. From Feb-
ruary, 1810, to February, 1811, and again from March, 1813, to March, 1815, he was District Attorney for the counties of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence.

His promising career was interrupted in 1816, when, being on a visit to friends in Litchfield, he was taken ill from a carbuncle on the back, and died after a week's confinement on February 25, in his 36th year. He was buried in Litchfield, and left the memory of an able lawyer, an honest man, and a true Christian.

He married in 1807 Anne, eldest daughter of Captain James and Anne (Peck) Stone, of Litchfield, who died at her home in Watertown in 1826, in her 41st year.

Their children, all of whom survived them, were two daughters and a son. The latter was a non-graduate member of the Class of 1832 at Yale, and received an honorary Master's degree here in 1858.

AUTHORITIES.


JESSE SMITH BRADLEY, the youngest child of Colonel Philip Burr Bradley (Yale 1758), was born in Ridgefield, Connecticut, on August 27, 1782. Wakeman of the preceding Class was his first cousin.

His scholarship in Greek and Latin while in College was distinguished.

He studied law in the Litchfield Law School, and settled in practice in his native town.

He represented the town in the Legislature in seven years between 1807 and 1829, and was also an associate Judge of the Fairfield County Court at the time of his death.

He retained his love for study; he read and translated from the Greek Testament at family prayers, and wrote
acceptable verse for home reading. The portion of his library which is still preserved in the family contains a selection of English and French classics. He had great individuality of character, and notable charm of manner.

He died in Ridgefield on May 24, 1833, in his 51st year. He married on December 3, 1805, Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Amos Baker, of Ridgefield, by whom he had several sons. A grandson was graduated at Yale in 1872.

**AUTHORITIES.**


**Daniel Bishop Brown,** the eldest child of Daniel Brown, of Hebron, Connecticut, was born on October 18, 1780. His mother was Anna, youngest child of Captain Ichabod and Martha (Tillotson) Phelps, of Hebron, and a sister of the wife of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Trumbull (Yale 1759). A brother was graduated in 1808. He spent the first two years of his College life at Williams College, but after removing to Yale his career was so distinguished that he delivered the Valedictory Oration at graduation.

He settled in 1804 in the practice of law in Batavia, Genesee County, New York, where he left the reputation of being one of the most brilliant advocates who have ever practiced in that county. He was, however, somewhat intemperate in habits and erratic in disposition, and consequently never won for himself the place which he might otherwise have gained. He held the office of District Attorney for the County from 1818 to 1821.

He died in Batavia, unmarried, on July 7, 1822, in his 42d year, leaving an estate inventoried at about $10,000.

**AUTHORITIES.**

ABIJAH CARRINGTON, son of Dr. Elias Carrington, of Milford, Connecticut, was born in Milford on November 22, 1778, and was baptized by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Wales on November 29. His father died just before his graduation.

A brother was graduated here in 1786.

He studied theology with the Rev. Dr. John Smalley (Yale 1756), of New Britain, and united with the church there, April 11, 1802, on profession of his faith, preparatory to being licensed to preach.

He began preaching, but found that public speaking affected his lungs unfavorably, so that he was obliged to abandon his intention.

For the remainder of his life he was a merchant in Milford, where he was universally honored and esteemed.

He was a representative in the Legislature for nine years between 1825 and 1837, and a member of the State Senate in 1836 and 1839. By virtue of his seniority in the Senate he was ex officio a Fellow of Yale College for the year 1839–40. He also served from 1838 to 1842 as Judge of Probate for the Milford District.

These and other important offices he filled with ability and integrity.

He died very suddenly, from disease of the heart, in Milford, on March 15, 1851, in his 73d year.

He was three times married: first, by the Rev. Bezaleel Pinneo, on October 8, 1815, to Amanda, eldest daughter of Jared and Keziah (Royce) Tyler, of Wallingford, and widow of Captain William Davidson, of Milford, by whom he had two children; she died on March 9, 1819, aged 39 years; secondly to Ann Austin, of Milford, by whom he had two children; and thirdly to Sarah Gunn, of Milford, who survived him.

AUTHORITIES.

HARVEY CHASE, youngest son and thirteenth child of Moses Chase, of Cornish, Sullivan County, New Hampshire, and grandson of Daniel and Sarah (March) Chase, was born in Cornish on November 13, 1778. His mother was Hannah, daughter of Jonas Brown.

After graduation he studied in the Litchfield Law School. He then returned to his native town, where he spent his life in active practice. He is represented as a man of very moderate talents, and was mainly employed in business matters of routine, such as the collection of claims, settlement of estates, etc.

He died in poverty in Cornish on February 18, 1857, in his 79th year. He married Eunice, fourth daughter of John Winchester and Hannah (Pope, Putnam) Dana, of Pomfret, Vermont, who died on January 8, 1823, in her 40th year.

Their children were two sons (one of whom died in infancy) and two daughters; of whom only the younger daughter survived him.

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PITKIN COWLES, third son of Captain Ashbel Cowles, of Southington, Connecticut, and grandson of Josiah and Jemima (Dickinson) Cowles, of Southington, was born on April 7, 1777. His mother was Rhoda, elder daughter of Deacon Jared and Rhoda (Judd) Lee, of Southington. He was prepared for College by his father's half-brother, the Rev. Whitfield Cowles (Yale 1788), of East Granby, Connecticut. During his Senior year he delivered in his native town an Oration commemorative of Washington, which received general commendation. He had entered College with the intention of becoming a lawyer, but a
change of religious views in his Senior year, and his father's strong preference, led him to take at least a partial course of theological study.

He began this study with the Rev. Dr. John Smalley (Yale 1756), of New Britain, and joined the church there in April, 1802, preparatory to his license to preach by the Hartford South Association of Ministers. Subsequently he pursued further studies under the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers.

On August 29, 1805, he was ordained and installed over the small Congregational Church (of only eleven male members) in North (now East) Canaan, Connecticut. As a result of his labors the community was blessed with several revivals of religion, in one of which one hundred members were added to the church. During the War of 1812 he served as Chaplain of a brigade at New London.

He was an affectionate pastor and an instructive and impressive preacher; but after more than a quarter of a century of self-denying service, contentions sprang up in the church and divided the people. He endured the strain as long as he could, but at length applied for a dismission, feeling that he could not continue amid such dissensions. Broken down in health and spirits, he left his parish in the autumn of 1832, and a dismission was secured in the following January.

While visiting his son at College he was seized with alarming symptoms, and after a removal to his old home in Southington he died, in the room in which he was born, on February 8, in his 56th year. He was buried among his former people.

He married, on May 25, 1808, Fanny Smith, of New Marlboro, Massachusetts, a sister of the Rev. Dr. David Smith (Yale 1795), who survived him for many years.

Their children were four daughters and three sons. The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1836, and the second (a hero of the Civil War) was a member of the Class of 1839. The eldest daughter married Albert A.
Wright, M.D. (Yale 1830), and the youngest married the Rev. Elisha Whittlesey (Williams Coll. 1846).

AUTHORITIES.

Andrews, New Britain, 230-31. County Consociations, 116-17. Tim-
low, Hist. of Southington, 490-93,

ASAPH DUNBAR, of Plymouth, then included in Watertown, Connecticut, the third son of Aaron Dunbar, was born on September 1, 1780. A brother was graduated here in 1794.

He became a lawyer in Plymouth, and also practiced in New Haven, but returned to the place of his birth.

He died in Plymouth on June 20, 1814, in his 34th year.

He married in November, 1805, Polly, second daughter of Dr. Levi Ives, of New Haven, and sister of Dr. Eli Ives (Yale 1799).

She died in New Haven, on June 13, 1855, at the age of 73. An unmarried daughter survived her.

AUTHORITIES.


DAVID ELY, the eldest son and second child of the Rev. Dr. David Ely (Yale 1769), of Huntington, then part of Stratford, Connecticut, was born on September 5, 1780.

He graduated with the intention of studying for the ministry, and began his preparation in New Haven, where he united with the College Church in July, 1802; but a failure of eyesight changed his plans, and he finally settled on a mercantile life in New York City, where he was in business, not very successfully, for about sixteen years.

In the meantime he married, in March, 1811, Priscilla, one of the daughters of the Hon. Jonathan Sturges (Yale
1759), of Fairfield, Connecticut, and his family for many years resided there. Mrs. Ely died in Fairfield, suddenly, on January 21, 1826, in her 43d year.

After terminating his business life in the city, he was for some years from 1831 engaged in managing a farm near Manlius, in Onondaga County, New York; but about 1839 or 1840 settled in Rochester, where he resided until his sudden death, on September 8, 1857, aged 87 years.

He was married, secondly, by the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel W. Taylor, in New Haven, on April 14, 1846, to Miss Eunice M. Seeley, of New Haven. The marriage was not happy, and she soon left him. She died in New Haven early in 1868.

His children, by his first wife, were four sons and three daughters. One son was graduated from the Yale Medical School in 1834; and two from the Academical Department in 1843, and one in 1845.

Authorities.


Hezekiah Flagg was baptized in East Hartford, then part of Hartford, Connecticut, on July 5, 1778, being a son of Dr. Samuel and Martha Flagg, and a grandson of Samuel and Sarah Flagg. His mother was the youngest daughter of Lieutenant Timothy and Abigail (Olcott) Bigelow, of Hartford.

He practiced law in East Hartford and Hartford from 1804 to 1809; and then removed to New York State.

He died in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1821, aged 43 years.

Authorities.

Trumbull, Hist. of Hartford County, i, 126.
JAMES GILBERT, the youngest child and only son of Deacon James and Eunice (Nichols) Gilbert, of New Haven, and grandson of David and Experience (Perkins) Gilbert, was born on October 25, 1779. A sister married Hendrick Dow (Yale 1784).

During his last year in College he began the study of medicine, giving most of his time to Chemistry and Botany. In the winters of 1801 and 1802 he attended the Medical School in Philadelphia, hearing lectures by Drs. Rush, Wistar, etc. Here over-application impaired his health, and he abandoned the plan of further study.

Soon after he accepted a suggestion to settle in Southold, Long Island, where he practiced with acknowledged reputation for a little over two years. In 1805 he left Southold to attend a course of medical lectures in New York, at the close of which he declined offers to establish himself there, from an aversion to city life.

He then returned to New Haven to practice, and soon gained a remarkable degree of success. He was not, however, popular among his older fellow-physicians, perhaps on account of over-abundant self-assertion and energy; and as early as 1810 he withdrew from membership in the County Medical Association.

He married on September 7, 1808, Grace Mix, of New Haven, who died on September 6, 1813, in her 28th year.

He had long wished to visit Europe, and in the spring of 1814 sailed from New York for Paris. The ensuing winter he spent in London, where unremitting study broke down his health; but the sea-voyage on his return, after a year's absence, restored him to full vigor.

In May, 1816, he married Juliana, daughter of Samuel and Damaris (Atwater) Tyler, of Wallingford.

His increasing practice and the zeal with which he devoted himself to it undermined his originally vigorous constitution, and early in August, 1817, he was seized with catarrhal fever, which reduced him greatly. In the
autumn symptoms of phthisis (from which he had suffered in London) re-appeared, and on December 26, he sailed from New Haven for Charleston, South Carolina, where he arrived on January 8, 1818. Having derived no benefit there, he sailed for Havana, but died when five days out from Charleston, on February 11, in his 39th year.

By his first wife he had two sons (one of whom died in infancy) and one daughter.

His widow next married, on October 23, 1820, Dr. Joseph Palmer, Junior, of Ashford, Connecticut. Immediately on her arrival in Ashford she was seized with a fever, which raged without intermission until her death there on February 14, 1821.

Dr. Gilbert was a remarkably gifted physician and surgeon, and if he had lived would in all probability have acquired a national reputation.

His private life was admirable, and he was respected as a sincere Christian.

AUTHORITIES.


N. H. Colony Hist. Society Papers, ii,

THOMAS PEABODY GROSVENOR, the seventh in a family of fourteen children of Captain Seth and Abigail (Keyes) Grosvenor, of Pomfret, Connecticut, and grandson of 'Squire John and Hannah (Dresser) Grosvenor, of Pomfret, was born on December 20, 1778. He spent the first two years of his course at Williams College.

On graduation he began the study of law with Elisha Williams, then of Spencertown, Columbia County, New York, who had married one of his sisters. On his admission to the bar, in the fall of 1803, he settled in Catskill, Greene County; but in 1807 he removed to Hudson, in Columbia County, where he formed a partnership with Thomas Bay in July of that year.
He soon became active in politics as an ardent Federalist, and was elected to the State Assembly in 1809 after a campaign of much bitterness. He was twice re-elected, thus serving from January, 1810, to June, 1812. He served also as District Attorney for Columbia and Rensselaer Counties from April, 1810, to February, 1811.

Colonel Robert LeRoy Livingston having resigned as a member of the Twelfth Congress, Mr. Grosvenor was elected in the fall of 1811 to fill the vacancy, and was continued in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses.

In the meantime he was married by Bishop Kemp in March, 1815, to Mary Jane, only daughter of the late Chancellor Alexander C. and Rebecca (Howard) Hanson, of Baltimore. She was a woman of unusual ability and rare excellence of person and intellect.

After his marriage he began to practice law in Baltimore, where his talents and character soon brought him distinction.

Mrs. Grosvenor died, after a painful illness, from pulmonary disease, at the house of her brother Charles, on Elk Ridge, near Baltimore, on December 4, 1815, at the age of 24. Her loss was keenly felt by her husband, and his strong constitution was speedily undermined.

In the winter of 1816–17 he was seized with an enlargement of the heart, which ended his life, at Waterloo, the family seat of the Hansons, about ten miles from Baltimore, on April 24, 1817, in his 39th year. His body was taken to Hudson for burial, by the side of his wife. A nephew who bore his name settled in Fredonia, New York.

In Congress he was a prominent member of the party in opposition to the government, and was distinguished for a manly eloquence and a quick discernment, which rendered him an able debater and a formidable opponent.

He published:

1. An Oration, delivered in Christ-Church, Hudson, on the 4th of July, 1808. [With explanatory Notes, &c.] [Hudson 1808.] 8°, pp. 30.
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Strongly Federalist.

2. With John C. Calhoun (Yale 1804):
   Speeches in the House of Representatives of the United States, upon Mr. Webster's Resolution. 1813. 8°.

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After his death was printed:
   A Sketch of the Life, last sickness and death of Mrs. Mary Jane Grosvenor. Left among the papers of the late Hon. Thomas P. Grosvenor. Baltimore, 1817. 16°, pp. 82. [U. S. Y. C.
   An appendix (pp. 75-82) contains a sketch of Mr. Grosvenor. The volume was edited by Edward J. Coale.

   The same. Third edition. Baltimore, 1818. 12°, pp. 82. [Y. C.

Another edition, with notes and additional (unrelated) matter, was published at Baltimore in 1838.

AUTHORITIES.


ENOCH HANFORD, the second son of Stephen and Phebe Hanford, of Norwalk, Connecticut, and grandson of Phineas and Hannah (Comstock) Hanford, of Norwalk, was born in Norwalk on January 10, 1777. His mother was a daughter of Elijah and Phebe (Smith) Fitch of Norwalk. He did not enter the Class until after the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he studied law with Roger M. Sherman (Yale 1792) in Norwalk, and went to Fayetteville, North Carolina, to begin practice. He there became acquainted with Colonel William and Mary (Devonald) DeWitt, of Society Hill, South Carolina, who engaged him to come into their family as a tutor for their son. In the
course of his first year's employment, he married Colonel DeWitt's daughter Margaret; and in 1804 he conducted St. David's Academy, at Society Hill.

On April 29, 1804, he was elected Professor of Languages in the South Carolina College, just established at Columbia; and with President Maxcy he opened the College on January 10, 1805. He regarded teaching, however, as a temporary employment, and having resigned his chair on November 28, 1806, was admitted to the bar of Greenville County in April, 1807.

He settled in Greenville, where he had a successful career. His legal attainments were good, and his arguments sound, but his manner of speaking was slow and hesitating.

He was just making arrangements to return to his native State, to pass his later years, when he died in Greenville, on September 9, 1817, in his 41st year.

His children were two daughters and one son, who died when young.

AUTHORITIES.


Moses Hatch, son of Nathaniel Hatch, and grandson of Barnabas and Phebe (Cushman) Hatch, was born in Kent, Litchfield County, Connecticut, in 1780. His mother was Mary, daughter of Moses Cass, a farmer, of that part of Kent which is now Warren. At graduation he delivered a poem, entitled, *The Deserted House*.

He studied law after graduation, in part with the Hon. David Daggett (Yale 1783), of New Haven, and in part at the Litchfield Law School; and was admitted to the bar of Litchfield County in the fall of 1802. On taking his Master's degree at Yale in 1803, he delivered a poem, entitled, *Notes on the Times*. 
He settled at first in his native town, but soon removed to Danbury, in Fairfield County, where he became a prominent member of the bar.

He was cut short in what promised to be a brilliant career by the early failure of his health; and he died in Kent, when on his return from Saratoga, which he had visited in the hope of recuperation, in September, 1820, at the age of 40. He was buried in Kent.

He married Hannah Swift, of Amenia, Duchess County, New York, who survived him for many years; three sons and seven daughters also survived him.

'Squire Hatch was not only a successful jury lawyer, but famous in his neighborhood as a wit and story-teller.

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JOSEPH HOWLAND, the eldest son and fourth child of Joseph Howland, the head of an extensive mercantile and shipping business in Norwich, Connecticut, and grandson of Nathaniel and Abigail (Burt, Lane) Howland, of Boston, was born at Norwich Landing on December 23, 1780. His mother was Lydia, daughter of Captain Ephraim and Lydia (Huntington) Bill, of Norwich. A first cousin, Joshua Coit, was graduated here in 1819.

On leaving College he joined his father in business in Norwich, from which the family removed in the summer of 1802 to Philipse Manor, or Philipsburg, now Yonkers, New York. The firm of Joseph Howland & Co., however, and that of Bernard Castaing & Joseph Howland, Jr., of Bordeaux, France, both proved unsuccessful, and in 1811 he became insolvent.

Later he went into business with the Drake Brothers in Matanzas, Cuba, as agent of Howland & Aspinwall, and there he became engaged to a Miss Fellows.
His marriage was impending when he visited New York, but hearing of the illness of one of his brothers who resided in Flushing he went there at once, and was himself prostrated. He died a few days later, on September 5, 1827, in his 47th year.

Miss Fellows subsequently married one of his nephews, Henry A. Coit.

Mr. Howland is remembered as a handsome and cultivated man, of refinement and delicacy of mind and manners, and a great favorite.

**AUTHORITIES.**


**Samuel Gray Huntington**, the youngest son of the Rev. Enoch Huntington (Yale 1759) of Middletown, Connecticut, was born in Middletown on May 21, 1782, and was named for his maternal grandfather. He did not enter College until after the opening of the Sophomore year. In his Senior year he won the Berkeley Scholarship upon examination, but did not long (if at all) reside on that foundation.

He studied law with his brother (Yale 1785) in Middletown, and on his admission to practice in 1803 settled in East Haddam.

Three years later, when he had already attained a reputable standing among the younger members of the bar of the State, he removed to Waterford, in Saratoga County, New York, where he soon rose to eminence as a lawyer.

In 1825 he removed to Troy, where for many years his professional business was among the largest and most lucrative. His counsel was particularly sought in causes relating to real estate.

Under the administration of Governor DeWitt Clinton he was appointed in 1827 to the office of Judge of the
County Court of Common Pleas, and discharged its duties with great ability and impartiality.

He died in Troy, after an illness of a few days, on July 5, 1854, in his 73d year.

He married, on November 26, 1809, Mary, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Sage) Johnston, of Middletown, by whom he had one daughter, who survived him.

He next married, on June 23, 1825, Mrs. Janette C. Cheever, who died on November 14, 1856.

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AUTHORITIES.


SAMUEL JONES, the third in a family of ten children of Samuel and Lydia (Tarbox) Jones, of Hebron, Connecticut, and a descendant of Samuel Jones, of Saybrook, Connecticut, was born in Hebron on December 22, 1778. He labored on his father's farm in his youth, and was prepared for College chiefly by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Amos Basset (Yale 1784). He entered Yale at the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he studied law in the office of the Hon. Sylvester Gilbert (Dartmouth Coll. 1775), of Hebron, and was admitted to the bar of Tolland County in September, 1803.

He practiced law in connection with Judge Gilbert till the next summer, when he removed to Glastonbury. Thence he went in 1808 to Stockbridge, Massachusetts, where he resided in the practice of his profession till the spring of 1845.

In the spring of 1843 he was appointed one of a Board of Commissioners on the part of Massachusetts to act with a similar board on the part of Maine to set off land to the settlers, as provided by the Ashburton Treaty, in that portion of the disputed territory of which the United States
claimed jurisdiction. This duty occupied him for two summers.

From 1845 to 1849 he was an Inspector of Customs of the port of Boston; and for two years after that he had a law office in that city.

He then returned to Stockbridge, where he was engaged in his profession until he relinquished it in 1853. From that time he resided with his children, and chiefly with his son, Ralph K. Jones, M.D. (Harvard 1847), of Tisbury, Massachusetts, until September, 1857, and after that of Bangor, Maine. He died in Bangor on October 29, 1862, in his 84th year, and is buried in Stockbridge. He retained the vigor of his body and mind in a remarkable degree until within a few months of his death.

He married Abby Maria, youngest daughter of Judge Samuel Gilbert (Yale 1759), of Hebron, who died in Stockbridge on September 13, 1830, at the age of 37, leaving seven children, five of whom survived their father. One daughter married Samuel Fowler (Yale 1839).

He was a thoroughly sound lawyer, but never filled the place for which his talents and acquirements gave early promise. This was due in part to his modesty, and in part to the depression and anxiety resulting from his wife's death, and to his loss about the same time of a large portion of his property by the failure of banks and by his being security for others.

In early life he acted with the Federal party in politics, and afterwards with the Whigs, until he became dissatisfied with their course of opposition to Jackson's administration. He then voted with the Democrats until the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, after which he joined the Republicans. On several occasions he represented Stockbridge in the General Court of Massachusetts. He served as a Presidential Elector in 1832.

He was very kind in his feelings and impulses, of strict integrity, and in the highest sense of the word a gentleman. He was a member of the Congregational Church in Stockbridge.
He published:

A Treatise on the Right of Suffrage ... Boston, 1842. 12°, pp. 274.

[Authorities.]

Dr. R. K. Jones, MS. Letter, Nov., 1864.

Philander Judson was a resident of New Haven during his College course.

He is said to have settled in Richmond, Virginia; and to have died (but probably not in Richmond) in 1806.

Giles Crouch Kellogg, the son of Dr. Giles Crouch Kellogg (Harvard 1751) of Hadley, Massachusetts, by his housekeeper, Mary Catlin, and grandson of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (Partridge) Kellogg, of Hadley, was born in that town on August 12, 1781. His father died in 1793, but in his will acknowledged this son and provided for his education.

After graduation he studied law with Jonathan E. Porter (Harvard 1786) in Hadley, and on his admission to the bar opened an office in his native place, where he spent the remainder of his days.

He might have been a profound lawyer, and eminent at the bar; but his distrust of himself as a public speaker, a characteristic love of peace, and his fondness for general reading, all contributed to prevent any effort on his part to command success as an advocate.

His neighbors loved to honor him by conferring upon him responsible offices. He was Town-clerk and Treasurer from 1806 to 1834, and for thirteen years Register of deeds for Hampshire County. He was for ten years, between 1809 and 1853, Representative in the General Court, and a member of the State Constitutional Convention in 1853. In politics he was originally a Federalist, and later a Republican.
In the war of 1812 he served as an adjutant in one of the Massachusetts regiments. For several years he was an assistant teacher in the Hopkins Academy of Hadley, and sustained the duties of the office with credit. In manner and in spirit he was a polished gentleman of the old school.

He died in Hadley, after a short and severe illness, on June 19, 1861, in his 80th year.

In January, 1815, he married Martha Hunt, daughter of Noadiah and Martha (Hunt) Warner, of Hadley, who died on October 30, 1870, aged 86 years. They had four sons and four daughters.

AUTHORITIES.


Hugh Knox, the youngest child of the Rev. Dr. Hugh Knox (Princeton 1754), a native of Ireland, who was long settled over a Presbyterian Church in the island of St. Croix in the Danish West Indies, was born on that island on December 19, 1781. The wife of Dr. Knox was the youngest daughter of Governor Simmons, of the Dutch West Indies.

He lost his mother at the age of six, and his father three years later; but shortly before this last bereavement he was sent to the care of the Rev. Dr. Matthias Burnet (Princeton 1769), of Norwalk, Connecticut, by whom he was prepared for College. He did not enter until after the opening of the Freshman year.

When he graduated he began the study of law with Roger Minott Sherman (Yale 1792) in Fairfield, but abandoned it on account of his health.

He then formed a business connection with Samuel Cannon, of Norwalk, whose eldest daughter, Henrietta, by his wife Sarah Belden, he married early in 1803.
Mrs. Knox died in 1812, at the age of 28; and he next married, in 1818, Martha, daughter of Stephen and Margaret (Pynchon) Keeler, of Norwalk, born July, 1783.

In 1840 he removed to Troy, New York, and died there on August 8, 1858, in his 77th year.

His children (by his first wife) were two sons, of whom the younger died in infancy.

His strong religious feeling and great taste for reading were prominent traits of his character.

AUTHORITIES.


Prentice Law, the seventh son of Judge Richard Law (Yale 1751), of New London, Connecticut, was born on April 15, 1779.

He was esteemed as a young man of talents and promise. He at first studied law and settled in North Carolina, but on July 1, 1808, received the commission of Captain in the 3d Infantry Regiment of the United States Army, which he held at his death.

He died at Washington, the capital of Mississippi Territory (near Natchez), on May 11, 1811, aged 32 years.

AUTHORITIES.


Elisha Phelps, the fourth son of General Noah Phelps, of Simsbury, Connecticut, was born in Simsbury on November 16, 1779. A brother was graduated here in 1783.

He studied law in the Litchfield Law School, was admitted to the Hartford County bar in 1803, and settled in practice in his native town.
He early became politically prominent as a Democrat, and represented Simsbury in the Legislature in ten sessions between 1807 and 1835. He served as Clerk of the House in May, 1818, and as Speaker in 1821 and 1829. He was a member of Congress from 1819 to 1821, and again from 1825 to 1829. He served for three terms, 1822-24, in the State Senate, and was ex officio a member of the Yale Corporation from 1823 to 1825. He was elected State Comptroller for the four years, 1830-34, and a commissioner to revise and codify the State laws in 1835.

He died in Simsbury on April 6, 1847, in his 68th year.

He married, in 1818, Lucy, daughter of John Smith, of Middletown, who died two weeks after her husband, on April 19, 1847, in her 55th year.

They left one son and two daughters, besides two sons who died in infancy. The son (Trinity Coll. 1832) served in Congress for nearly twenty years, and was Governor of Missouri for six years. Henry C. Eno (Yale 1860), John C. Eno (Yale 1869), and William P. Eno (Yale 1882) are grandchildren.

AUTHORITIES.

Phelps Family, i, 206, 352-53. i, 127; ii, 361. Trumbull, Hist. of Hartford County.

LEWIS ST. JOHN, the youngest child of Timothy St. John, of Kent, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Eunice (Hayes) St. John, of Norwalk, was born in Kent on September 17, 1782. His mother was Anna, daughter of Aaron and Jemima (Hall) Barnum, of Kent.

He spent his life in his native town. He was the first Clerk of the Episcopal parish which was organized in Kent in 1808.

He died in Kent on April 9, 1821, in his 39th year.

He married on November 10, 1805, Mary Hopson Swift, who survived him, with a young family.
Elisha Sheldon, the eldest child of Samuel Sheldon, who kept a country store in Litchfield, Connecticut, and a grandson of Colonel Elisha Sheldon (Yale 1730), was born in Litchfield on July 15, 1782. His mother was Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Isaac Baldwin (Yale 1735), a third cousin of her husband. He did not enter the Class until after the opening of the Junior year.

He studied medicine after graduation with Dr. Daniel Sheldon, of Litchfield, and on August 1, 1802, married Ann, third daughter of John and Mabel (Beers) Beach, of Newtown, Connecticut.

He at first proposed to practice in some one of the Western States, and set out for that purpose; but was recalled to Litchfield by the earnest entreaties of his father, who could not be content to be separated from him. Besides his practice, in 1811 or 1812 he assisted his father in establishing a factory for the manufacture of cotton yarns and cloth, one of the first started in Connecticut. It was hardly, however, in successful operation when the close of the war brought in the competition of the cheaper British goods, and it had to be abandoned.

About that time he removed to Sheldon, in Northern Vermont, to improve a large tract of land which his father had purchased. But tiring of this uncongenial labor, he resolved to resume his profession, and in 1817 proceeded to New York City, where he received the degree of M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1818.

He then returned to practice in Sheldon, but in 1822 removed to Troy, New York, where he soon secured an extensive practice and a large circle of influential friends. He died in Troy, on December 14, 1832, in his 51st year. Mrs. Sheldon died in New Haven, on January 21, 1844, in her 61st year.
They left two daughters, the elder of whom was the wife of the Hon. Henry E. Peck (Yale 1823), of New Haven.

Dr. Sheldon was a critical student, a man of refined tastes and of pure, practical piety. As a physician he was assiduous, conscientious, and eminently successful. His manners were gentle and unobtrusive, his conversation instructive and entertaining; and he gained the sincere affection and confidence of patients.

_**AUTHORITIES.**_


**HENRY** (commonly called **HARRY**) **SMITH,** the eldest child of Judge Noah Smith (Yale 1778), of Bennington, Vermont, was born in Bennington on May 2, 1783. He spent the first three years of the College Course in Williams College.

He studied law after graduation, and settled in Bennington; but on account of intemperate habits did little in the way of practice.

He enlisted in the army in the War of 1812, and died in Burlington, Vermont, on April 23, 1813, at the age of 30.

He married Phebe Henderson, a native of Bennington, on April 24, 1803, and left three sons:—the eldest was graduated at Middlebury College in 1827, and became President of Marietta College and Professor in Lane Theological Seminary; the second was graduated at Middlebury in 1831, and became a Professor in Marshall and Middlebury Colleges; the third died in youth.

The widow became Principal of an Academy in Middlebury, and next married Joel H. Linsley (Middlebury College 1811), then a lawyer in Middlebury. He subsequently became a clergyman, a pastor in Hartford and Boston, President of Marietta College, and finally a pastor.
in Greenwich, Connecticut, where she died on January 20, 1858, at the age of 74.

AUTHORITIES.


JOHN STEVENS, son of John and Margaret (McCartey) Stevens, of Newport, Liberty County, Georgia, was born on December 13, 1777.

He returned to his native place after graduation, and on February 2, 1804, married Amarintha Munroe, of that vicinity.

The date of his death has not been obtained, but his name was first marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of Graduates published in the summer of 1835.

AUTHORITIES.

Midway Church Records, 81, 92.

ABIRAM STODDARD, the eldest son of Samson and Susannah Stoddard, of Watertown, then part of Waterbury, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Mary (Atwood) Stoddard, of Watertown, was born on January 27, 1777. His mother was the second daughter of John and Susannah (Richards) Nettleton, of Watertown. A half-brother was graduated here in 1804.

He studied medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, under Dr. Benjamin Rush. In 1803 he settled in Seymour, then called Chusetown, in the old town of Derby, Connecticut, succeeding to the large and lucrative practice of Dr. Samuel Sanford, who had just died.

He soon came to have a wide reputation and was esteemed as a skilful practitioner, though rough and peculiarly eccentric in manner. He was a man of great energy
and endurance, and accumulated a handsome fortune from his practice.

He held various offices of public trust in Derby, and in October, 1816, represented Oxford (formerly part of Derby) in the State Legislature.

He died in Seymour on November 23, 1855, in his 79th year.

Engravings from his portrait are given in the History of Derby, the History of Seymour, and the Stoddard Genealogy.

He married Eunice Clark about 1804, who died on August 23, 1855, aged 69 years.

Their children were three daughters (of whom the eldest died in early youth) and four sons. The eldest son was graduated at Yale College in 1831, the second at the Yale Medical School in 1836, and the youngest at the Yale Law School in 1844.

THOMAS BARNARD STRONG, the only son of Joseph Strong, a farmer of New Marlborough, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, and grandson of the Rev. Thomas Strong (Yale 1740), was born on September 4, 1780. His mother was Xenia, daughter of John and Beulah (Stearns) Jackson, of Tyringham, in the same county.

In his 7th year his father died, and a year later his mother married the Rev. Jacob Catlin (Yale 1784), of New Marlborough. Later, the boy was adopted by his childless uncle, Ashbel Strong, a lawyer of Pittsfield, with whom after graduation he studied law. He did not enter College until after the opening of the Junior year.

He was admitted to the bar in 1804; but, although his talents might have given him success, neither necessity
nor taste led in this direction, and after a few years he abandoned his profession for a life of literary leisure and the care of his property. He also gave much attention to agricultural and horticultural pursuits, in the latter exhibiting much taste and industry.

He was an agreeable and effective public speaker, and was influential for some years in political affairs. In 1827-29 and 1832 he was a member of the General Court of Massachusetts, and in 1833 and 1834 a member of the State Senate.

He had a ready and inexhaustible flow of wit, and at times exhibited a fine literary taste and eloquence of expression.

He united with the Congregational Church in Pittsfield in 1821.

He died in Pittsfield on May 24, 1863, in his 83d year.

He married on August 28, 1813, Lucinda, daughter of Aaron and Eleanor (Morton) Dickinson, and widow of Luke Tuttle, of Pittsfield. She died on March 23, 1856, in her 70th year.

They had no children, but adopted a daughter.

AUTHORITIES.


ERASTUS SWIFT, the tenth child of General Heman and of Mary (Skiff) Swift, of Kent and Cornwall, Connecticut, was born in Cornwall on January 6, and baptized on May 6, 1781. He spent the first two years of the course in Williams College.

He spent his life on a farm in his native town, where he died on March 11, 1843, in his 62d year.

He married, perhaps about 1805, Sarah (Sally) Lewis, of Goshen, who died in Cornwall on April 6, 1858, aged 77 years. She was probably a daughter of Nehemiah and

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Esther (Lyman) Lewis, of Goshen; one of their sons married a sister of Mr. Swift.

Their children were four daughters, all of whom lived to mature age,—two of them being married.

AUTHORITIES.
Miss M. J. Whitney, MS. Letter, April, 1910.

Giles Wade came to College from the Island of St. Martin, in the West Indies.

His name is marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of Graduates issued in September, 1802.

Joel Walter, son of William and Theodosia Walter, of New Haven, and grandson of William and Patience (Clark) Walter, of North Haven, was born on May 28, 1778. His mother was a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Frost) Pierpont, of North Haven. A sister married Timothy Bishop (Yale 1796).

He was engaged in the printing and publishing business in New Haven, for part of the time in partnership with Oliver Steele. He printed some College publications in 1803, as did Walter & Steele in 1811–12.

He and all his family were communicants in the Episcopal Church.

He died in Hamden on January 17, 1832, in his 54th year, and was buried in New Haven. His estate was insolvent.

He married on October 28, 1804, Sarah, only daughter of Colonel William and Hannah (Bronson) Leavenworth, of Waterbury, Connecticut, and granddaughter of the Rev. Mark Leavenworth (Yale 1737). She died at the home of one of her daughters, at Barnwell Court House, South Carolina, on February 6, 1860, in her 76th year.
They had six daughters and six sons. Four daughters and two sons died in infancy. The second son was graduated at Trinity College in 1828.

**AUTHORITIES.**

Leavenworth Genealogy, 97, 154-55. Tuttle Family, 20, 29.

**LEMUEL WHITMAN,** the fourth child and eldest son of Solomon Whitman, of Farmington, Connecticut, and grandson of Judge Solomon and Susanna (Cole) Whitman, of Farmington, was born in Farmington on June 8, 1780. His mother was Mary, daughter of Abel and Ruth (Gridley) Thomson, of Farmington.

After graduation he taught in a young ladies' seminary in Bermuda, until summoned home by his father's sudden death, at the close of the year 1801.

Some months later, having decided upon the law as his profession, he entered the Litchfield Law School.

After finishing the course at Litchfield he returned to his native town, where he devoted himself assiduously to the duties of a village lawyer. He was fond of society, and his attractiveness of person with his culture made him a general favorite.

He took an active interest in politics, and was in sympathy with the Democrats; so that in 1818, when that party came into power in Connecticut, he was at once made an assistant Judge of the Superior Court. In 1819-21 he was an Associate Judge of the Hartford County Court, and from 1821 to 1823 Chief Judge. In 1821 he was one of a committee of three to prepare a revision of the Statutes of the State. In 1822 he was a member of the State Senate.

In 1823 he was elected as a Representative in Congress, and served for one term.

He then resumed his practice, but gradually withdrew from society. In 1831 and 1832 he represented the town in the Legislature.
His health began to fail in middle life, and successive pecuniary misfortunes drew him more and more into seclusion.

He died in Farmington, in twenty-four hours after an attack of apoplexy, on November 13, 1841, in his 62d year.

He married, on July 5, 1820, Emily, daughter of Elisha and Delight (Griswold) Case, of Canton, Connecticut, then in her 21st year, who long survived him.

Their children were three sons and three daughters, all of whom also survived him.

AUTHORITIES.
Farnam, Whitman Family, 514-23.

CHAUNCEY WHITTELSEY, the youngest child of Chauncey Whittelsey (Yale 1764), of Middletown, Connecticut, was born in Middletown on January 18, 1783. He remained in New Haven as a Berkeley Scholar after graduation, at the same time reading law with the Hon. Charles Chauncey.

On his admission to the bar in November, 1804, he began practice in Middletown, where he had a successful career until 1819. In the meantime he was prominent in the War of 1812, and attained the rank of Brigadier-General in the militia. He represented Middletown in the State Legislature in October, 1816.

In 1819, he removed to Louisville, Kentucky, and after about four years spent there in the practice of his profession, went to New Orleans, where he formed a partnership with Alfred Hennen (Yale 1806).

In 1827, his health having become seriously impaired, he returned to Middletown, and lived in retirement. He became much worse in the fall of 1829, and for the rest of his life was an almost helpless invalid.

He died in Middletown on December 24, 1834, aged nearly 52 years.
He married, on April 14, 1818, Sarah Lathrop, daughter of Dr. Ebenezer and Maria (Ward) Tracy, of Middle-town, who died on September 1, 1891, aged 99 years.

They had four sons and two daughters. The eldest son was graduated here in 1838, and the third son at Wesleyan University in 1843. The youngest daughter married Lyman D. Norris (Yale 1845).

AUTHORITIES.

Field, Centennial Address at Middle-1, 434-35. Whittlesey Genealogy, dletown, 207-08, 211-12. Tuttle Fam-85, 146-48.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, son of Joseph Williams, of Abington Parish in Pomfret, Connecticut, and grandson of Deacon William and Sarah (Stevens) Williams, of Pomfret, was born in Pomfret on November 5, 1779. His mother was Lucy, eldest daughter of Deacon Nathan and Keziah (Branch) Witter, of Brooklyn, then part of Pomfret. He began his preparation for College in the spring of 1793 with his pastor, the Rev. Walter Lyon (Dartmouth Coll. 1777), and in the fall of 1795 entered the Freshman Class of Williams College. He left Williams on account of ill health, in March, 1798, and joined the Junior Class here in November.

In May, 1800, before taking his degree, he became the teacher of a school in Beverly, Massachusetts; and in the winter of 1801-02 he was for one term the first preceptor of the Academy at Woodstock, Connecticut. In the next autumn and winter he had a very successful school in Norwich, and in the spring of 1803 opened a school in Boston for colored pupils.

While thus engaged he was licensed to preach, on May 17, 1803, by the Windham County Association of Ministers, that he might officiate as Chaplain of the Almshouse in Boston, in connection with his other duties.
Late in 1803 he relinquished his school, and went for some weeks on a mission in New York State for the Connecticut Missionary Society.

Upon his return, after spending six weeks as a student of theology with the Rev. Dr. Nathanael Emmons (Yale 1767), of Franklin, Massachusetts, he was ordained as a minister at large, on May 16, 1804, in Killingly, Connecticut.

From June, 1804, to January, 1805, and again during the autumn of 1805, he traveled as a missionary in New York State.

After other brief engagements, in January, 1807, without formal installation, he began preaching in the Pacific Congregational Church (then in very feeble condition), of Providence, Rhode Island, where he remained until April, 1816, when he withdrew on account of the opposition of one parishioner.

On May 20, 1812, he married Ruth, eldest daughter of Isaac and Ruth (Jewett) Hale, of Newbury, Massachusetts.

On November 6, 1816, he was installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Foxboro, Massachusetts,—the installation sermon by the Rev. Dr. Emmons being afterwards printed. After continuing there about four years, he left Foxboro and began to preach again to his former charge in Providence, where he remained from July, 1821, to August, 1823. His formal dismission from the church in Foxboro took place in November, 1821.

On the first Sabbath in December, 1823, he began to preach for the First Parish in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and was installed there on September 29, 1824, Dr. Emmons preaching the sermon. From this church he was dismissed by mutual consent, without the intervention of a council, on December 11, 1827. At the same time a number of the members of the church took a dismission for the purpose of forming a new church, which was organized at Hebronville, in the southern part of the town, on
December 25. Of this church he served as pastor, without formal installation, until April, 1830.

He then returned to Providence, where he was most usefully employed in preaching, much of the time to the colored people in the city, and in missionary service through the State, until the close of the year 1834.

In May, 1835, he removed to Barrington, Rhode Island, and began his regular ministrations to the Congregational Church in that place, which he had frequently supplied during several previous months. In March, 1838, he closed this engagement, and in the following autumn returned to Providence.

After this he formed no further regular engagement with any church, either as pastor or as stated supply; though he still continued to preach as opportunity offered. His field of labor for the next thirty years extended over the State of Rhode Island and through wide portions of the adjoining States; and he was eminently useful and happy in his self-sacrificing work. In the spring of 1839 he removed to Hartford, Connecticut, and a year later to East Greenwich, Rhode Island, and thence in September, 1843, back once more to Providence, where he continued until his death.

He preached for the last time in 1872, when in his 93d year; and died of old age in Providence, on September 29, 1876, aged nearly 97 years. Since March, 1873, he had been the last living graduate of the eighteenth century.

His wife died in Providence on March 7, 1867, at the age of 79.

They had four sons and three daughters, of whom three sons survived their parents. One son was graduated here in 1842, and became a clergyman.

Mr. Williams deserves to be long remembered as a self-sacrificing laborer in unpromising portions of his Master's vineyard, who was very useful in his chosen field. He was a pungent preacher and a strict follower of the old paths in theology. With an intellect of remarkable brill-
liancy, he was through life trembling on the verge of a
species of insanity, as mental excitement or even long-
continued concentrated thought would unbalance him.

Professor Park, in his Memoir of Emmons, says of him:

I have heard him preach discourses which for originality of argu-
ment; richness and saliency of imagination; exuberance of feeling;
energy, boldness, fervor of style; vehement, forceful, and com-
manding elocution, have been seldom surpassed. His bright
thoughts, apt words, spirited and solemn tones, have been some-
times overpowering. His fertility of anecdote, his sprightliness of
wit, his previous intimacy with Dr. Nathan Strong and other old
divines, his deep sympathy with Edwardean doctrines, and his
varied intelligence, made him a favorite at the Franklin parsonage.
He was selected by Dr. Emmons, twenty-five years before the
Doctor’s death, to preach his funeral sermon.

He published:

1. Sermons on important subjects. Hartford, 1810. 12°, pp. 231.
   Contains ten sermons.

2. A Discourse [from Isa. ii, 4], occasioned by the Proclamation
   of Peace between Great Britain and the United States of America.
   Preached on Lord’s Day, 26th of February, 1815 ... Providence,
   1815. 8°, pp. 23.

   The same, with title: A Discourse; on the evils and the end
   of War. Providence, 1862. 8°, pp. 16.
   [A. C. A. B. Publ. Harv.]

3. A Discourse [from I Thess. v, 13], at the Ordination of the
   Rev. Emerson Paine, to the Pastoral office in the First Church
   of Christ in Middleborough, Mass. on the 14th of February, 1816.
   Providence, 1816. 8°, pp. 23.

4. A Discourse [from I Sam. xii, 24], for the Month of April,
   A. D. 1816. Providence, 1816. 8°, pp. 24.
   [A. C. A. C. H. S. N. Y. Publ. Y. C.]

On the mercies of the United States.
Biographical Sketches, 1800

5. A Discourse [from Ps. cxlvii, 1], at a public meeting of the Singers in the North Parish in Wrentham, 13th May, 1817. Dedham, 1817. 8°, pp. 22. [A. C. A. U. T. S.


    The same. 2d edition. New-England, 1825. 8°, pp. 32. [A. C. A. Y. C.

An anonymous satire on the liberal and sectarian theologians of the day.

7. A Sermon [from Isa. xli, 14], at the Dedication of the Meeting-House, in Foxborough; January 1, 1823. Providence, 1823. 8°, pp. 32. [A. C. A. B. Publ. U. T. S. Y. C.

8. An Explicit Avowal of Nothingarianism, in a Sermon [from Job xxxii, 10], Fourth of March, 1823. By Demens Egomet. Printed and Published, Nowhere, by Nobody. 8°, pp. 10. [A. C. A. Y. C.

Another anonymous satire on the supposed heretical opinions of the day.


    Containing seven sermons, not elsewhere published.


    Contains twelve sermons, and two charges.


    On the causes of our national prosperity.

11. A Sermon [from I Thess. iv, 18], delivered at the Funeral of Mrs. Chloe Read, wife of Joel Read, Esq. of Attleborough, who died 3d March, 1826, aged 68 years. Pawtucket, 1827. 8°, pp. 25. [A. A. S. A. C. A.


15. The Domestic Chaplain. Hartford, 1839. 12°, pp. 156.
[A. C. A. Brown. Harv. Y. C.

Containing twenty-four brief discourses, founded on events in Jewish history as recorded in the Pentateuch.


[U. T. S. Y. C.

Also, later editions.

Mr. Williams was an ardent admirer of Dr. Emmons, and regarded this Sermon as one of his chief literary efforts; it was read to Dr. Emmons during his life, and approved by him.

[Harv. Y. C.

Anonymous.

[A. C. A. Y. C.

[A. C. A. M. H. S. Y. C.

The same; revised edition, with title: A Discourse on theological and evangelical Orthodoxy. Boston, 1850. 8°, pp. 39.
[A. C. A. Y. C.

[A. C. A. Harv. U. T. S. Y. C.

Shaw was an accomplished blind musician.


Dated, November 28, 1852.


Mainly of his own composition.


Vol. 1, No. 1, is a reprint of No. 30, above; No. 2, an Exposition of Rom. ix, 14-25; No. 3, Fall of Babylon.
He also wrote largely for the *Connecticut Evangelical Magazine*, for the *Panoplist*, and other periodicals. Many of his sermons have hymns of his own composition appended.

He edited three volumes of Sermons by Dr. Emmons (1823–26).

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**AUTHORITIES.**

*Caulkins, Hist. of Norwich,* 544–45.  of Providence, 457–60.  *Rev. N. W.*
Annals, 1800-01

The General Assembly having authorized the use of a portion of the grant made in 1792-96, the Corporation voted in November, 1800, to proceed with the erection of two new buildings,—one for a Library and recitation-rooms (subsequently known as the Lyceum), and the other for a dormitory (subsequently called North Middle College). Both buildings were apparently begun in 1801.

The Rev. Nathanael Taylor (Yale 1745), of New Milford, died in December, 1800; and his place in the Corporation was filled at the ensuing Commencement by the election of the Rev. Noah Benedict (Princeton 1757), of Woodbury. At the same meeting the Senior Fellow, the Rev. Dr. Eliphalet Williams (Yale 1743), of East Hartford, resigned, and was succeeded by the Rev. John Marsh (Harvard 1761), of Wethersfield.

The Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, Josiah Meigs (Yale 1778), resigned his office in December, 1800, and at Commencement Tutor Jeremiah Day (Yale 1795) was appointed to the vacant chair.

Tutor Warren Dutton (Yale 1797) also resigned his office at the close of the year 1800, and Tutor Charles Denison (Yale 1796) at the close of the academic year. Bancroft Fowler (Yale 1796) succeeded Mr. Dutton in January, 1801; and two new tutors from the Class of 1799, James L. Kingsley and Oliver Ellsworth, Junior, were appointed to the office at Commencement.

At the same date another attempt was made to fill the Professorship of Divinity by the offer of the position to Henry Davis (Yale 1796); and a new Professorship of Law was founded, to which Elizur Goodrich (Yale 1779) was appointed.
Sketches, Class of 1801

*Stedman Adams, A.M. 1809
*Ralsaman C. Austin
*Roswell Bailey
*Isaacus Baldwin
*Samuel Sacket Baldwin
*Henricus Bates
*Thomas Kimberly Brace, A.M.
*Erastus Fitch Brown
*Elija Clark
*Noyes Darling, A.M., Tutor, Socius ex officio
*Josias Guillemus Dunscomb
*Henricus Dwight, A.M. 1811
*Martinus Ellsworth
*Georgius Fitch, A.M.
*Asahel Hathaway, A.M.
*Alcis Evelinus Heart
*Georgius Hoadly, A.M., Tutor
*Samuel Holbrook
*Guillemus Law
*Henricus Lord, A.M.
*Matthaeus Minor, A.M.
*Russell Jehu Minor, A.M.
*Henricus W. Nichols
*Johannes Webster Perit
STEDMAN ADAMS, the third son of Cornelius and Esther (Stedman) Adams, of Canterbury, Connecticut, and a brother of Thomas Adams, of the last Class, and of Cornelius (1803) and Daniel (1806), was born in Canterbury on September 25, 1778. He was also a first cousin of his classmate Stedman. He entered the Class after the opening of the Junior year.

He studied law, and after his admission to the bar settled in Hartford, where he practiced until 1809.

He died in London, England, on May 23, 1811, in his 33d year.

He married Frances Paine, and had two daughters and two sons, born in Canterbury from 1804 to 1808.

AUTHORITIES.
Henry and John Adams Family Hist., 324, 334.

RALSAMAN (called RALSA) C. AUSTIN, a son of Judge Aaron Austin (honorary M.A. Yale 1805), of New Hartford, Connecticut, and grandson of Aaron Austin, of Suf-
field and Torringford, was born in New Hartford about the year 1784. His mother was Esther, eldest child of Abraham and Sarah (Marsh) Kellogg, of New Hartford. A sister married the Hon. Uriel Holmes (Yale 1784). His peculiar (but not unique) Christian name was apparently an abbreviation of Camaralzaman, the name of the Prince in a story of the Arabian Nights. He entered Williams College in 1796, and after the close of Freshman year there delayed for another year his resumption of studies here.

After graduation he studied law in the Litchfield Law School, and in 1808 was admitted to the bar of Litchfield County, where he practiced for three or four years. He then removed to Carmel, then in Duchess County, New York; and after the erection of Putnam County he held the office of County Surrogate from April, 1813, to February, 1815.

At a subsequent date he removed to Peekskill, in Westchester County; but his success in life was not equal to the early expectations formed respecting him. He was a man of ability, and but for intemperate habits would have acquired a first-class practice.

He was of prepossessing appearance and refined manners, and an agreeable public speaker.

In the last months of his life he was a clerk in the General Land office in Washington; and while thus employed he died, in Georgetown, on September 19, 1840.

He married a Miss Diven, who survived him with several children.

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AUTHORITIES.


Roswell Bailey was born in Lebanon, Connecticut, in 1778.

He spent his life in his native town, where he kept a country store.
He died in Lebanon on April 14, 1850, aged 72 years. He married, in March, 1803, Anna L., eldest child of Jabez Loomis and Elizabeth (Wales) White, of Bolton, Connecticut. She died on April 20, 1858, in her 75th year. They had one son and one daughter.

AUTHORITIES.
Loomis Female Genealogy, ii, 528-29.

ISAAC BALDWIN, the second son and child of Captain Isaac Baldwin (Yale 1774), of Litchfield, Connecticut, was born in Litchfield on February 1, 1784. He remained in New Haven after graduation on the Berkeley Scholarship.

His father removed to Pompey, Onondaga County, New York, in 1811, and this son accompanied the family. At about that time his reason gave way, and he was confined in Pompey as a maniac for over thirty years.

He died there on January 27, 1844, at the age of 60. He was never married.

AUTHORITIES.

SAMUEL SACKET BALDWIN, the eldest child of Captain Isaac Baldwin (Yale 1774) and Hannah (Sacket, DeLancey) Baldwin, of Litchfield, Connecticut, was born in Litchfield on October 22, 1781.

He studied law in the Litchfield Law School, and in 1806 he settled in the practice of his profession in Pompey, Onondaga County, New York.

On March 23, 1808, he married in Salina (now Syracuse), in the same county, Melinda, daughter of Dr. Thomas Rawson.
She bore him one son (who died in infancy), and died on July 10, 1811.

He next married Julia Anne, daughter of Peter W. Yates, of Albany and Pompey, by whom he had one son and two daughters.

Some years later he removed to Illinois, where he engaged in practice.

In 1853 he returned to New York State, to live with his elder daughter in Geneva. He died there on February 19, 1854, in his 73d year.

AUTHORITIES.


HENRY BATES, son of Jonathan and Lydia Bates, of Darien, then a parish in Stamford, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Sarah E. Bates, of Darien, was born on June 14, 1780. His mother was a daughter of Josiah and Abigail (Gorham) Scofield, of Stamford. He entered the Class after the opening of the Freshman year.

When he left College he went at once to the City of New York, to engage in business; but by 1805 had returned to Darien, which was thenceforth his place of residence.

When Darien was set off from Stamford in 1820, he was elected to the first Board of Selectmen, and served in that capacity for twelve years. He represented the town in the General Assembly at a single session, in 1822, but had no taste for politics. The personal characteristic which is now best remembered is his great kindness to the poor.

He was married in New York City on June 4, 1803, by the Rev. Dr. John MacKnight, to Frances Bloau (or Blauau), of New York, who died in Darien on August 23, 1844, aged 63 years.
Their children were five sons, all of whom grew to maturity.

AUTHORITIES.

THOMAS KIMBERLY BRACE, the only son of the Hon. Jonathan Brace (Yale 1779) and of his wife Anna (White), widow of Thomas Kimberly (Yale 1766), was born in Glastonbury, Connecticut, on October 16, 1779. For the next six years his father lived in Vermont, but then returned to Glastonbury, and in the summer of 1794 finally settled in Hartford.

The son was for many years an extensive and successful merchant in Hartford, and through life one of the prominent citizens of that place. In 1831 and 1832 he was one of the representatives in the State Legislature, and from 1840 to 1843 Mayor of Hartford. He was prominent in the organization of the Ætna Insurance Company, and its first President, holding the office from 1819 to 1857.

He died in Hartford, after a few hours' illness, from congestion of the lungs, on June 14, 1860, in his 81st year.

He was married by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Strong, on August 25, 1807, to Lucy Mather, daughter of John and Lucy (Mather) Lee, of Hartford, who died on March 6, 1837, aged 51 years. They had a large family of children.

He married, secondly, on July 31, 1838, Emily, daughter of Captain Calvin and Experience (Saxton) Burt, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and widow of Elisha Burnham, of Boston, who died in September, 1832. She had at that time one son.

She died in Longmeadow on March 4, 1872, in her 82d year.

AUTHORITIES.
Erastus Fitch Brown, son of Elias Brown, a farmer of Windsor, Connecticut, and grandson of Ephraim and Mercy (Westland) Brown, of Windsor, was born in Windsor on March 20, 1779. His mother was Prudence, eldest daughter of Joseph Fitch, of Bloomfield, then part of Windsor, and he was thus a first cousin of his classmate Fitch. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

At the time of his graduation he was threatened with pulmonary consumption, and he accompanied Tutor Jeremiah Day (Yale 1795) in August, 1801, to Bermuda, for the sake of his health.

Mr. Day returned in April, 1802; but Mr. Brown was well enough to engage in teaching, and remained there until the early summer of 1804. In 1802 or 3 he married Mrs. Susannah (Ingham) Steele, a widow with several children.

For two years after his return to the United States, he taught school in East Windsor.

In September, 1806, he removed to a school in Flushing, Long Island, but broke down early in 1807, and returned with his family to Bermuda. In August, being at that time in a deep decline, he went alone to the United States, and reached his native town, where he died on October 12, in his 29th year.

He united with the church while in Bermuda.

Mrs. Brown remained in Bermuda, with her only child by her second marriage, a son who left descendants.

Several letters from Mr. Brown are preserved in President Day's manuscript correspondence in the Yale Library.

AUTHORITIES.
The Jaunceys of N. Y., 9.

Elijah Clark entered College after the opening of the Freshman year from Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia. A well-known General Elijah Clarke emigrated
from North Carolina to Washington, and had two sons, John (born 1766), who became Governor of the State, and Elijah; but it is very doubtful if the latter was our graduate.

There is some reason to think that the graduate settled in Pointe Coupée, in central Louisiana, or else in Alabama. He is said to have died in 1830.

Alfred E. Clark, of Pointe Coupée, who may have been a son of the graduate, was a member of the Yale Class of 1827, and died in February of the Junior year, at the age of 17.

NOYES DARLING, a grandson of the Hon. Thomas Darling (Yale 1740) and Abigail (Noyes) Darling, and the eldest child of Thomas Darling, Junior, and Mary Darling, was born in Woodbridge, then part of New Haven, on September 19, 1782. His mother was the only daughter of John Dibble (Yale 1758), of Woodbridge. He united with the College Church in January of his Senior year.

He began the study of theology after graduation, and from 1804 to 1808 filled the office of Tutor in the College.

He was engaged in business in New York City about 1813, which he relinquished for a life devoted to agricultural pursuits in Woodbridge.

About 1830 he removed to New Haven.

He held for a long period the position of County Surveyor, and was also for a short time Clerk of the Probate Court for the New Haven District.

In 1823 he was appointed Assistant Judge of the County Court, serving in that capacity until 1830, when he received the appointment of Chief Judge of the same Court, which he held until 1838. In 1842 he was again appointed a Judge of the County Court, and (with the exception of a short interval) he presided on its bench until his death.

In 1821, 1822, 1823, and 1829, he was a Representative in the State Legislature from Woodbridge.
In 1825, 1826, 1827, 1830, and 1831, he was a member of the State Senate. As one of the Senior Senators for the year 1827-28 he was ex officio a member of the Yale Corporation, and in that capacity he introduced a resolution looking towards the abolition of the study of the classics, which called out the Report by Professor Kingsley noticed above on p. 365.

In June, 1833, he was elected Mayor of New Haven, and held the office for one year.

He was a man of industrious habits and discriminating mind, and was distinguished for his impartiality and uniform courtesy as a Judge, and his usefulness as a citizen.

His views both in religion and politics underwent a change in his maturer years, which alienated from him many of his former friends. He was one of the earliest avowed Universalists in New Haven.

He died at his residence on Whalley Avenue, in New Haven, after a lingering illness of over two months, on September 17, 1846, aged 64 years, leaving only a small estate. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Menzies Rayner, a Universalist preacher from New York, and the Rev. Dr. Harry Croswell.

He was married in Woodbridge, on April 15, 1826, by the Rev. Joseph Clark, to Ann, daughter of Ebenezer and Abigail (Dudley) Parker, of Woodbridge, who died on July 3, 1869, in her 69th year.

Two daughters and a son survived their father; an elder son died in infancy.

Judge Darling gave much attention to improvements in horticulture, and to the investigation of insects injurious to vegetation; and many valuable communications from him on these subjects were published in agricultural journals.

His only separate publication was:

An Address upon Injurious Insects; delivered before the New Haven Horticultural Society, and the New Haven County Agricul-
Josiah William Dunscomb was a native of Bermuda. He became a physician in Bermuda. His name is first marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of Graduates published in the fall of 1826.

Henry Dwight, the youngest child of Jonathan and Margaret (Ashley) Dwight, of Springfield, Massachusetts, and a brother of Edmund Dwight (Yale 1799), was born in Springfield on June 25, 1783.

After graduation he became a partner in the mercantile firm in Springfield of which his eldest brother was the head, and for the furthering of their business he spent a year in England; but on his return he decided to prepare himself for the Christian ministry.

He accordingly pursued theological studies with President Dwight and in Princeton, New Jersey; and in the latter part of the year 1812 began to supply a church in Utica, New York. An outgrowth of this body was organized as the First Presbyterian Church in Utica on February 3, 1813, of which Mr. Dwight was ordained and installed pastor the next day, with a salary of $700.

On settling in Utica he boarded in the house of Mrs. Susan Miles Sill, the widow of Elisha Eaton Sill (a brother of Theodore Sill, Yale 1797), of Geneva, New York, who died in October, 1812, and sister of the Hon. Samuel M. Hopkins (Yale 1791). On May 17, 1814, he married Mrs. Sill, a lady of remarkable intelligence and grace.
She had two sons by her first husband, who grew to maturity.

In his brief pulpit career Mr. Dwight was able, earnest, and successful; but on account of the loss of his voice he was obliged most reluctantly to take a discharge on October 1, 1817.

He then removed to Geneva, and established there the Bank of Geneva, whose history up to the expiration of its charter in 1853 was one of honor to its founder and of great value in the development of the resources of all that region. Mr. Dwight’s superior financial ability, seconded by his manifest moral excellence, won for him the highest public esteem. Nor did his business habits destroy at all his relish for practical religious effort. His labors as an elder in the Presbyterian Church in Geneva were varied and abundant. He was active in founding the American Home Missionary Society, of which he was from the first a Director, and for twenty years before his death the President.

He was a Trustee of Hamilton College from 1814 to 1829, and a Trustee of Auburn Theological Seminary for the last thirty years of his life.

He was a public-spirited citizen in many directions; for example, the establishment of the first State Lunatic Asylum in New York was due mainly to his persistent advocacy.

At the age of sixty he retired from business, having acquired ample means, to secure more leisure for a life of good works.

He died in Geneva on September 6, 1857, in his 75th year. In the distribution of his estate, by his will the American Home Missionary Society, the Sunday School Union, the American Tract and Bible Societies, and the American Board of Foreign Missions received large legacies.

His wife died in Geneva on August 30, 1860, in her 79th year.
Their children were two sons and one daughter, all of whom survived him. The elder son was graduated here in 1835.

Mr. Dwight's portrait is given in the Dwight Genealogy.

He published:

A Farewell Sermon [from Acts xx, 32], to the First Utica Presbyterian Society, on the occasion of the Dismission of their Pastor, who had for some months, by the weakness of his voice, been unable to discharge the duties of his office, delivered the first Sabbath in October, 1817. Utica, 1817, 8°, pp. 26.

[August 14, 1843]

AUTHORITIES.


MARTIN ELLSWORTH, third son of Chief-Justice Oliver Ellsworth, and Abigail (Wolcott) Ellsworth, of Windsor, Connecticut, and brother of Oliver Ellsworth, Junior (Yale 1799), was born in Windsor on April 17, 1783.

He entered early on a mercantile life in his native town, and after continuing in business for about twenty years, withdrew from active pursuits and thereafter occupied the family mansion, chiefly engaged in agriculture.

He was known as Major Ellsworth, from his rank in the State militia. He was a man of high character and good abilities.

He died in Windsor on November 2, 1857, in his 75th year.

He married on October 19, 1807, his third cousin, Sophia, third daughter of Samuel and Jerusha (Wolcott) Wolcott, of South Windsor. An elder sister married James Wadsworth (Yale 1787).

She died on June 8, 1870, in her 85th year.

Their children were four sons (of whom the youngest died in infancy) and three daughters. The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1830.
Yale College

AUTHORITIES.

Loomis Female Genealogy, i, 30. 219, 222-23. Wolcott Memorial, 205. Stiles, Hist. of Windsor, 2d ed., ii,

George Fitch, the youngest son of Joseph Fitch, a cooper, of that part of Windsor, Connecticut, which is now Bloomfield, and grandson of Joseph and Sarah (Shaler) Fitch, of East, now South Windsor, was born on April 22, 1774. His mother was Prudence, daughter of Phineas and Deborah (Moore) Drake, of Windsor. He was thus a first cousin of his classmate Brown, and both were great-nephews of John Fitch, the inventor of the steamboat.

On graduation he taught school for a year or two in Newark, New Jersey, and perhaps elsewhere, and then entered on mercantile life (in the fur trade) in New York City, and amassed a large fortune by lucky speculation. He was reduced to poverty in 1813 or 1814, by the misconduct of a partner, and the sudden change took away his reason. He is believed to have died, insane, in or near New York, in the summer of 1824, in his 51st year. Letters of administration on his estate were dated August 12, 1824.

AUTHORITIES.


Asahel Hathaway, Junior, the elder son of Squire Asahel Hathaway (Yale 1759), of Suffield, Connecticut, was born in Suffield on May 31, 1781.

He was for some ten years a dry-goods merchant in New York City, but in 1812 returned to his native place, where he remained until his death there on October 1, 1829, in his 49th year.

He married on March 11, 1807, Nancy, daughter of Captain Augustus Diggins (Yale 1767), of New York, who long survived him.
Their children were three sons, all of whom died unmarried, and three daughters.

**AUTHORITIES.**
Dwight Family, ii, 924-26.

ALCIS EVELYN HEART, the only child of Major Jonathan Heart (Yale 1768), who died in 1791, was born, probably in Berlin, Connecticut, on October 10, 1782. In the summer of 1797 his mother married the Rev. Dr. Cyprian Strong (Yale 1763), of that part of Chatham, Connecticut, which is now Portland. He entered the Sophomore Class in Williams College in 1797, but remained for only a part of the year; and joined the Sophomore Class here in the fall of 1798.

He studied law, and settled in practice in Hartford, with the most brilliant prospects, but died there, suddenly, of a violent fever, on April 19, 1805, in his 23d year. He was buried in Hartford two days later. His was the first death in the Class.

He married Charlotte, daughter of Seth and Mehitable (White) Overton, of Chatham, who survived him, without children.

On his tombstone is engraved:

Endowed by nature with a superior mind which was expanded by science and adorned with elegant Literature: among his relatives, friends and acquaintances he lived greatly beloved and respected, and died deeply and universally regretted.

**AUTHORITIES.**

PETER HITCHCOCK, the youngest son of Valentine Hitchcock, of Cheshire, Connecticut, was born on October 19, 1781. His eldest brother was graduated here in 1786, and died in 1794.
He entered College at the opening of the Sophomore year, having taught a district school in winter and labored on a farm in summer to secure the means for education.

After graduation he studied law with Barzillai Slosson (Yale 1791), of Kent, Connecticut, and was admitted to the bar in March, 1804.

He settled in practice in his native town, and there married, on December 12, 1805, Nabby, the youngest child of Elam and Abigail (Hall) Cook. Early in 1806 he removed to Burton, in the Western Reserve district of Ohio, his being one of the first families to settle in that township.

He was a member of the Ohio Legislature from 1810 to 1812, and State Senator from 1812 to 1816. In 1815 he was tendered by Governor Thomas Worthington a commission as Judge of the Supreme Court, a position which he declined. In 1816 he was commissioned as Major General in the militia.

He served one term in Congress (1817–19), and then began a long career as Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, serving from 1819 to 1833, from 1835 to 1842, and from 1845 to his voluntary retirement in February, 1852,—twenty-eight years in all, during the last twenty-one of which he was Chief Justice.

In 1850 he was chosen a member of the convention to form the new State Constitution, and gave valuable service in that capacity.

He died at the house of his eldest son, in Painesville, Ohio, while on the way from a professional engagement in Columbus to his own home in Burton, from disease of the liver, aggravated by overwork, on March 4, 1854, in his 73d year. His body was taken to Burton for burial.

His widow died in Burton on July 26, 1867, at the age of 83.

They had five sons and five daughters. The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1826, and the fourth in 1832. One son and one daughter died in infancy.
Judge Hitchcock was the embodiment of common sense, and exhibited in his judicial career unusual breadth of mind for that time. His decisions had a strong and beneficial influence on the future law of the State, and are still regarded with high respect. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by Marietta College in 1845, and by Western Reserve College in 1849. An engraving from his portrait is given in the Hitchcock Genealogy.

In politics he was originally a Republican of the Jeffersonian school, but subsequently a Whig.

AUTHORITIES.


GEORGE HOADLY, the eldest child of Captain Timothy Hoadly, of Northford Parish, in (North) Branford, Connecticut, and grandson of Sergeant Timothy and Mary (Harrison) Hoadly, of Northford, was born on December 15, 1781. His mother was Rebecca, widow of Jared Taintor, of Northford, and daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Wilford) Linsly, of Northford. He was a first cousin of Noah Linsly (Yale 1791).

After graduating he studied law in New Haven with the Hon. Charles Chauncey, and from March, 1803, to Commencement, 1806, held the office of Tutor in the College. At the Commencement in 1804 he delivered a Master's Oration on the Abuses of Language, and at Commencement in 1805 the Phi Beta Kappa Oration, on the Importance of the Profession of the Law.

After this he was for about two years the Washington correspondent of the United States Gazette of Philadelphia, of which Enos Bronson (Yale 1798) was the editor.
Later, he returned to New Haven and entered on the practice of the law, in which he attained the promise of remarkable success. Mr. William W. Woolsey, a retired merchant of New York, who had settled in New Haven, became much interested in Mr. Hoadly, and as President of the Eagle Bank, which was incorporated in 1811, and which commanded a large share of public confidence, he unhappily persuaded his young friend to give up his profession and become Cashier of the bank. Mr. Woolsey returned to New York in 1815, and Mr. Hoadly succeeded to the presidency, which he held until the disastrous failure of the bank in September, 1825. The President and Directors had loaned on insufficient security an amount equal to the entire resources of the bank, and inevitably great indignation was felt towards the President, though it was afterwards conceded by most witnesses that his error was one of judgment only, and that he derived no profit from the losses of others.

He had been chosen Mayor of the city in 1822 and served until his resignation early in 1826.

In August, 1829, he settled in Cleveland, Ohio, and had a useful career there as Justice from 1832 to 1847. Of the judgments given by him in over twenty thousand cases not one was ever reversed. He was also Mayor of the city in 1846 and 1847.

The rest of his life was spent in retirement in Cleveland. During these years he was able to indulge his love of reading and his exquisite taste in horticulture and botany. He was remarkable for the evenness of his temper and the kindliness of his disposition.

He died in Cleveland, after less than a fortnight's illness, from a pleuritic attack, on February 20, 1857, in his 76th year.

He was married in New Haven, on November 8, 1819, to Mary Anne, the eldest child of William Walton and Elizabeth (Dwight) Woolsey, of New York and New Haven, and widow of Jared Scarborough (Yale 1803), of
Hartford, who had died in November, 1816, leaving her with one son. She was a sister of President Woolsey, and niece of President Dwight. She died in Cleveland on April 28, 1871, aged 78 years.

They had three daughters and one son (Western Reserve College 1844). The eldest daughter married Dr. Thomas F. Pomeroy (Union College 1836), and the second married the Hon. Joshua H. Bates (West Point 1837).

Mr. Hoadly's portrait is given in the Hoadley Genealogy.

AUTHORITIES.


SAMUEL HOLBROOK, the youngest of ten children of Timothy Holbrook, a farmer of Lebanon, Connecticut, and Hannah (White) Holbrook, was born in Lebanon on December 16, 1776. He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Zebulon Ely (Yale 1779).

After graduation he taught school, meanwhile continuing his studies with the intention of entering a profession, until impaired health compelled him to adopt more active pursuits.

After one year's experience in Connecticut as a merchant he removed about 1808 to Freeport, Maine, and carried on mercantile business as a member of the firm of Holbrook & Fowler until the beginning of the War of 1812.

He then returned to Lebanon, but in the fall of 1815 resumed business in Freeport, and for about ten years was engaged in general mercantile trade.

In 1824 he purchased the Governor Trumbull farm in Lebanon, and removing there carried on farming for some years.
Subsequently he was for two years interested in the business of Sherley & Hyde, book publishers in Portland, and then returned to Freeport, and in the spring of 1830 again embarked in trade there. From 1832 to 1836 he was associated with William Gore in the firm of Holbrook & Gore, and in the latter year gave up his business to his son. He had never enjoyed good health, and in his latter years his mind was so much affected as to render him unfit for the transaction of business. He had already acquired an ample fortune.

He was afterwards a resident of Portland for five years, and then returned to Freeport, where he died on June 17, 1849, in his 73d year.

He married on October 13, 1811, Hannah, daughter of John and Patience Webster, a native of North Yarmouth, Maine, who died on November 7, 1820, in her 35th year.

He next married, in the fall of 1828, in Portland, Elizabeth, fifth daughter of Captain Ebenezer and Abigail (Bailey) Douglas, of New London, Connecticut, and widow of Major Joseph Howe, of Portland. She died in Portland on October 8, 1868, in her 79th year.

By his first wife he had three sons, of whom two died in infancy, and one daughter.

Mr. Holbrook was a man of sterling integrity, of correct habits, and a sociable disposition. In early life he was a Democrat in Politics, and later a Whig. He held many town offices, including that of Representative in the State Legislature.

AUTHORITIES.


WILLIAM LAW, the eighth son and youngest child of the Hon. Richard Law (Yale 1751), of New London, Connecticut, was born on March 15, 1782. Two of his brothers were graduated here, in 1791 and 1800 respectively.
He studied medicine after graduation, and settled in practice in North Carolina. His uncommon personal attractiveness, cordial manner, and professional skill made him much beloved.

He died in Murfreesboro, in that State, on November 10, 1818, in his 37th year.

AUTHORITIES.


HENRY LORD, the son of Martin and Concurrence Lord, was born in (North) Killingworth, Connecticut, on October 20, and was baptized by his grandfather on December 30, 1781. His mother was the daughter of the Rev. William Seward (Yale 1734) and Concurrence (Stevens) Seward, of North Killingworth.

He studied theology, and in April, 1804, received a call to settle over the Congregational Church in Williamsburg, Massachusetts, on a salary of $366.67. He accepted the call and was ordained and installed on June 20.

During his pastorate of thirty years special revivals of religion occurred in 1816, 1819, and 1831; and two hundred and forty-three persons united with the church on profession of their faith.

He married, on August 19, 1810, Fidelia, eldest daughter of Elnathan and Lydia (Pomeroy) Graves, of Williamsburg, who died on November 25, 1828, in her 36th year. By her he had two sons (graduates of Amherst College, in 1831 and 1838, respectively) and two daughters.

He afterwards married Minerva Graves, a younger sister of his first wife, born in March, 1799, by whom he had no children.

The circumstances of his last illness were very affecting. His eldest son, who had just completed his education, died at home of fever, on November 8, 1834. His father and
his sister were at the time too ill to be informed of his death; and both soon followed him to the grave. Mr. Lord died, of the same fever, on November 22, at the age of 53 years.

His wife survived him, with the younger son, who became a minister.

Mr. Lord’s epitaph describes him as “a faithful minister of Christ, and an example of modesty, gentleness, punctuality, simplicity, and godly sincerity.” He is still remembered for the kindness and urbanity of his manners and his strict conscientiousness.

He published:


The Sermon occupies pp. 1–20, and is a plain, practical plea for home missions.

2. The Mourner’s Duty.—A Sermon [from Jer. xii, 1] delivered at Williamsburg, Nov. 30, 1828, the Sabbath after the interment of Mrs. Fidelia Lord, by her bereaved Husband. Amherst, 1829. 8°, pp. 21. [A. A. S. Y. C.

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MATTHEW MINOR, Junior, the eldest son of Deacon Matthew Minor, and grandson of Captain Matthew Minor, of Woodbury, Connecticut, was born on October 22, 1780. His mother was Phebe, daughter of Jesse and Phebe Root, of Woodbury.

He studied law after graduation with the Hon. Noah B. Benedict (Yale 1788), of Woodbury, and practiced law in the same town from the date of his admission to the bar in 1804 until his death.
A man of great uprightness of character, he was much employed in public business, having a large share of the confidence of his fellow-citizens.

He served as Representative in the General Assembly in 1808, 1810, 1830, 1832, and 1833; and as State Senator in 1837. His native diffidence prevented his being as prominent at the bar as his powers entitled him to be.

He died in Woodbury on December 17, 1839, in his 60th year.

He married, on October 22, 1802, Lorena, eldest child of Jabez and Sarah (Betts) Bacon, of Woodbury, who died on May 30, 1848, in her 67th year.

Their children were five sons and five daughters. The youngest son was graduated here in 1844.

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Cothren, Hist. of Woodbury, i, Litchfield County Bench and Bar, 94. 389-90, 517, 652, 655-56. Jabez Root Genealogy, 62.
Bacon's Descendants. Kilbourn,

**RUSSELL JEHU MINOR,** the third son of the Rev. Jehu Minor (Yale 1767), of South Britain Parish, in Southbury, Connecticut, was baptized by his father in March, 1780.

In his earlier life his name was written as Jehu Russell Minor. In 1791 his father removed to South East, Putnam County, New York. He did not enter College until after the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he returned to South East, and there the rest of his life was spent. He was mainly occupied in teaching.

He died in South East on January 29, 1851, in his 71st year.

He married Susan, daughter of Captain Nathaniel Paddock, of Carmel, in Putnam County.

They had no children.
He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church of which his father was pastor, also leader of the choir and Superintendent of the Sunday School; and was held by the community in the very highest regard.

AUTHORITIES.

Cothren, Hist. of Woodbury, i, 651. South East, 12, 21, 23.
Macoubrey, Historical Sermon at

HENRY W. NICHOLS was a son of John Nichols (Yale 1773), of Waterbury, Connecticut. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

His career is not known, but he is believed to have died young in Virginia. His father and his family removed in 1808 to Athens, Greene County, New York, where the father died in 1815.

Our graduate's name is first marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of 1826.

THOMAS JACKSON OAKLEY, son of Lieutenant Jesse and Jerusha (Peters) Oakley, was born in the township of Beekman, Duchess County, New York, on November 10, 1783. His father was a Revolutionary officer and a prosperous farmer. He entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year. A brother was graduated here in 1814, and a sister married Robert Wilkinson (Yale 1806).

He studied law with Mr. Ruggles in Poughkeepsie, in his native county, and began practice there after his admission to the bar in 1804.

In 1808 he married a daughter of the Hon. Robert Williams, of Poughkeepsie.

In February, 1810, his father-in-law, who had been elected to the State Senate as an Anti-Federalist, secured, by what was thought a discreditable change of base, the appointment of Mr. Oakley, who was a Federalist, as Sur-
rogate of Duchess County; but a reversal of political power threw him out of office a year later.

He was elected in 1812 to the 13th Congress (March, 1813–May, 1815), and made a reputation there as an able debater.

He was a member of the New York Assembly during four sessions, from January to April, 1816, and from January 1818, to April, 1820. While in the Assembly he is said to have introduced the bill for founding the State Library.

In July, 1819, he succeeded Martin VanBuren on his removal from the office of Attorney-General of the State, and served until February, 1821. In this capacity he made arguments in the Supreme Court of the United States, which placed him in the front rank as an advocate.

In 1827 he was again elected to Congress, as a Clinton Democrat, but resigned his seat in May, 1828, having accepted the office of Judge of the Superior Court of New York City, which he held until his death, becoming Chief Justice in October, 1847, on the resignation of the Hon. Samuel Jones (Yale 1790). His career in this office established his reputation as a great nisi prius lawyer and judge. In private life he was wholly unostentatious.

He died in New York City on May 11, 1857, in his 74th year, having retained his mental vigor to the very end.

He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Union College in 1853.

His portrait is given in volume 4 of the *Green Bag*; and a miniature, painted by John Trumbull in 1827, is in the Yale Art School.

After the death of his first wife he married, on March 29, 1831, Matilda Caroline, a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Smith) Cruger, of New York. Her father was once Mayor of Bristol, England, and Member of Parliament, and afterwards State Senator in the New York Legislature.

Their children were two daughters and three sons.
Mrs. Oakley died on January 25, 1891, in her 75th year. Judge Oakley was an active member of the Episcopal Church, and often a delegate to the diocesan conventions. As a Judge he was unequalled for the plain statement and methodical arrangement of the facts of the case, and for his clear, penetrating and rapid apprehension, impartiality, and robust common sense.

Hammond, in his *Political History of New-York*, in commenting on events in 1816, says:

For my part, I consider Thomas J. Oakley one of the most talented men which the state of New-York has produced. His intellectual powers were strong and vigorous, and he was capable of immense mental labor. Always cool and calculating, in the highest heat of debate he possessed a most perfect self control, and never permitted his feelings to get the better of his judgment. As a clear, ingenious and logical, though sometimes sophistical reasoner, he appeared to me unrivalled in our legislative halls at Albany. He is not an orator. He fails of being so from his want of ardor of feeling, and his utter lack of imaginative powers. His coolness, his caution, his forecast, and his perfect self command, peculiarly fit him for a party leader in a legislative assembly. In congress he differed from the over zealous eastern federalists. He wished, at least, to manifest an apparent disposition to furnish supplies to government for carrying on the war, and to confine his opposition to the manner in which the war was carried on. Mr. Clopton, an old and sagacious politician of Virginia, who was a member of congress . . ., told me, in 1816, that had the federal members of congress, during the war, put themselves exclusively under the management of Oakley, and implicitly followed his lead, in his judgment, the administration would have been prostrated.

The Rt. Rev. Horatio Potter, who had known him from boyhood, describes him as

A man whose equal, for consummate judgment, for moderation of temper and balance of mind, for profound insight into all those matters which lay within the range of his studies and duties, for love of impartiality and justice, and for unspotted purity and integrity his country has rarely seen.
John Webster Perit, the elder son of John Perit, a merchant of Norwich, Connecticut, and grandson of Peter and Abigail (Shepherd) Perit, of Milford, was born in Norwich on April 22, 1781. The Perits were descended from a Huguenot family which early took refuge in the New Haven Colony. His father died in 1795, and his mother, Ruth, daughter of Pelatiah Webster (Yale 1746), of Philadelphia, after spending some years in Philadelphia, married, just at the beginning of his Junior year in College, Colonel Christopher Leffingwell, of Norwich, the father of William Leffingwell (Yale 1786). A brother was graduated here in 1802, and a double cousin in 1803.

After graduation he entered into business as an East India merchant in Philadelphia, and chartered vessels for that trade, establishing a factory in Canton, China, where one son died in 1833.

He died at his residence in Philadelphia, two doors above the old United States Mint, on Chestnut Street, on October 8, 1845, in his 65th year, and was buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

He was married by the Rt. Rev. William White, on December 3, 1805, to Margareta, daughter of Dr. Dunlap, of Philadelphia, who survived him for many years.

They had fourteen children, of whom one daughter married Joseph S. Ropes (honorary M.A. Yale 1853).

Mr. Perit was a tall, graceful man, distinguished for his courtly address and his kind and generous disposition.

AUTHORITIES.

ROYAL PHELPS, the elder son of John Phelps (Yale 1759), of Westfield, Massachusetts, by his second wife, Mercy Moseley, was born on March 16, 1781. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith in January of his Senior year.

He studied theology after graduation, and was early employed in missionary service in New York State.

On February 20, 1806, he was married in Lowville, Lewis County, by the Rev. James Murdock (Yale 1774), to Hannah, second daughter of Colonel John and Mary (Baldwin) Spafford, of Tinmouth, Vermont, and Lowville; and on the 5th of the next month he was ordained as an evangelist in his native town.

For the next ten years he labored in Cayuga County, New York, with his residence in the village of Sempronius, and for the latter part of the time as the settled pastor of a small Presbyterian Church which he had organized in Moravia, then part of Sempronius.

He was dismissed from this pastorate on February 20, 1816.

In later years he was still mainly engaged in missionary labor, without settlement over any church, in New York State, with some excursions into Ohio and Pennsylvania.

His wife died in Lowville on June 17, 1831, in her 48th year; and his own death occurred, in Watertown, Jefferson County, on November 16, 1831, in his 51st year.

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Davis, Hist. Sketch of Westfield, 301. Spofford Genealogy, 76, 158.
23. Hotchkin, Hist of Western New York, 353. Phelps Family, i, 184, 595.

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He next moved northward to Schroon Lake, in Essex County, and continued in the same business for six years longer, when he failed disastrously and was stripped of all his property.

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_Huntington, Stamford Registration, 93._ _Rev. Seeley Scofield, M.S. Letter, 1869._

_FREDERICK SCOFIELD, son of Benjamin and Rebecca Scofield, of (North) Stamford, Connecticut, was born in Stamford on August 13, 1778. His mother was a daughter of David and Rebecca (Whiting) How, of Stamford._
After graduation he studied law, and for a few years practiced his profession in Danbury and in Stamford.

Subsequently he became a teacher in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, and in Philadelphia.

He died in Burlington, New Jersey, on December 30, 1840, in his 63d year.

He married, in Danbury, on October 16, 1803, Maria, eldest daughter of Major Ezra Starr (Yale 1774). A sister married Eleutheros D. Comstock (Yale 1807). She died in Philadelphia on May 14, 1824, in her 41st year.

Their children, one daughter and three sons, all left descendants.

AUTHORITIES.

Huntington, Hist of Stamford, Starr Family, 408-09. 371; Stamford Registration, 91-92.

JARED SCOFIELD was a son of Reuben Scofield, of Stamford, Connecticut.

He became a teacher in Philadelphia, and was so engaged as late as 1833, but not much later.

His death is reported to have occurred in 1841.

AUTHORITIES.

Huntington, Hist. of Stamford, 461.

HENRY STANLEY, the only son of Frederick Stanley, of Litchfield, Connecticut, by his first wife, Sabra Bishop, and grandson of Timothy and Mary (Hopkins) Stanley, of Litchfield, was born in Litchfield on February 9, 1783. His mother was a daughter of Jonathan and Submit (Smith) Bishop, of Litchfield. He entered Williams College in 1796, and remained about two years, resuming his studies here in 1799, at which date his father kept a large country store in Brooklyn, Connecticut. (He had removed to Windham in 1790, and to Brooklyn in April, 1799.)
He graduated with a brilliant reputation, and early became prominent as a leader among the local Democrats.

He studied law, and settled as early as 1804 in New York City; where, after a brief but highly creditable career, he died, from typhus fever, unmarried, on August 24, 1820, aged 37½ years.

AUTHORITIES.


TRUMAN STARR, the sixth child and eldest son of Ephraim Starr, a prosperous store-keeper in Goshen, Connecticut, and grandson of Joseph and Priscilla (Roper) Starr, of Middletown, was born on June 6, 1780. His mother was Hannah, eldest daughter of Adna and Hannah (Miles) Beach, and widow of Uri Hill, of Goshen. A brother was graduated here in 1802; and a sister married the Rev. William F. Miller (Yale 1786).

He spent his life on his farm in Goshen. He long acted as a Justice of the Peace, and was universally known as "Squire Starr." He was a Representative of the town in the Legislature at the fall session in 1825.

He died in Goshen on April 16, 1848, in his 68th year.

He married, on November 4, 1804, Esther, daughter of Joseph and Mary (Burwell) Nettleton, of Watertown, who died on July 17, 1828, at the age of 55.

He married, secondly, on April 21, 1829, Hannah, daughter of Josiah and Hannah (Phelps) Coombs, of Wethersfield, who died at East Windsor, on March 29, 1870, aged 88 years.

His children were four daughters, one by his first wife, and three by his second, all of whom survived him.

AUTHORITIES.

Starr Family, 139-41.
JAMES STEDMAN, the youngest son in a family of ten children of Thomas Stedman, a house-carpenter of Hampton, Connecticut, and grandson of Deacon Thomas and Anna (Seaver) Stedman, of Brookline, Massachusetts, and Hampton, was born on October 6, 1779, and baptized on April 26, 1780. His mother was Mehitable, daughter of Deacon Ebenezer Griffin, of Hampton. Thomas Stedman (Yale 1785) was a double first cousin.

After graduation he studied law in Hartford with Theodore Dwight, a brother of President Dwight, until in March, 1803, he accepted the position of Tutor at Yale. When he left the tutorship in 1806 he began practice in Norwich, Connecticut, where he continued through life.

His professional business was never extensive, but he held the office of Clerk of the Courts of New London County for some twenty-five years before his death, and was highly respected in all relations. He united with the First Congregational Church on profession of his faith in 1830, and held the office of deacon in that church from 1837.

He retained his bodily and mental vigor in a remarkable degree to the last, and died in Norwich, after an illness of less than a week, on May 18, 1856, in his 77th year.

He married, in Norwich, on November 18, 1810, Eunice Huntington Carew, who was born in May, 1787. She was the eldest child of Ebenezer Carew, of Norwich, by his second wife, Mehitable Gardner, and was named (as so often was done) for her father's first wife.

Their children were four sons and two daughters, all of whom married.

The elder daughter was the wife of the Rev. Robert Aikman (Yale 1843).

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AUTHORITIES.

ZALMON STORRS, the second son of Dan Storrs, of Mansfield, Connecticut, and grandson of Thomas and Eunice (Paddock) Storrs, of Mansfield, was born in Mansfield, on December 18, 1779. His mother was Ruth, second daughter of the Hon. Shubael Conant (Yale 1732) and Ruth (Conant) Conant.

In 1802 he began the study of law with Thomas S. Williams (Yale 1794), then of Mansfield, but after the death of his elder brother, in April, 1803, he felt obliged to take his place in the management of the large country-store which their father had long conducted, and he continued in that occupation for many years.

He was also a pioneer in that part of the State in the manufacture of silk thread, having established a factory in 1835.

He was a Justice of the Peace from the spring of 1813 until disqualified by age (in 1849). In May, 1813, he was first sent as a Representative of the town to the General Assembly, and was re-elected for five more sessions,—the last in 1841. He was the first Postmaster at Mansfield Centre (in 1825), and retained the office for upwards of twenty years. For 1834–35, and again for a period of six years (1843–49) he was Judge of Probate for the district of Mansfield. In 1834 he was the candidate of the Anti-Masonic party for Governor of the State.

He united with the Congregational Church in Mansfield in July, 1823, and was highly esteemed as a pillar of that body.

He died in Mansfield on February 17, 1867, in his 88th year, being the last survivor of his College Class.

He married, on April 26, 1804, Cynthia, daughter of Josiah and Mary (Leavens) Stowell, of Mansfield, who died on April 17, 1833, in her 53d year.

He married, secondly, on November 10, 1835, Mrs. Clarissa M. Stowell, of Middlebury, Vermont, who died on December 9, 1869, aged 76 years.
His children, by his first marriage, were four sons and three daughters.

AUTHORITIES.


**Joseph Trumbull**, the eldest son of David Trumbull, of Lebanon, Connecticut, and grandson of the elder Governor Jonathan and Faith (Robinson) Trumbull, of Lebanon, was born on December 7, 1782. His mother was Sarah, second daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Clark) Backus, of Norwich. A brother was graduated here in 1807. Their eldest sister married her first cousin, William Trumbull Williams (Yale 1795), of Lebanon.

After graduation he studied law with his brother-in-law just mentioned, and early in 1802 he went to the Western Reserve of Ohio with the intention of settling there. He was admitted to the bar in the summer, but in the fall returned to Connecticut and was admitted to the bar of Windham County.

In May, 1804, he settled in Hartford, where he continued in practice until his election as President of the Hartford Bank, in June, 1828, after which date he retired permanently from his profession.

He was prominent in political life, as a leader in the Whig party, and in 1832, 1848, and 1851, he was one of the Representatives of Hartford in the General Assembly. In 1834 he was elected to fill a vacancy as Representative in Congress, and he was again a member of the House in the 26th and 27th Congresses, from 1839 to 1843. He resigned his presidency of the bank in November, 1839.

For one year, 1849-50, he filled the office of Governor of Connecticut, maintaining there as elsewhere, both in his public career and private character, the reputation of an honored name.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by Yale in 1849.
He died in Hartford, on August 4, 1861, in his 79th year.

He married, on March 6, 1818, Harriet, second daughter of General Henry and Abigail (Tinker) Champion, of Westchester Parish in Colchester, Connecticut, and sister of Aristarchus Champion (Yale 1807). She died on October 15, 1823, in her 35th year, leaving an only son, who was graduated at Wesleyan University in 1841, but died before his father.

He next married, on December 1, 1824, a first cousin of his first wife, Eliza Brainard, only daughter of Colonel Lemuel Storrs, of Middletown, Connecticut, and sister of the Hon. Henry R. Storrs (Yale 1804) and Chief Justice William L. Storrs (Yale 1814). Her health became somewhat infirm about 1849, and she died the same night as her husband, aged 77 years. Their only child married Lucius F. Robinson (Yale 1843), and survived her parents.

An engraving from Judge Trumbull's portrait is given in Norton's Governors of Connecticut.

He published:


AUTHORITIES.


William VanDeursen, Junior, a son of Captain William VanDeursen, of Middletown, Connecticut, by his wife, Martha (or Patty), the eldest daughter of the Rev. Chauncey Whittelsey (Yale 1738), of New Haven, by his second wife, Martha Newton, was born in New Haven,
and was baptized here on February 2, 1783. When an infant his parents removed to Middletown.

He studied law in Middletown and Litchfield.

In March, 1812, he received the appointment of Captain of the 3d regiment of artillery in the United States Army, and he was for several months in 1812 and until after July, 1813, in command of Fort Trumbull at New London. He was honorably discharged from the service on June 1, 1814.

He subsequently practiced his profession in Middletown, where he died, after a short illness, on September 26, 1833, in his 51st year.

He married in Middletown on November 28, 1830, Mary Cranston, a native of Newport, Rhode Island, who died on January 9, 1892, at the age of 100 years and 3 months.

He had two children, a daughter and a posthumous son.

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Field, Centennial Address at Middletown, Oct., 1910. F. F. Starr, MS. Let-

John Wales, the second of the three sons of the Rev. Professor Samuel Wales (Yale 1767), was born in New Haven on July 31, 1783, and was baptized by President Stiles in the College Chapel on August 31. One brother was graduated in 1793, and another in 1807.

After a course of legal study with his brother-in-law, Seth P. Staples (Yale 1797), he began the practice of law in Hartford, where he remained until 1812. At the Commencement in 1804 he delivered a Master's Oration, on the Importance of Judicial Establishments.

He then removed to Baltimore, and subsequently, in October, 1815, to Wilmington, Delaware, which was his home for the rest of his life. He continued to follow his profession for about thirty years. He formed a partnership with James M. Broome, which continued until Mr. Broome's removal to Philadelphia in 1819.
Biographical Sketches, 1801

He was a very successful practitioner, with a high reputation as a chancery lawyer, and his employment in that branch of professional business was very large.

He was always interested in public affairs, was active in politics as a Whig, and took his share of political campaigning. At a later date he sympathized with the Republican party.

He was occasionally called into public service. He held the office of Secretary of the State of Delaware for the year 1845-46, and in March, 1849, when the Hon. John M. Clayton (Yale 1815) entered the cabinet of President Taylor, Mr. Wales was elected to the Senate of the United States, to fill the remainder of Mr. Clayton's term, until March, 1851.

He was one of the original promoters of Delaware College, was President of one of the oldest banks in Wilmington, a Director in the first Fire Insurance Company organized in the State, and bore a principal part in obtaining the charter for the city, and in the earlier steps for the construction of the railway between Philadelphia and Baltimore by way of Wilmington.

On the approach of the Civil War he was hostile to secession and every form of disunion.

On the 12th of November, 1863, he attended a meeting of the friends of the Union in Middletown, in the same county, and contracted a severe cold, which terminated fatally on December 3, in his 81st year.

He was a regular attendant on public worship, and held strong and sincere religious convictions.

He married on June 12, 1820, Ann, the only daughter of Major John Patten, of Revolutionary fame, of Dover, Delaware, and granddaughter of the Rev. John Miller, of Dover. She died on November 10, 1843, in her 44th year.

Five children survived her. One son was graduated here in 1845, and a grandson in 1891.
JOSEPH WOOD, the second son of David Wood, a pious farmer of Stanwich Parish, in the northern part of Greenwich, Connecticut, and grandson of Joseph Wood, of Huntington, Long Island, and Greenwich, was born on March 24, 1779. His mother was Sarah, daughter of Simon Ingersoll, of Greenwich.

He studied law with Judge Charles Chauncey, of New Haven, and on his admission to the bar in 1803 settled in Stamford, Connecticut, where he continued in practice until 1826. He was Clerk of the Stamford Probate Court from 1814 to 1816, and Judge of that Court from 1816 to 1819; and was one of the Representatives of the town in the General Assembly in 1821 and 1822.

From 1826 to 1837 he resided in Bridgeport, and then for four years in New York City, where he established a periodical devoted to agriculture.

In 1841 he removed to New Haven, and there spent the remainder of his life.

He was Judge of the New Haven County Court for two years (1844–46), in which office he showed conspicuously the true qualities of a jurist. He was also elected City Clerk for six years, 1844–49.

His death occurred in New Haven with tragic suddenness, from ossification of the arteries, on November 13, 1856, in his 78th year. He was a member of a circle of retired clergymen and laymen, who were in the habit of meeting weekly in President Day's study; and on the day of his death he was present at such a meeting and had taken part in the discussion of the morning, when he fell lifeless. A brief pamphlet, entitled, Memoranda respecting the late Hon. Joseph Wood, was published soon after (New Haven, 11 pp.).
Biographical Sketches, 1801

His religious character was unquestioned, and he served as a deacon in the First Church in New Haven from 1848 to his death. During his later years he gave much time to the study of the Scriptures and the investigation of questions of theology.

He married, on May 10, 1809, Frances, second daughter of Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth, of Windsor, and sister of his classmate. She died in New Haven, on March 14, 1868, in her 82d year.

Of their five children, one son was graduated here in 1833. The elder daughter married the Rev. Sylvester Cowles (Hamilton Coll. 1828); and the younger married Professor Chester S. Lyman (Yale 1837).

Judge Wood collected materials for the life of his distinguished father-in-law, which have been made use of by later hands.

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Elizur Goodrich, the new Professor of Law, was inducted into office by President Dwight in the College Chapel, on the 8th of December. His duties included the delivery of a two-years' course of lectures, at intervals of once in two weeks, or thirty-six in all.

In the following spring an extraordinary revival of religion was experienced in the College, in which the number of professing Christians had been distressingly small.

At Commencement, in September, 1802, Moses Stuart, of the Class of 1799, was elected Tutor, in place of his classmate, Oliver Ellsworth, Junior, resigned.

At the same time Tutor Benjamin Silliman, of the Class of 1796, was appointed to the new Professorship of Chemistry and Natural History, the intention of establishing which the Corporation had put upon their records four years before; and another new professorship, of Languages and Ecclesiastical History, was also instituted, to which Ebenezer Grant Marsh, of the Class of 1795, now Tutor and Instructor in Hebrew, was elected. A committee was appointed to ask the aid of the General Assembly of the State for his support.
Biographical Sketches, 1802

Sketches, Class of 1802

*Truman Baldwin, A.M. et Mediob. 1807  *1865
Foed. Sen.
*Henricus Bigelow, A.M. et Mediob. 1811  *1832
*Guilielmus Fowler Brainard, A.M.  *1844
*Radulphus Isaacs Bush  *1860
*Levi Hubbard Clarke, A.M.  *1840
*Levi Collins, A.M.  *1859
*Johannes Alfredus Davenport  *1864
*Johannes Dwight  *1830
*Achilles Henricus Elliot  *1836
*Jeremias Evarts, A.M.  *1831
*David Dudleius Field, A.M., S.T.D. Guil. 1837  *1867
*Thomas Ford  *1840
*Eleazarus Foster, A.M.  *1819
*Hezekias Frost  *1827
*Johannes Hall, A.M., Tutor  *1847
*Elisaexus Hammond  *1851
*Daniel Haskel, A.M., Univ. Viridim. Praeses  *1848
*Simeon Hecock, A.M.  *1849
*Silas Higley, A.M.  *1853
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*Nathan Johnson, A.M. 1808 et Harv. 1827, Socius ex officio

*Sherman Johnson, A.M.

*Johannes Keep, A.M.

*Sheldonus Clark Leavitt

*Roswell Guilielmus Lewis, A.M.

*Johannes Nelson Lloyd

*Jonathan Huntington Lyman, A.M.

*Guilielmus Maxwell, A.M., Coll. Hampd.–Sidn. Praeses

*Marcus Mead, A.M.

*Samuel Merwin, A.M.

*Howardus Mitchelson

*Ebenezer Moseley

*Cyrus Pearce

*Pelatias Perit, A.M.


*Carolus Prentice

*Aaron Burr Reeve

*Erastus Scranton, A.M.

*Ulysses Selden

*Carolus Shelton

*Nathan Shelton, M.D. 1835

*David Austin Sherman, A.M., Tutor, Coll. Tenn. Orient. Praeses

*Guilielmus Lay Smith, A.M.

*Junius Smith, A.M., LL.D. 1840

*Ephraimus Starr

*Guilielmus Lightbourn Strong, et Mediob. 1804, A.M.

*Roswell Randal Swan, A.M.

*Christophorus Tappan

TRUMAN BALDWIN, a son of Amos Baldwin, of (West) Granville, Massachusetts, and grandson of Deacon Ezra and Ruth Baldwin, of Durham, Connecticut, was born in Granville on September 27, 1780. His mother was Margery, eldest daughter of Ephraim and Comfort (Curtiss, Bishop) Munson, of Granville. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Timothy M. Cooley (Yale 1792), of East Granville.

After graduating he was a teacher for six months in the Academy in Westfield, Massachusetts, and then studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers, Connecticut. In June, 1804, he was licensed to preach by the Southern Association of Hampshire County. He received an ad eundem Master's degree from Middlebury College in 1807.

He was first settled in the ministry as pastor of the Congregational Church of Charlotte, Vermont, on Lake Champlain, from November 4, 1807, to March 21, 1815.

While there he married, in 1808, a daughter of the Hon. Joel Linsley, of Woodbury, Connecticut, and Cornwall, Vermont, and a sister of the Rev. Dr. Joel H. Linsley (Middlebury Coll. 1811).

On November 15, 1815, he was installed as pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in that part of Pompey, Onondaga County, New York, which is now the town of Oran, where he labored with success until his dismission on June 10, 1828.

In June, 1829, he was commissioned by the American Home Missionary Society to the Presbyterian Church in
Cicero, in the same county, with which he remained for three years, during which more than seventy persons were added to the membership of the church.

He then, on account of poor health, resigned this charge, but so far as the state of his health allowed, labored for a few years in various places in the Western part of the State,—as in Darien, Genesee County, for one year, 1836–37.

Later, though his health was still infirm, he removed to Middleport, in Niagara County, where his eldest (married) daughter was then residing, and with the assistance of his two younger daughters established a school for the instruction of both sexes.

This enterprise, also, he was obliged by feeble health to relinquish, and in the fall of 1845 he returned to a homestead in Cicero which he had retained, and where he afterwards lived.

His wife died on July 27, 1862, and Mr. Baldwin died, in Cicero, on July 27, 1865, in his 85th year.

Their children were three daughters.

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ISAAC CHAPMAN BATES was a son of Colonel Jacob and Ruth Bates of Granville, Massachusetts, and a first cousin of Elijah Bates (Yale 1794). His mother was a daughter of Phineas Robinson of Granville, and widow of Isaac Chapman, who died in November, 1776. He was born in Granville on January 23, 1779, and was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Timothy M. Cooley (Yale 1792), who had married his half-sister. An excellent scholar in College, and distinguished as a writer and speaker, he was chosen to deliver the Valedictory Oration at graduation.

He studied law in New Haven with Seth P. Staples (Yale 1797), and afterwards with Judge Samuel Hinckley
(Yale 1781), of Northampton, where he was admitted to the bar at the May term in 1805. An oration which he delivered on the fourth of July brought him at once into favorable notice, and he soon took a prominent rank among the practitioners in Western Massachusetts. His striking personal advantages,—a commanding presence, a rich, silvery voice, and graceful address, joined with a power of manly and lucid argument, made him especially effective as an advocate before a jury.

He was not only much employed in professional, but also in civil life. In 1808–09, and once subsequently, he was a Representative in the General Court of Massachusetts; and in December, 1827, he took his seat as a Representative in Congress (anti-Jackson), where he was continued for eight years, and then declined a re-election. After this he served again as a member of the State Legislature, and was for two years in the Governor's Council. He served as a presidential elector in 1836 and 1840.

In January, 1841, he was elected to the Senate of the United States, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. John Davis (Yale 1812), who had just been chosen Governor. When this term had expired, he was elected Senator for the next six years (1841–47), but did not live to finish his term. He had been much overworked in the discharge of his duties, and in February, 1845, made an able speech, opposing the admission of Texas. Though ill, he appeared in his seat for the last time on the last day of that month, and he died in Washington on March 16, in his 67th year.

His colleague in the Senate, Daniel Webster, in announcing his death, paid a high tribute to his ability and eloquence.

He married, on September 21, 1807, Martha, the eldest child of Judge Samuel Henshaw (Harvard 1773) and Martha (Hunt) Henshaw, of Boston and Northampton, who died in Northampton on November 9, 1874, in her 92d year.
They had five daughters and three sons. The eldest daughter married the Rev. Fordyce M. Hubbard (Williams Coll. 1828); the second daughter married the Hon. Samuel H. Walley (Harvard 1826); the third daughter married Lewis J. Dudley (Yale 1838); the fourth daughter married Haynes H. Chilson (Amherst Coll. 1843); and the youngest married, first, Charles F. Smith (Amherst 1838), and secondly, John A. Dana (Yale 1844). The eldest son was graduated here in 1833; the youngest died in infancy.

He published:


   The Federalists of the town and vicinity arranged for this Oration.


   A view of the administration of Washington as President, from the Federalist standpoint.


   Also, reprinted in a volume, edited by Jeremiah Evarts, of Speeches on the passage of the Bill for the Removal of the Indians, delivered in Congress (Boston, 1830).
[A. C. A. B. Publ. Harv. Y. C.]


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HENRY BIGELOW, the fifth son of Azariah Bigelow, of Marlborough, then part of Colchester, Connecticut, and grandson of David and Editha (Day) Bigelow, of Marlborough, was born in Marlborough on February 20, 1778. His mother was Margaret, third daughter of Nathaniel and Patience (Gates) Bigelow, of Westchester Parish in Colchester. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Ichabod Lord Skinner (Yale 1793), of North Coventry, and united with the College Church on profession of his faith in July of his Senior year.

After graduation he studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers, and was licensed to preach by the Tolland Association of Ministers, on June 7, 1803.

In January, 1804, the Congregational Church in the village of Middletown, in Rutland County, Vermont, proposed to him to preach for them with a view to settlement, and in May, 1805, he was regularly called to the pastorate. On September 5, he was ordained and installed as pastor and he remained there until his death, on June 25, 1832, in his 55th year. He had received about one hundred and fifty persons into the church. His health had begun to fail early in 1831.
He married in 1803 Abigail Clarke, a niece by marriage of his theological instructor, in whose family she had been brought up. They had five daughters and two sons, all of whom married and had families. One son was graduated at Middlebury College in 1836.

In 1840 Mrs. Bigelow removed to Royalton, Fairfield County, Ohio, and thence to Finley, in Hancock County, in the same State, where she died on April 10, 1852.

Mr. Bigelow was regarded as an eloquent speaker, of remarkable pulpit power. In daily life he was very social, with a ready wit, and was sometimes thought to show more levity than was becoming a clergyman; but he never carried his jocose habit into the pulpit.

He published:


The sermon occupies only pp. 1–21; it is devoted to showing how the country has departed from the precepts of Washington.

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WILLIAM FOWLER BRAINARD, the eldest son of Judge Jeremiah G. Brainard (Yale 1779), was born in New London, Connecticut, on September 21, 1784. He was prepared for College by Jacob B. Gurley (Dartmouth Coll. 1793) in New London.

He studied law with his father, and practiced through life in his native place, becoming eminent in his profession. He was offered a College tutorship in 1804, but declined it. He was an able advocate, often very humorous, and not infrequently brilliant. He was also conspicuously able as a writer. He was one of the Representatives in the General Assembly in 1840.
He died in New London, after three years of declining health, on April 27, 1844, aged 60 years.

He married, on October 10, 1811, Ann, youngest daughter of the Hon. Amasa Learned (Yale 1772), of New London, who died on August 17, 1817, in her 34th year. Her only child, a daughter, died in infancy.

He next married, on March 18, 1832, Sarah Ann, second daughter of Captain John and Eunice (Frink) Prentis, of New London, by whom he had three daughters and one son (who died in infancy). She died on November 29, 1882, in her 82nd year. The eldest daughter married the Hon. Robert Coit (Yale 1850).

He published:

   
   \[\text{[Br. Mus. C. H. S. Y. C.}\]


   The same. 3d edition. Boston, 1830. 8°, pp. 16.
   
   \[\text{[B. Publ. Brown Univ. Y. C.}\]

   This edition, published by the Anti-Masons, has been in some particulars edited in their interest.

2. An Address, in commemoration of the Sixth of September, 1781, spoken on Groton Heights, Sept. 6, 1825. New-London, 1825. 8°, pp. 32.


   Remarkable for felicity of composition.

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RALPH ISAACS BUSH, son of David Bush, of Greenwich, Connecticut, was born in Greenwich on October 29, 1779. His mother was Sarah, third daughter of Ralph Isaacs, of
Norwalk, Connecticut, sister of Isaac Isaacs (Yale 1750) and Ralph Isaacs (Yale 1761), and aunt of the wife of President Dwight. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Isaac Lewis (Yale 1765), of Greenwich.

After graduation he pursued the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Clark Sanford, of Greenwich, and then attended a course of lectures under Dr. Rush in Philadelphia. He afterwards studied in the office of Dr. Joshua Birch, of New York, and attended medical lectures in that city.

He practiced his profession for about fourteen years, with high reputation, in Hempstead, now Ramapo, Rockland County. Becoming tired of country practice, he removed about 1825 to the city of New York, where he continued his practice with increased reputation for six or seven years. After this he engaged in the sale of drugs and medicines, in which he was very successful, until his retirement, at the age of seventy, with an ample fortune.

He died in New York City on August 4, 1860, in his 81st year.

His wife was Elizabeth VanValen, of New York City, by whom he had four sons and four daughters. One son and one daughter died in infancy, and two sons from cholera in early manhood.

AUTHORITIES.


LEVI HUBBARD CLARKE was born in Sunderland, Massachusetts, on September 22, 1782, the second and eldest surviving son of Captain Lemuel Clarke, of Sunderland, and grandson of Deacon Jedediah and Sarah (Russell) Clarke. His mother was Kezia, third daughter of Captain Israel and Abigail (Smith) Hubbard, of Sunderland. He entered the Class after the opening of the Freshman year.

After being graduated, he was associated for a time with his classmate Couch in teaching school in New Haven,
pursuing in the meanwhile the study of law with Judge Charles Chauncey. He also studied later with Asa Bacon (Yale 1793), in Canterbury; and was admitted to the bar of Windham County early in 1805.

In the spring of 1805 he began practice in Haddam, from whence he removed after two or three years to Middletown.

He married, on November 6, 1809, Mary Ann, youngest daughter of Deacon John and Sarah (Johnson) Griswold, of Lyme. She died in Middletown on January 31, 1812, in her 26th year.

In 1816 he joined with Dr. Levi Ward in purchasing from the State of Connecticut its interest in a tract of land in Western New York belonging to the State School Fund; and removed to what was then known as Carthage, on the border of the present city of Rochester, New York, where he invested largely in real estate, in connection with Elisha B. Strong (Yale 1809). In 1820, the destruction of a very expensive bridge recently completed over the Genesee River at Carthage depreciated the value of his property, so that he was compelled to begin life anew, and he resorted to the use of his pen for support.

In 1820 he reported the proceedings of the State Legislature for the New-York American; and in the next year he reported the debates and proceedings of the Constitutional Convention, which were published, both in the American, and in a separate volume (New-York, 1821. 8°, pp. 367).

In the same year, on the creation of Monroe County, he was appointed a Judge of the County Court, but did not long act in that capacity.

Removing to New York City, he became an assistant editor of the American (1821–24). He was then for one year Secretary of the Greenwich Insurance Company.

In 1825 he went abroad for an extended tour in England, Ireland, France, and the Netherlands, his letters being published in the New-York Commercial Advertiser.
While still abroad he was solicited by the editor of the Statesman to return and take charge of that paper; he accordingly returned in 1828 and purchased it and edited it for some years.

On the discontinuance of the Statesman, he purchased the Morning Herald—an enterprise which proved unsuccessful.

In 1832 he became Secretary of the Colonization Society in New York; and at the close of that year, on the death of Robert C. Sands, an editor of the Commercial Advertiser, he succeeded to his position, which he retained until he was appointed in 1835 a Justice of the Seventh, Tenth and Fifteenth Wards of the city of New York, an office which he held until June, 1839.

In the fall of 1838 he was attacked with paralysis, which threatened his life. A second stroke, in March, 1839, evidently impaired his mind. Recurring shocks required his removal, in July, to the house of a brother, in West Springfield, Massachusetts, where he died, on February 6, 1840, in his 58th year. He was buried beside his wife in Middletown.

His only child married Bushnell White (Williams Coll. 1836).

AUTHORITIES.

J. M. Smith, Hist. of Sunderland,

LEVI COLLINS, son of Lieutenant Joseph and Grace (Brown) Collins, of Somers, Connecticut, and grandson of Deacon William and Anne (Jones) Collins, was born in Somers on February 22, 1777.

He had learned the hatter’s trade, before he began to study with a view of entering a profession. He was prepared for College by Henry Davis (Yale 1796), while in Somers as a student of theology. In College, and later,
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he was distinguished as a singer and teacher of sacred music.

After graduation he studied theology with his pastor, Dr. Backus, and was licensed to preach by the Tolland Association of Ministers in February, 1804. For about two years and a half he preached in various pulpits, chiefly in Connecticut, and declined a call to settlement in Paxton, Massachusetts, on account of constitutional weakness of the lungs.

Finally, his voice having partially failed him, he was obliged to forego preaching, and in the fall of 1807 he took charge of the Academy in Monson, Massachusetts, where he remained for six years. In the fall of 1814 he took the agency of a cotton manufactory in Amherst, Massachusetts, where his health became somewhat restored.

Resigning this agency in January, 1817, he resumed preaching, and in April removed to Otsego County, New York, intending to labor exclusively in the ministry. He was known, however, as a teacher, and was pressed into that business again, with the result that he spent the next four years in that county, engaged in teaching, and in preaching as opportunities offered. He then removed to Sherburne, in Chenango County, where four more years passed in a similar way.

But the confinement of a school was found to be affecting his health, and in 1825 he settled on a farm in Fabius, Onondaga County, whence in 1832 he removed to another farm in Smyrna, Chenango County, where he continued until 1846.

In 1833, as his health now seemed more stable, he was ordained in the Presbyterian Church as an evangelist; and he labored as opportunity offered until 1842, when disease permanently disabled him.

In 1846 he removed to a farm in Belvidere, Boone County, Illinois, which was the home of his daughter; and he died in Belvidere on December 11, 1859, in his 83d year.
He married, early in 1818, Alice Allen, who survived him. They had two sons and three daughters, of whom one daughter and one son survived their father.

AUTHORITIES.

August, 1860. Wilson, Presbyterian

Jesup Nash Couch, the eldest son of Simon Couch, of Redding, Connecticut, and grandson of Thomas and Elizabeth (Jesup) Couch, of Green's Farms in Fairfield, was born in Redding on August 3, 1778. His mother was Eleanor, youngest daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Andrews) Nash, of Fairfield. He entered Yale after the opening of the Sophomore year.

He was awarded the Berkeley Scholarship at graduation, and remained in New Haven for two years, conducting a school in connection with his classmate Clarke, and at the same time studying law with Judge Charles Chauncey.

He settled in 1804 as a lawyer in Chillicothe, Ohio, and attained a high standing there. In 1808-09 he was a Representative in the State Legislature. In the war of 1812 he served as aide-de-camp to Governor Return J. Meigs (Yale 1785).

In February, 1816, he was elected by the General Assembly a Judge of the Supreme Court, and this office he held until his death, in June, 1821, in his 43d year. He was never married.

Judge Couch was an amiable man, and much esteemed for his legal ability and uprightness.

AUTHORITIES.

JOHN ALFRED DAVENPORT, the elder son of the Hon. John Davenport (Yale 1770), was born in Stamford, Connecticut, on June 24, 1783. At an early age he was sent to the Academy conducted at Greenfield Hill by the Rev. Dr. Timothy Dwight, whose wife was a first cousin of his mother. After Dr. Dwight's election to the Presidency, he was successively under the instruction of his pastor, the Rev. Daniel Smith (Yale 1791), of the Rev. Dr. Isaac Lewis (Yale 1765), of Greenwich, and of the Rev. Dr. Matthias Burnet, of Norwalk.

In the summer of 1802 he entered a counting-house in New York, and for half a century was engaged in mercantile life in that city. He applied himself to his calling with characteristic energy and enthusiasm, guided by strong common sense and unbending religious principle. His practical sagacity, however, did not altogether secure him from unfortunate enterprises, and during the war of 1812 he experienced serious reverses. About 1839 he removed his residence to Brooklyn; and thence in the summer of 1853 to New Haven, where he had previously built up a manufacturing establishment.

He spent his remaining years in retirement in this city, and died here after five months of acute suffering from Bright's disease, on October 14, 1864, in his 82d year.

The Memorial Discourse delivered at his funeral by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Elisha L. Cleaveland, was afterwards published.

He became a Christian in his Senior year in College, and led a consistent and useful Christian life. During many years, both in New York and Brooklyn, he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

He was married, in February, 1806, to Eliza Maria, elder daughter of Dr. William Wheeler (Yale 1779), of Redhook, New York, by his second wife, a daughter of the Rev. Cotton Mather Smith (Yale 1751). She died in New Haven on July 13, 1859, aged 75 years. Their chil-
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dren were four daughters and two sons. The sons were graduates of Yale (in 1833 and 1830 respectively), and became clergymen. One daughter married Russell C. Wheeler (Yale 1816), and a second married his brother, J. William Wheeler (Williams Coll. 1825).

A photograph of Mr. Davenport is given in the Supplementary Edition of the Davenport Family, and an engraving from the same in Atwater's History of New Haven.

AUTHORITIES.

JOHN DWIGHT, one of the twin sons of President Timothy Dwight (Yale 1769), was born at Greenfield Hill, in Fairfield, Connecticut, on September 1, 1784. He was prepared for College in part by his father, and in part by the Rev. Enoch Huntington (Yale 1759), of Middletown.

He was a youth of much promise, though subject to physical infirmity. During his College course he showed considerable poetic talent. He became interested in religion in the revival in his Senior year, and was intending to study for the ministry; but died of consumption in Hadley, Massachusetts, on July 25, 1803, in his 19th year. He was visiting Miss Mary Kellogg, a sister of Giles C. Kellogg (Yale 1800), to whom he was engaged to be married, but who died soon after him.

In the inscription on his tombstone in Hadley, doubtless composed by his father, he is described as "a youth of hopeful talents, an enlightened education, and an intense love of knowledge, a disposition distinguished by amiability, and a life by filial duty and fraternal affection, and an universal gentleness of demeanor."

AUTHORITIES.
Achilles Henry Elliot, the eighth in a family of nine children of Deacon George Elliot, of Killingworth, now Clinton, Connecticut, was born on July 26, 1781. A brother was graduated here in 1786; one sister married Othniel Williams (Yale 1810), and another married the Rev. John Niles (Yale 1797). He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Achilles Mansfield (Yale 1770), who was also his first cousin's husband. He entered with the Class of 1801, but left it on account of a long illness in the Sophomore year, and joined the next Class, though still feeble, in the summer of 1800.

After graduation he taught in an Academy in Windham for one year, and for the following winter in South Glastonbury. He then returned to his native place, where he spent the rest of his life on his father's farm. He was also for some years postmaster.

Though much hampered by ill-health, he lived to old age, dying in Clinton on September 29, 1856, in his 76th year.

He married, on September 5, 1811, Mary (Polly), daughter of William Stannard, of Westbrook, then part of Saybrook, born on October 6, 1790.

They had two daughters, one of whom died in infancy, and a son.

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Jeremiah Evarts, eldest son of James and Sarah Evarts, of Guilford, Connecticut, and Sunderland in southwestern Vermont, and grandson of Reuben and Honor (Evarts) Evarts, of Guilford, was born in Sunderland, on February 3, 1781. His mother was the eldest daughter of Timothy Todd (Yale 1747), of East Guilford, now Madison, and he was thus a first cousin of William Todd (Yale 1806) and the Rev. Dr. John Todd (Yale
1822). His parents removed to Georgia, in northwestern Vermont, in 1787; and in January, 1798, he was sent to the minister of his mother's native parish, the Rev. John Elliott (Yale 1786), to complete his preparation for College. As an undergraduate he was one of the most brilliant and influential members of an unusually brilliant class. He united with the College Church in his Senior year. At Commencement he delivered a striking Oration on the Execution of Laws (afterwards published in the *Panoplist*, vol. 2).

After some months spent at home, he took charge, early in April, 1803, of the Caledonia County Grammar School in Peacham, Vermont, and remained there for one year.

Having decided on the law as his profession, he began its study with Judge Charles Chauncey, of New Haven, in April, 1804; and on September 10, having declined the offer of a tutorship in College, he was married by President Dwight to Mehitable, fourth daughter of the Hon. Roger and Rebecca (Prescott) Sherman, of New Haven, and widow of Daniel Barnes (non-grad. Yale 1793), who had died in August, 1799, leaving one son.

At Commencement in 1805 he delivered a Master's Oration on the vanity of pursuing fame.

In July, 1806, he was admitted to the bar and opened an office in New Haven, where he continued in practice for nearly four years. He was considered a well-read and sound lawyer, and was an able though not a popular advocate. His conscientiousness was too strict to allow of any compromise with violations of law, and this sometimes placed him in unpleasant isolation.

He took an active part in the religious life of the city, and was much interested in all the religious movements of the time, and after the *Panoplist*, a monthly religious and literary journal, was established in Boston in 1805 he wrote frequently for its pages.

At the beginning of 1810, he was invited to take the editorship of the *Panoplist*, with a salary of one thousand
dollars; and having accepted the offer he began his work in February, and in May established his family in Charles-
town. Six years later his residence was transferred to Boston.

He continued to edit the _Panoplist_ until it was super-
seded by the _Missionary Herald_ at the close of 1820; and he was himself the author of the main part of the original articles and the reviews in that work.

In addition to his special duties, Mr. Evarts was active in advocating and furthering many of the most important philanthropic and religious undertakings which came within his survey. In particular, he was one of the principal founders of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1810, and was elected Treasurer in 1811, and one of the Prudential Committee in 1812. On the failure of the health of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Wor-
chester, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board, in Jan-
uary, 1821, Mr. Evarts assumed his duties also; and after Dr. Worcester's death he continued to do double duty, until September, 1822, when he was elected Corresponding Secretary, and relieved from the office of Treasurer. This arrangement, combined with the editorship of the _Herald_, continued until his death.

He was also a Deacon in the Park Street Congregational Church, from May, 1819, until his death.

Mr. Evarts had strong mental powers, and was an easy, practiced writer and eloquent speaker. With evident sim-
plicity and uprightness of character, and devotion to the principle of benevolence, he united a remarkable capacity for correctness and thoroughness in the despatch of business.

In the last years of his life he was greatly occupied and distressed by the controversy between the State of Georgia and the Cherokees (among whom the American Board had a mission), and he spent his strength in the vain effort to prevent the outrage of the removal of the Indians from their native soil.
His health had always been frail, and the unremitting labors of his office kept him constantly overburdened and exhausted. After many fluctuations in his condition, he was advised, early in February, 1831, that it was necessary for him to give up all care and seek immediately a tropical climate.

He sailed alone for Havana on February 15, and arrived there on March 2. There, and near Matanzas, he remained until April 18, when he embarked, as he thought gradually improving, for Savannah. He arrived there on the 24th, much exhausted by the voyage; and a week later proceeded by water to Charleston, South Carolina, which city he reached on the 3d of May. There, in the family of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin M. Palmer (Princeton Coll. 1800), everything possible was done for his comfort; but he passed away, from pulmonary consumption, on May 10, in his 51st year.

His body was brought to Boston for burial, in the family vault beneath the Park Street Church, and a Sermon on his death was delivered in Andover, by appointment of the Prudential Committee of the American Board, by the Rev. Dr. Leonard Woods (Harvard 1796), which was afterwards published (Andover, 1831, 8°, pp. 27). A Tribute to his memory, by the Rev. Dr. Gardiner Spring (Yale 1805), was delivered and published at the request of the Executive Committee of the Auxiliary Foreign Missionary Society of New York and Brooklyn (New York, 1831, 8°, pp. 32). An extended Memoir of his life by his son-in-law, Mr. Tracy, was published in 1845 (Boston, 8°, pp. 448).

By his wife he had three daughters (the youngest of whom died in childhood) and two sons. The eldest daughter married the Rev. David Greene (Yale 1821), and the second married Ebenezer C. Tracy (Dartmouth Coll. 1819). The elder son was graduated at Yale in 1832, but died within a year. The younger son was graduated in 1837, and became an eminent lawyer and statesman.
Mrs. Evarts died at the house of her son in New York, on March 5, 1851, in her 78th year.

The Memoir of Mr. Evarts contains an engraving from a portrait painted by S. F. B. Morse in 1817.

He published:

1. An Oration, delivered in Charlestown, (Mass.) on the Fourth of July, 1812. ... Charlestown, 1812. 8°, pp. 32.


   The oration is devoted to exhibiting the excellence of our free government, and describing the most prominent dangers which assail it.

2. An examination of charges against the American Missionaries at the Sandwich Islands, as alleged in the Voyage of the Ship Blonde, and in the London Quarterly Review. Cambridge, 1827. 8°, pp. 67.

   [Harv. Y. C.]


   [B. Publ. Br. Mus.]

   Anonymous. These articles appeared in twenty-four numbers of the National Intelligencer, from August to December, 1829, and were widely copied by other newspapers.

Mr. Evarts also contributed to the North American Review for October, 1830, an article on the Removal of the Indians; and he edited anonymously, with an Introduction, the following volume:


Ten annual reports of the American Board (1821-30) were written by him, as well as a great amount of literature emanating from the Rooms of the Board. His Memoir contains many of these official papers and copious selections from his diary and correspondence.
DAVID DUDLEY FIELD was born in East Guilford, now Madison, Connecticut, on May 20, 1781. He was the younger son of Captain Timothy Field, and brother of Timothy Field (Yale 1797); and was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. John Elliott (Yale 1786). He united with the College Church on profession of his faith in March of the Senior year.

After graduation he went to Somers to study theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), and he was licensed to preach by the New Haven East Association of Ministers, in September, 1803. In Somers he met his future wife,Submit, fourth daughter of Captain Noah Dickinson, of Somers, and sister of Matthew Dickinson (Yale 1804). They were married by the Rev. Diodate Brockway on October 31, 1803.

In November he went to Haddam, where he preached for five months as a candidate and was ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church on April 11, 1804, on a salary of five hundred dollars. Here he remained exactly fourteen years, being dismissed, at his own request, on the same month and day in 1818.

After this he spent five months on a missionary tour, under the appointment of the Missionary Society of Connecticut, among the new settlements in Western New York, along the southern shore of Lake Ontario.

On his return he passed through Stockbridge, Massachusetts, where the Rev. Dr. Stephen West (Yale 1755) was just completing his long ministry, and preached there for a few Sabbaths. After his return to Connecticut an invitation for further service in Stockbridge was sent him,
and after three months' supply of the pulpit he was installed as pastor of the Congregational Church on August 25, 1819, thus beginning a ministry, on a salary of six hundred dollars, that was to continue for nearly eighteen years.

In 1837 he learned that the church in his old parish of Haddam had become divided, and that it seemed probable that he alone could unite them. He listened to their call and requested a dismission from Stockbridge. Accordingly he was re-installed in his former charge on April 11, just thirty-three years from his ordination there.

In the summer of 1837 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Williams College.

He remained in Haddam for seven years, or until the parish, which was spread over a large township, was divided, and he took charge of a new society, formed on May 1, 1844, in the village of Higganum, two miles north of the old church, where he continued to preach for seven years longer, or until June, 1850.

As he was approaching the age of seventy years, his children now desired him to retire from active labor, and to return to Stockbridge, which they regarded as the family home. Accordingly, in the spring of 1851, he removed thither, where he remained until his sudden death, on April 15, 1867, aged nearly 86 years.

His wife died in Stockbridge on August 16, 1861, in her 79th year.

They had eight sons (one of whom died in infancy) and two daughters. Four sons were graduates of Williams College, in 1825, 1832, 1837, and 1838, respectively. The eldest son, David Dudley Field, became a distinguished lawyer in New York City; the sixth son, Stephen J. Field, was Chief Justice of California and Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; the seventh son, Cyrus W. Field, achieved the successful laying of the first Atlantic Telegraph. The elder daughter married the Rev. Josiah Brewer (Yale 1821).
An engraving from a likeness of Dr. Field is given in the *New England Magazine*, volume vii (1889), page 412, and in the *Field Genealogy*.

He was an earnest and effective preacher, and performed his pastoral duties with admirable conscientiousness and fidelity. He had a natural taste for historical researches, and his publications in this field have an abiding value.

He published:

1. A Sermon, preached at Haddam, December 14, 1813, at the Funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Brainerd, Relict of Doct. Hezekiah Brain-erdl (Yale 1763) . . Middletown, 1814. 8º, pp. 16.

   [A. C. A.  U. T. S.  Y. C.]

The same. New York, 1892. 8º, pp. 48.  [B. Publ. U. S.]

   [C. H. S.  M. H. S.  U. T. S.  Y. C.]

4. The Sabbath.—A Sermon [from Mark ii, 27], preached at Hartford, on the evening of May 15, 1816, before the Connecticut Society, for the promotion of Good Morals. Hartford, 1816. 8º, pp. 23.
   [C. H. S.  Y. C.]

5. Warning against Drunkenness.—A Sermon [from Luke xxi, 34] preached in the City of Middletown, June 20, 1816, the day of the Execution of Peter Lung, for the Murder of his Wife . . Middletown, 1816. 8º, pp. 28.

6. The reciprocal Duties of Ministers and People, a Sermon [from I Thess. v, 12, 13], preached in the First Society of Killingworth, June 11, 1817, at the Ordination of the Rev. Hart Talcott. Middletown, 1817. 8º, pp. 22.
   [U. T. S.  Y. C.]
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7. A Statistical Account of the County of Middlesex in Connecticut.—Published by the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences. Middletown, 1819. 8°, pp. 154.


8. A History of the County of Berkshire, Massachusetts... By Gentlemen in the County, clergymen and laymen. Pittsfield, 1829. 12°, pp. 468 + 4 pl. + 2 maps.

This volume was edited and largely prepared by Dr. Field.


Originally published in the Pittsfield Sun, 1834–35.


[A. C. A. B. Publ. U. T. S. Y. C.

Dr. Field had been appointed the historian of the Class in 1842, and this privately printed volume is the result of his researches; it has proved invaluable in the preparation of the present sketches.

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THOMAS FORD was born in Georgetown, on the South Carolina coast, about sixty miles northeast from Charleston, in 1782. He was prepared for College in New London, Connecticut. He united with the College Church on confession of his faith at the opening of the Junior year.

After graduation he did not study a profession, but retired to his valuable rice plantation on Black River, five or six miles north of Georgetown.

He married and had a family of seven sons and one daughter; but his wife and children all died before him. One son was for a short time a member of the Class of 1830 at Yale.

He died on November 15, 1840, aged 58 years.

He was a man of unimpeachable character, and his death was widely lamented.

ELEAZAR FOSTER, third son of Edward Foster, of Union, Tolland County, Connecticut, and grandson of Deacon Edward and Rachel Foster, of Sturbridge, Massachusetts, was born in Union on June 6, 1778. His mother was Rachel, third daughter of Timothy and Lydia (Kingsbury) Newell, of Needham, Massachusetts. He was obliged to rely on his own exertions to gain the means for his education, and his health was never vigorous; so that his preparation for College, at the Academy in Leicester, Massachusetts, was long delayed. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith in July of his Senior year.

After graduation he returned to Leicester Academy as English preceptor for one year, and then settled as a lawyer in New Haven.

On January 12, 1806, he married Mary ("Polly"), youngest daughter of John and Sarah (Beers) Pierpont, of New Haven, and widow of Edward J. O'Brien, who had died in May, 1799, leaving two children.
He soon secured a large practice, especially in the Probate Court, as he had won the public confidence for integrity and discretion, as well as for capacity. He was one of the Representatives of New Haven in the General Assembly in May, 1817.

After a prolonged struggle with disease, aggravated by his close devotion to business, he died in New Haven on May 1, 1819, aged nearly 41 years. His widow died here on January 29, 1852, in her 74th year.

Their children were four daughters, who lived to old age, unmarried, in New Haven; and four sons, the eldest of whom died in infancy. The third son, bearing his father's name, was graduated at Yale in 1834.

A very appreciative sketch of Mr. Foster, written by his neighbor, Judge William Bristol (Yale 1798), was printed in the Connecticut Journal.

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HEZEKIAH FROST, a son of Deacon Daniel and Phebe (Farnham) Frost of Canterbury, Connecticut, was born in Canterbury on February 7, 1778.

He was prepared for admission to advanced standing by John Adams (Yale 1795), in Canterbury, and entered some time after the beginning of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he was for a short time Preceptor of the Woodstock Academy; and then studied law with Asa Bacon (Yale 1793), of Canterbury, and was admitted to the bar about March, 1805.

He then went to Guildhall, Vermont, with the purpose of familiarizing himself with practice in that State and ultimately settling there. A little later he removed to Derby, near the Canada line; but in March, 1807, he made another removal to Windham Hill, then the principal vil-
lage in the town of Windham, about fifteen miles northwest of Portland, Maine, where he resided in the practice of his profession, until his death there, from consumption, on May 27, 1827, aged 49 years.

He first married Esther, daughter of Deacon Daniel Clarke, of Brooklyn, Connecticut, and Plymouth, Vermont, their intentions of marriage being recorded in Windham on December 15, 1807. She died on June 10, 1819, aged 32 years, and he was next married, on June 17, 1821, by the Rev. Gardiner Kellogg (Yale 1791), to Hannah Brown, of Windham, who survived him and next married John Harmon, of Otisfield, Maine.

By his first wife he had three daughters and three sons (one of whom died while a Sophomore in Middlebury College); by his second wife he had two sons and a daughter.

He was regarded as a man of superior attainments in his profession, a ready and eloquent speaker, and a man of true worth in the community, always interested in everything that in any way contributed to the town's welfare. He had a large circle of acquaintances, and died greatly lamented.

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John Hall, the only son and the youngest of four children of Deacon John Hall, a merchant in East Windsor, Connecticut, and Eunice (Dorchester) Hall, was born in Ellington, then a parish in East Windsor, on February 26, 1783. A sister married the Rev. Diodate Brockway (Yale 1797). He was prepared for College by the Rev. Nehemiah Prudden (Yale 1775), of Enfield. He joined the Church in College on profession of his faith in July, 1802.

The first two years after graduation he spent chiefly in New Haven, in the study of theology and the pursuit of
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general literature; and he then filled for three years the office of Tutor in the College.

In 1807 he returned to Ellington, and being in feeble health gave up the idea of studying a profession. For a short time he was associated in business with his brother-in-law, Levi Wells, a merchant in Ellington.

On June 5, 1808, he married Sophia, only daughter of Dr. Joseph and Roxana (Allyn, Wadsworth) Kingsbury, of East Windsor; her mother was by a former marriage the wife of Dr. Joseph B. Wadsworth (Yale 1766).

He now purchased a large farm about half a mile from the center of the village and for thirty years superintended it himself, pursuing agriculture on scientific principles and succeeding by large expenditure in raising his land to a very productive state.

He was also greatly interested in education; and after an apprenticeship at the Academy on East Windsor Hill, he opened in 1825 a classical school for both sexes, primarily for the benefit of his own children. In 1829 he secured the incorporation of another enterprise, known as the "Ellington School," for boys, of which he was Principal until 1840. This school acquired much celebrity for the thoroughness of its work.

Mr. Hall also entered to some extent into public life. As early as 1811 he received a commission as Justice of the Peace; and in May, 1812, he began a service of six years as an associate Justice of the Tolland County Court. He was a representative in the General Assembly in October, 1815, and May, 1819; and in 1817 he was an unsuccessful candidate for Congress. After 1820 he retired, from choice, from all active part in political affairs.

He was deeply interested through life in religious progress, and in earlier years occasionally supplied the place of a minister in neighboring destitute districts.

On giving up the charge of his school he mainly retired from labor, except that he discharged the duties of postmaster of the village from 1841 to 1845. His health,
always feeble, had declined for some time before his death, which occurred in Ellington on October 2, 1847, in his 65th year. Two discourses, occasioned by his death, by his pastor, the Rev. Nathaniel H. Eggleston, were published in 1848 (8°, pp. 29); they bear ample testimony to his diligence, his upright character, and unquestioned piety.

His first wife died on May 19, 1829, in her 41st year. He next married, on September 6, 1830, Harriet Smith, daughter of Dr. Elijah Fitch Reed (honorary M.D. Yale 1822) and Hannah (McLean) Reed, of East Windsor, who died on February 13, 1859, aged 53 years.

By his first marriage he had eight sons (the youngest of whom died in infancy) and two daughters; and by his second marriage four sons (the eldest of whom died in infancy) and one daughter. The second son was graduated at Yale in 1831, and the eldest received an honorary M.A. degree here in 1845. The second daughter married the Rev. John G. Baird (Yale 1852).

He published:


On the causes of the present disastrous state of affairs, the corruption of the public morals, etc.

2. On the Education of Children, while under the care of parents or guardians. New York, 1835. 12°, pp. 190. [U. S.


3. The Reader's Guide, containing a notice of the elementary sounds in the English language; Instructions for Reading both prose and verse, with numerous examples for illustration, and lessons for practice. Hartford, 1836. 12°, pp. 360. [U. S.

Several editions.


5. The Primary Reader. 1839. 18°, pp. 143.
After his death was published by his children:

How are the Dead Raised? and with what body do they come?


The doctrine arrived at is that the body which dies is not raised, but a spiritual body.

The Yale Library has a manuscript meteorological record kept by Mr. Hall from January, 1817, until his death.

He spent portions of more than twenty years of his life in preparing a work on Mental Philosophy, which he did not complete.

ELISHA HAMMOND, the second son and fifth child of Hezekiah Hammond, a farmer of Hampton, in Windham County, Connecticut, and grandson of Josiah and Mary (Davis) Hammond, of Woodstock, was born in Hampton on May 26, 1780. His mother was Lucy, third daughter of Deacon Ebenezer and Hannah (Chandler) Griffin, of Hampton. Thomas Stedman (Yale 1785) was a first cousin. He was prepared for admission to the Sophomore Class by John Adams (Yale 1795), in Canterbury. In July of the Senior year he united with the College Church on profession of faith.

On taking his degree he began to prepare for the legal profession with Judge Charles Chauncey, in New Haven, but after a few months returned to Canterbury and continued his studies under Asa Bacon (Yale 1793). He was admitted to the Windham County bar in 1804, and then removed to West Brookfield, Massachusetts. As a third year of study was required there, he spent it in the office of a distinguished lawyer, the Hon. Jabez Upham (Har-
Yale College

yard 1785), where he remained until Mr. Upham's death in 1811. He then opened an office by himself in the same town, and remained there until 1830.

Though not distinguished as an advocate, he was regarded as a sound and upright lawyer. He was a Representative of the town in the General Court in 1810, 1812, and 1815.

His circumstances became embarrassed, in consequence of his having engaged in woollen manufactures and other pursuits unsuccessfully, and he therefore removed, in 1830, to the city of New York, with the design of establishing a law-periodical. Abandoning this design, he was there engaged until 1837 in editing law-books for the press.

He then spent a year in Saratoga, and (after a short interval of residence in New York) another year in Worcester, Massachusetts, engaged in a similar manner. He finally returned to Brookfield, and there resumed his profession.

He died in West Brookfield, after some months of great feebleness, on May 12, 1851, at the age of 71.

He had received some property from his father (who died in 1813) and had accumulated at one time quite a fortune, but was not a good financier and died in comparative poverty.

He married, on October 24, 1811, Phebe Parsons, the youngest daughter of Captain David and Martha (Keyes) Hitchcock, of West Brookfield, who died in New York on November 26, 1836, in her 54th year.

They had three daughters (two of whom were deaf-mutes) and two sons; the two elder daughters and the younger son died in youth.

He published:


[B. Ath.]
3. A Treatise on the Law of Fire Insurance, and Insurance on inland waters. ... New York, 1840. 8°, pp. xi, 182.

[Br. Mus. U. S.]

4. A Practical Treatise; or, an Abridgment of the Law appertaining to the office of Justice of the Peace; and also relating to the practice in Justices' Courts. ... West Brookfield, 1814. 8°, pp. xvi, 596.

[Br. Mus. Yale Law School]

Among the works edited by him are:

Commentaries on American Law, by Theophilus Parsons. New York, 1836. 8°.


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Hammond Genealogies, ii. 283. lard, etc., Addresses before the Wor-303-04. Hitchcock Family, 422. Wil- cester County Bar, 206.

Daniel Haskel, a son of Roger Haskel, a farmer in the parish known as Long Society, in Preston, Connect-icut, and Anna (Mix) Haskel, was born in June, 1784. His father died early, and his mother next married, in August, 1795, the Rev. Solomon Morgan, of Canterbury. He was prepared for advanced standing in College by John Adams (Yale 1795), in Canterbury, and entered sometime after the beginning of Sophomore year. In July of the Senior year he united with the College Church on profession of faith.

In 1803–04 he taught a public school in Norwich Town. He was next (1805) an assistant to his old teacher, Mr. Adams, in Bacon Academy, Colchester. After this he taught for two years in Lincoln Academy, Newcastle, Maine.

In 1807–08 he studied theology with President Samuel Stanhope Smith, of Princeton College, and privately, and he was licensed to preach by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers on September 27, 1808.
After various short engagements in Connecticut, he went to Saint Albans, Vermont, to preach, and was called thence to the small Congregational Church (of twenty-one members) in Burlington, Vermont, which was then divided into two parties, on the question of liberality of doctrine. A majority of the church favored the call to Mr. Haskel; but the majority of the Society favored another candidate, who was substantially a Unitarian. The result was that two new Societies were formed, and Mr. Haskel was ordained and installed on April 10, 1810, over that called the First Calvinistic Congregational Society,—the sermon on the occasion by his classmate Hough being afterwards published.

He was married by the Rev. Dr. Azel Backus, in Bethlehem, Connecticut, on the 17th of the following October, to Elizabeth Leavitt, a sister of his classmate.

He continued the faithful and beloved pastor of the church in Burlington, until elected, in 1821, to the presidency of the University of Vermont established in that town. His dismission from his pastorate followed on June 22, 1822. The church had increased under his ministry to ninety-one members.

In accepting this appointment he undertook a great labor. There were then but twenty students connected with the University, and it devolved upon him to elevate its position and character. His influence was soon felt, for in October, 1823, the number of students had risen to one hundred and eight; but there were still pressing difficulties, which were increased by the burning of the principal College building in 1824.

While in these circumstances he was violently attacked with inflammatory rheumatism. His mind, which always had a peculiarly metaphysical bent, had in previous years suffered severely from religious melancholy; and in April or May, 1824, on recovery from his rheumatism, he was left in a condition of mental derangement, which rendered it impossible that he should continue his duties as head
of the University. The form of his monomania consisted in a belief that he had passed out of a material state, and was no longer in the world in which he formerly lived; from this he never recovered, though the mania eventually abated in force, and on general subjects he was sane.

In consequence of this malady he was separated from his family for many years,—part of the time being spent in various institutions, and part with a brother in Western New York and Ohio, and other friends. At length he rejoined his family in Brooklyn, New York, where Mrs. Haskel had taken up her residence with her mother.

From this time he took up more steady employment, giving instruction in literature, and lecturing frequently in schools. He also took great interest in the construction of apparatus of various kinds for school use. For one year he was a bookkeeper in the American Exchange Bank. In his latter years he was cheerful; and he was much interested in preparing with great labor and care a valuable statistical work on the United States.

In the last year of his life his health gradually declined, and he died in Brooklyn on August 9, 1848, in his 65th year. He was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Haskel survived him for many years.

Their children were four daughters (two of whom died in infancy) and three sons.

A portrait, taken in early life, is owned by the University of Vermont.

He usually spelt his name Haskel, though more rarely Haskell.

He published:


[B. Ath. B. Publ.]
The Rev. William Wells, the minister in Brattleborough, was in sympathy with Unitarian belief.

3. The Doctrine of Predestination maintained as scriptural, rational and important. A Discourse [from Eph. i, 11], delivered to the Calvinistic Congregational Church and Society in Burlington, Vermont, January 5th, 1817. Burlington.  8°, pp. 24.


The sermon occupies pp. 1–20.

5. A Sermon [from II Cor. v, 18], delivered at the Ordination of the Rev. Royal A. Avery, to the Pastoral Care of the Congregational Church in Cambridge, Vermont, December 10th, 1823. St. Albans, 1824.  8°, pp. 36.


The sermon occupies only pp. 1–25.


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7. The Juvenile Class Book of Natural History ... New York, 1841.  12°, pp. viii, 124.

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Also, later editions, and a translation into German.


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Several editions.

He also prepared for the press as editor several volumes, as:

A Journal of Voyages and Travels in the interior of North America. ... By D. W. Harmon. Andover, 1820.  8°, pp. 422 + 1 pl. + 1 map.


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525–26, 537–38. T. Robbins, Diary,
Simeon Hecock, the fourth son of Benjamin Hecock, a wealthy farmer of Southbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Deacon Benjamin and Sarah (Stiles) Hecock, was born in Southbury on November 17, 1780. His mother was Molly, eldest child of Joseph and Mary (Johnson) Pierce, of Woodbury.

He studied no profession, but spent a life of tranquility on the paternal farm in Southbury.

After several months of much suffering, from an affection of the heart, he died in Southbury on July 9, 1849, in his 69th year.

He married, on January 7, 1809, Anna Lucy, daughter of James Wakeley, of Huntington, Connecticut, by whom he had two sons and two daughters, all of whom, as well as his wife, survived him.

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Cothren, Hist. of Woodbury, i, 566.

Silas Higley, the fifth child of Ozias and Martha Higley, of (West) Granby, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Joseph and Sarah (Case) Higley, was born in Granby in 1780. His mother was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Hayes) Gillet, of Simsbury. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Timothy M. Cooley (Yale 1792).

After taking his degree he studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Nathan Perkins, of West Hartford. He joined the Congregational Church in Granby in October, 1804, and was licensed to preach by the Hartford North Association of Ministers on February 5, 1805.

He continued to preach for about four years, and had three calls for settlement. Thus, after preaching for a few months in Fair Haven, Vermont, he was called to the church there on January 2, 1806, with a salary of $300, but declined the call. He also declined similar invitations.
from Fairfax, Vermont, and Whitehall, New York. In the summer of 1807 he was preaching in Winchester, Connecticut. But being feeble, and unable to speak in public without danger, he gave up the ministry and studied law, in part with John Langdon in Castleton, Vermont, and in part with Jonathan W. Edwards (Yale 1789) in Hartford, Connecticut.

He opened a law office in his native town, but did not practice extensively. He was honorably identified through life with the organization, growth, and management of the leading interests of the town. He died in Granby, on June 21, 1853, aged 73 years.

He married Melissa, second daughter of Deacon Seth and Mehetabel (Topping) Hayes, of Granby, who died there on May 16, 1856, in her 75th year.

Of their five children, all died young except a daughter, the mother of John H. Case (Yale 1855) and William C. Case (Yale 1857).

Authorities.


John Hough was the only child of Dr. Walter Hough, of Canterbury, Connecticut, who was a surgeon in the Revolutionary Army, and was stationed at Stamford, Connecticut, at the time of the birth of this child, on August 17, 1783. His mother was Martha ("Patty"), fourth daughter of Deacon Daniel and Mary (Bellamy) Lockwood, of Stamford. His father was the son of John and Abigail (Baldwin) Hough, of Bozrah and Canterbury.

He was prepared for advanced standing in College by John Adams (Yale 1795), in Canterbury, and entered after the opening of the Sophomore year. He was a superior scholar during his College course. In July of the Senior year he joined the College Church on profession of faith.
In the winter after graduation he taught the grammar school in Westchester Society in Colchester. In 1804 he began the study of theology with the Rev. Dr. Moses C. Welch (Yale 1772), of Mansfield, with whom he remained for several months; after which he studied also with the Rev. Dr. Joel Benedict, of Plainfield, and the Rev. Dr. Levi Hart (Yale 1760), of Preston. He then, in the spring of 1805, joined the theological class under the instruction of President Dwight; this was soon dispersed by an alarm of yellow fever, and he returned to his former teachers. On October 8, 1805, he was licensed to preach by the Windham Association of Ministers.

In the summer of 1806 he went to Vermont, as a missionary of the Connecticut Missionary Society; and began preaching in Vergennes, so much to the edification of the people that in a few weeks he was invited to become their pastor. He accepted the call, and was ordained and installed there on March 12, 1807. The church was small, but gradually increased, especially from a revival in 1810.

After a pastorate of five years he was dismissed on August 25, 1812, and soon after accepted the Professorship of the Greek and Latin languages in Middlebury College. He was married on November 19, 1812, to Lucy, sister of his classmate Leavitt and of the wife of his classmate Haskel; and in the same month he entered on his duties at Middlebury, where he remained as a Professor for twenty-seven years. In 1817 he was transferred to a new chair as Professor of Theology, but in 1825 resumed the chair of ancient languages, and in 1838 was transferred to another new chair of English Literature and Education. He was eminently successful and popular as an instructor, and had a clear and vigorous style as a writer.

In 1839 he resigned his professorship, to resume the work of the ministry. For a few months he served as an agent of the American Colonization Society in Western New York. A year or two later he went thence to Ohio,
and on June 24, 1841, he was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Windham, Portage County. Here he had a large congregation and labored with fidelity and success, until in May, 1850, he took a dismission, with the expectation (which was not realized) of a settlement in Illinois.

His sight had now, however, begun to fail, and his blindness in a few years became almost total. His remaining years were spent with his sons,—from 1850 to 1852 with his younger son in Lasalle, Illinois, and from 1852 with his elder son in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where his wife died on February 11, 1859.

About the 1st of July, 1861, he was stricken with paralysis, and he died in Fort Wayne on July 17, in his 78th year.

He had three sons and three daughters,—of whom a son and two daughters died in infancy. The surviving sons were graduated at Middlebury College, in 1838 and 1839 respectively.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Middlebury College in 1845.

He published:

1. A Sermon [from II Cor. ii, 16], delivered April 10, 1810, at the Ordination of the Rev. Daniel Haskel, as Pastor of a Church in Burlington. Burlington, 1810. 8°, pp. 40.

   \[A. C. A. N. Y. H. S. N. Y. Publ. Y. C.\]

3. A Sermon [from I Cor. vii, 21], delivered before the Vermont Colonization Society, at Montpelier, October 18, 1826. Montpelier, 1826. 8°, pp. 20.

4. Mechanical labor combined with study. An Address delivered before the Mechanical Association of Middlebury College,
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Commending the workshop recently erected at Middlebury.

5. Address; in Addresses delivered at the Inauguration of the Professors of Middlebury College March 18, 1839. Middlebury, 1839. 8°, pp. 47-56.

A plea for the study of English literature.


He is also believed to have been the author of an anonymous article, published in The Literary and Philosophical Repertory, Middlebury, November, 1813, vol. 1, pp. 349-75, with the title:


The reviewer discusses with an extremely caustic pen and extraordinary felicity of expression this anonymous History, of which the author is now known to have been the Rev. Daniel C. Sanders (Harvard 1788), President of the University of Vermont. The criticism was so severe that the author withdrew his book from circulation, and succeeded in destroying all but a very few copies. Professor Hough's animosity was evidently mainly due to his distrust of the author's Unitarian sympathies, and perhaps also in part to the jealousies between the rival institutions at Middlebury and Burlington.

He was also one of the editors of the sixth volume and sole editor of the seventh volume of The Adviser; or Vermont Evangelical Magazine, Middlebury, 1814-15. 8°.

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Huntington, Hist. of Stamford, 362,

Samuel Hubbard, the youngest child of William and Joanna Hubbard, of Boston, and grandson of Daniel Hubbard (Yale 1727), was born in Boston on June 2, 1785.
His mother was a daughter of James and Joanna (Mascarene) Perkins, of Boston, and died in his infancy. He was under the care of his mother's sisters in Boston, until sent to school in 1793 in Wethersfield, Connecticut, where he lived in the family of the Rev. Dr. John Marsh. Meanwhile, his father had married again, in 1789, and removed to Colchester, Connecticut, which later became the son's home. He was prepared for College by a year or more at the Plainfield Academy, under the instruction of Calvin Goddard (Dartmouth Coll. 1786), and entered Yale in January, 1799. His father died in the latter part of his Junior year.

After taking his degree he studied law with Judge Charles Chauncey, in New Haven, and with Charles Jackson (Harvard 1793), of Boston.

He was admitted to the bar in 1806, and settled in September in Biddeford, Maine, where he continued with good success for several years. Early in 1811 he returned to Boston and formed a professional connection with his former instructor, which lasted until Mr. Jackson's elevation to the Supreme Bench of Massachusetts in 1813. He soon rose to the highest rank in the profession, both as a counsellor and advocate, and became engaged in extensive and laborious practice.

His legal business brought mercantile business in its train. At the organization of the Suffolk Bank, in 1818, he was made a Director. He continued in this office for twenty-four years, and during this time he was the legal adviser of the bank. He was also President of the bank from April to November, 1825.

He was a member of the Massachusetts General Court in 1816–18, 1820, 1821, and 1831, and of the State Senate in 1823, 1824, and 1838. In 1820 he was a member of the Convention for revising the State Constitution.

He gave much of his time to educational and religious interests. In March, 1821, he united with the Park-Street Congregational Church, and thenceforth exerted a
wide influence as a Christian man. He twice declined an election as Deacon. For twenty-two years (1821-43) he was one of the Prudential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and for nine years their chairman. He was a Trustee of the Andover Phillips Academy and Theological Seminary from 1823 to 1843. He was the President of the American Education Society from 1827 to 1843; and one of the founders of the American Tract Society (in 1814), and its Vice President for 1839-42. From 1829 until his death he was a member of the Corporation of Dartmouth College. He was the Vice President of the American Home Missionary Society from its foundation (1827) until his death.

In 1832 his father-in-law, Gardiner Greene, died, leaving a very large estate, of which Mr. Hubbard was the principal trustee. The financial distresses of the following years brought heavy losses, and Mr. Hubbard's want of success in managing the Greene property led to his resigning his trusteeship in 1840. At this time he lost also the greater part of the estate which he had accumulated, and ever after he was straitened in his circumstances. During these years he gave up active practice.

In 1842 he was appointed by Governor John Davis (Yale 1812) to succeed Judge Samuel Putnam (Harvard 1787) as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts,—a station which he held with honor and usefulness until his death.

He was taken ill while holding court in Northampton, in September, 1847, and he died at his home in Boston on December 24, in his 63d year.

A sermon preached on the Sunday after his funeral by his pastor, the Rev. Silas Aiken (Dartmouth Coll. 1825), was afterwards published; and a very satisfactory biographical sketch, by his eldest daughter, is included in volume 1 of the Memorial Biographies of the New England Historic-Genealogical Society.
He married on June 8, 1815, his second cousin, Mary Ann, eldest daughter of Gardiner and Elizabeth (Hubbard) Greene, of Boston, who died on July 10, 1827, in her 38th year. He next married on October 28, 1828, Mary Ann, second daughter of Elisha and Rebecca (Manwaring) Coit, of New York City, and widow of the Rev. Henry Blatchford (Union Coll. 1811), who died in 1822. She died in Liverpool, England, on July 20, 1869, in her 72d year.

By his first marriage he had four daughters and one son. The eldest daughter married Edward Buck (Yale 1835).

By his second marriage he had one daughter and five sons. The second son was a Harvard graduate of 1854; and the two youngest sons were graduates of Yale, in 1859 and 1862, respectively.

Judge Hubbard received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Yale in 1827 and from Harvard in 1842.

An epitaph suggested for his grave, and quoted with approbation by his daughter, reads:

Of an ancient family: of commanding presence: of urbane manners and a kindly heart: learned in the inspired oracles as well as in human law: a sound divine not less than a just judge: active as a philanthropist because earnest as a Christian; he moved with authority among men, and walked with God, and was not, for God took him.

His portrait is given in the Hubbard History and Genealogy.

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NATHAN JOHNSON, son of Elisha and Sarah Johnson, of Southborough, Massachusetts, and grandson of Isaac and Rachel (Thomas) Johnson, of Southborough, was born on August 24, 1779, and was prepared for College by the Rev.
Dr. Samuel Austin (Yale 1783), of Worcester. In March of the Sophomore year he united with the College Church on profession of his faith.

For two years after he was graduated he taught in East (now South) Windsor, Connecticut, reading theology in the meantime with the Rev. Dr. David McClure (Yale 1769). He then went to Windsor, and resided in Chief Justice Ellsworth's family, instructing his two sons who were graduated here in 1810, and a few other pupils. He was licensed on February 6, 1805, by the Hartford North Association of Ministers, but after preaching once or twice was attacked with bleeding at the lungs and abandoned the idea of following the ministry.

He then studied law with Judge Ellsworth, was admitted to the bar in 1806, and in 1807 settled in Hartford, where he led an active and useful life.

During the War of 1812 he served in the militia as Captain, and was stationed on the Connecticut seaboard. Later he was connected with the 2d Light Artillery Regiment as Colonel from 1816 to 1820, and held the rank of Brigadier General of Artillery from 1820 to 1828.

In the political struggle in Connecticut from 1816 he was a leader of the Toleration party; and after that had triumphed he served as a Representative in the General Assembly for four years (1820-23), and as one of the clerks at each session. He was also a member of the State Senate for five years (1825-29), and ex officio a member of the Yale Corporation from 1826 to 1830. He received an ad eundem Master's degree from Harvard in 1827.

General Johnson took a deep interest in the cause of education, and was active in promoting the success of the public schools.

Besides other distressing infirmities, he suffered after 1842 from a fall which embarrassed him in walking, even about the house.

He died in Hartford on October 12, 1852, in his 74th year.
He married, on August 17, 1818, Sarah B., daughter of the late Dr. Hezekiah Merrell, of Hartford.

Their children were six daughters and two sons. The eldest daughter married the Rev. William E. Dixon (Williams Coll. 1833); the fourth daughter was the mother of James W. Holcombe (Yale 1868) and John M. Holcombe (Yale 1869).

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SHERMAN JOHNSON, son of John Johnson, of Southborough, Massachusetts, and grandson of Isaac and Rachel (Thomas) Johnson, was born in Southborough on August 18, 1776, and was the oldest of the Class at graduation. His mother was Persis, daughter of Ephraim Sherman.

He was prepared for College mainly at the Leicester Academy, and entered after the opening of the Sophomore year. In July of Sophomore year he united with the College Church on profession of faith.

After graduation he began the study of theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers, Connecticut, but completed it under the Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Emmons (Yale 1767), of Franklin, Massachusetts.

On February 6, 1805, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Second (or Plymouth) Congregational Church in Milford, Connecticut, in which relation he sustained the character of a pious and good man. He died there on May 21, 1806, in his 30th year.

He married Sarah (or Sally), the eldest child of Jacob and Rhoda (Humiston) Daggett, of New Haven, and a niece of Captain Henry Daggett (Yale 1771), by whom he had one son, who left children.

Mrs. Johnson spent her later years in the family of her sister, the wife of Judge Bennet Bronson (Yale 1797), of
John Keep, the seventh child and youngest son of Samuel Keep, a thriving farmer of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and grandson of Samuel and Mary (Colton) Keep, of Longmeadow, was born there on April 20, 1781. His mother was Sabina, daughter of Joseph and Experience (Hale) Cooley, of Longmeadow. The Rev. John Keep (Yale 1769) was his uncle, and the Rev. John R. Keep (Yale 1834) his nephew.

For a year after graduation he taught in Bethlehem, Connecticut, at the same time reading theology with the Rev. Azel Backus (Yale 1787). He then continued his theological course with the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789), of Goshen, and was licensed to preach on June 11, 1805, by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers.

Having already received an invitation to supply in Blandford, Massachusetts, he began his work there on the following Sunday; and although the church was divided into warring factions he united all in his favor. He was ordained and installed there on October 30,—the sermon by Mr. Hooker being afterwards published.

He was married, on June 2, 1806, to Lydia, second daughter of Judge Nathan Hale (Yale 1769), of Goshen.

When the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society was formed (1818), he was elected Secretary, and held that office while he remained in Blandford. He also gave instruction to lads in his own house.

After sixteen years of arduous labor, he received calls to go elsewhere, and decided to leave the parish, although when his decision became known the vote of the congregation was unanimous for his remaining.
In May, 1821, he had two calls before him:—one from the Congregational Church in Homer, Cortland County, New York; and one from the church in Brunswick, Maine, where the congregation would include the Bowdoin students, and the preacher would also teach moral philosophy in the College.

He accepted the call to Homer, and was installed on November 7 over a church of four hundred members and a congregation of six hundred. The parish covered an area of ten miles square, and the labor which he assumed was very arduous. Under his leadership, as at Blandford, the church took strong ground for temperance.

Disaffection began to arise in the church in 1828 in consequence of a case of discipline; and in 1833, on account of additional disaffection caused by his sympathy with the "new measures" of revivalists, he felt obliged to tender his resignation. He was dismissed on October 3. Five hundred and forty-two members had been added during his pastorate. He was a Trustee of Hamilton College from 1827 to 1834, and of Auburn Theological Seminary from 1832 to 1834.

On leaving Homer he had before him two invitations:—one to an agency in New England of the American Colonization Society; and one to what is now the First Presbyterian Church in Cleveland, Ohio. He chose the latter, and after preaching there for a year, he with a colony from this church organized what is now the First Congregational Church, and was its pastor for two years.

In the spring of 1834 he was elected a Trustee of Oberlin College and President of the Board. At this time, although but fifty-three years of age, he began to be called "Father Keep," by which title he was ever after endeared to Oberlin. He had long been opposed to slavery, and active in behalf of the colored race; and soon after his election as President of the Oberlin Trustees, he gave the casting vote which determined the admission of colored students to that institution.
In June, 1836, he resigned his pastoral charge to accept the financial agency of Oberlin, but his success was interrupted by the monetary crisis of 1837, and he resumed preaching in Ohio and New York, for two years. In May, 1839, he went to England to secure funds for Oberlin, in company with another Trustee, and after eighteen months' labor brought back $30,000, which saved the College from bankruptcy.

He then resumed preaching in Ohio for ten years:—in Mansfield, during 1841; in Hartford, for over four years; and after that in Arcade, New York, and Litchfield.

In 1850 he made Oberlin his permanent home and again became financial agent, raising $90,000 by the sale of scholarships. His gifts to the College and to benevolent causes were far beyond those of many persons who had much larger resources.

He was a man of vigorous constitution, and of great energy and perseverance. After a lifetime of entire health, he died in Oberlin, of old age, on February 11, 1870, in his 89th year. He was the last survivor of his Class. An Historical Sketch of his Life, presented at his funeral by President J. H. Fairchild, was afterwards published.

His wife died in Oberlin on August 10, 1865, in her 85th year.

Their only child was graduated at Yale in 1832.

Father Keep's portrait, from a photograph taken a short time before his death, is given in the Keep Genealogy.

He published:


2. The character and design of the Church. A Sermon [from Ps. i, 2], delivered, in Stockbridge, July 23d, 1817, at the Ordination
of the Rev. Timothy Woodbridge, as an Evangelist. Stockbridge, 1817. 4°, pp. 18. [C. H. S. Y. C.]


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[B. Ath. U. T. S.]


8. Congregationalism, and Church-action: with the Principles of Christian Union, etc. New York, 1845. 12°, pp. 143.

[Br. Mus. Y. C.]

In part, a justification of the theological position of Oberlin, and an exposition of the guilt of slave-holding.


Mr. Keep was present at the Jubilee Meeting of the Board in 1860, being the only survivor present of the members of the General Association of Massachusetts in 1810; and read these Recollections.
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[A. C. A. Harv. Y. C.]

After his death was published:

A Discourse [from Deut. xxxii, 7] delivered at Blandford, Mass., Tuesday, March 20th, 1821. Giving some account of the early settlement of the Town and history of the Church.—Printed from a recently discovered manuscript copy. Ware, 1886. 8°, pp. 24.

[A. C. A. B. Publ. Y. C.]

AUTHORITIES.


SHeldon Clark Leavitt, the son of David and Lucy Leavitt, of Bethlehem, Connecticut, and grandson of David Leavitt, was born in Bethlehem on January 7, 1785, and was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Azel Backus (Yale 1787). His mother was the elder daughter of Sheldon and Betty (Keeney) Clark, of Oxford. His classmates Haskel and Hough married his sisters.

After graduation he returned to Bethlehem, and from the time of his father's death, in January, 1807, he devoted himself principally to the care of the large estate left to the family, and spent his life in their service.

He was the Representative of the town in the sessions of the General Assembly for October, 1815, May, 1817, 1820, 1822, 1824, 1825, and 1828. In 1834 he was a candidate of the Anti-Masonic party for Congress.

In 1837 he removed to Brooklyn, New York, and made his home there with his mother and his sister, Mrs. Haskel, being the most devoted of sons and brothers.

In the fall of 1860 he took a journey to the West, and on his return was taken ill at the house of a nephew (John Hough, Junior) in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he died on November 4, in his 76th year. He was never married.
Roswell William Lewis, a son of the Rev. Dr. Isaac Lewis (Yale 1765), was born in Wilton, Connecticut, in 1783. His father removed to a church in Greenwich, in 1786, where he prepared this son for College.

He became a lawyer and settled in New York City, where he married Sarah, daughter of Captain John Rooke, on March 29, 1814.

He was for a year or two Judge of the Marine Court.

He died very suddenly, from apoplexy, in New York, on December 17, 1829, aged 46 years, and is buried in Greenwich.

His wife survived him, with their children, one daughter and three sons.

John Nelson Lloyd, the only son of John Lloyd, Junior, of Lloyd’s Neck, in Oyster Bay, Long Island, and grandson of John and Sarah (Woolsey) Lloyd, of Lloyd’s Neck, was born there on December 30, 1783. His mother was Amelia, daughter of the Rev. Ebenezer White (Yale 1733), of Danbury, Connecticut. His father died in 1792, and his grandfather Lloyd in 1795, so that young Lloyd, as the heir to a large landed estate, was perhaps the wealthiest member of the Class. As an undergraduate he especially excelled in declamation. He united with the College Church in January of his Junior year.

After taking his degree he retired to his estate and took the general oversight of it. He spent, however, much of his time in New York City, where he was for a while connected with George Fitch (Yale 1801) in the fur trade.

He married, on February 18, 1815, Phoebe T., daughter of General Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Townsend) Coles, of Dosoris, Long Island, who died in New York, on June 20, 1823, in her 33d year.

In the latter part of his life he sank into a deep melancholy, in which he continued for about four months before
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his death, which occurred in the city of New York on May 31, 1841, in his 58th year. He was buried in the family vault at Lloyd's Neck.

His children were two sons and two daughters. The elder daughter married Dr. Alexander H. Stevens (Yale 1807).

An account of the Lloyd family, from his Journal, 1838, was printed in 1884 in Memoranda concerning Lloyd's Neck by his granddaughter, Mrs. Schmidt.

AUTHORITIES.


JONATHAN [HUNTINGTON] LYMAN, the only son surviving infancy of the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lyman (Yale 1767) and Hannah (Huntington) Lyman, of Hatfield, Massachusetts, was born in Hatfield on June 13, 1783. He himself assumed his middle name after graduation, out of regard for his mother's family. He was prepared for College with remarkable thoroughness by his father.

He remained in New Haven after taking his degree as the Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School for three years, and having meantime read law with Judge Charles Chauncey, he began practice in his native town; but removed in 1807 or 1808 to Northampton, Massachusetts, where he spent the rest of his life.

He had a high standing at the bar, and was a useful citizen. He was often a Representative in the General Court, and at the time of his early death was Chief Justice of the Court of Sessions, and County Attorney.

He died in Northampton on November 3, 1825, in his 43d year. The inscription over his grave fitly describes him as “an enterprising and useful citizen, of high intellectual powers, and accomplished education, .. distinguished alike by private affection and public regard.”
eloquent and impressive orator, with a most genial disposition, always accompanied with sincere piety.

He published:

1. Poems. Philadelphia and Baltimore, 1812. 12°, pp. 144. [Harv.]
2. An Oration on the Improvement of the People, spoken before the Literary and Philosophical Society of Hampden Sydney College, at the third Anniversary Meeting, ... on Thursday, September 28, 1826. Norfolk, 1826. 8°, pp. 52. [Y. C.]

He found a congenial labor during his later years in editing the following:


A quarterly journal, chiefly designed for the publication of the proceedings of the Virginia Historical Society.

A volume published at Baltimore in 1816 (16°, pp. 220), with the title, Letters from Virginia, Translated from the French, has been ascribed to Mr. Maxwell, but is believed to have been written by Professor George Tucker.

AUTHORITIES.


Mark Mead was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, on November 6, 1782, the son of Jonas Mead, and nephew of
Abraham Mead (Yale 1739). His mother was Sarah, daughter of Captain Isaac Howe, of Greenwich. He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Isaac Lewis (Yale 1765). He united with the College Church in July of the Sophomore year, on profession of his faith.

After graduation he studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers, and the Rev. Dr. John Smalley (Yale 1756), of Berlin, and was licensed to preach by the Hartford South Association of Ministers in June, 1804.

He was ordained and installed as pastor of the Congregational Church in Middlebury, Connecticut, in November, 1809, and served in that office until March, 1830. During his pastorate 124 persons joined that church on profession of their faith.

His later engagements were all transient. Thus, he supplied the church at Grassy Hill in Lyme, from July, 1833, to July, 1836. In 1839 he returned to his native town, and from July, 1841, to January, 1844, he was acting pastor of the church in Weston.

He died in Greenwich on August 8, 1864, in his 82d year.

He married, on November 14, 1804, Hannah, younger daughter of Zaccheus and Deborah (Close) Mead, of (West) Greenwich, who died on April 25, 1873, aged 90 years.

Their children were two sons, the younger of whom was graduated from the Yale Medical Department in 1829.

Mr. Mead was a man of great purity and excellence of character.

AUTHORITIES.


SAMUEL MERWIN, son of Miles and Abigail (Beach) Merwin, of Milford, Connecticut, was born in Milford on March 21, and was baptized by the Rev. Samuel Wales
(Yale 1767) on July 22, 1781. He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Bezaleel Pinneo. In July of his Senior year he united with the College Church on profession of his faith.

Immediately after graduation he began the study of theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers, but in 1803 transferred himself to the care of President Dwight.

On February 1, 1804, he was licensed to preach by the New Haven East Association of Ministers; and early in July following he began to supply the United Society (later occupying the North Church) in New Haven, then having about 150 members. He was ordained and installed as their pastor on February 13, 1805, on a salary of $700, which was afterwards raised by successive additions to $1,000; the sermon on the occasion was preached by President Dwight.

On October 22, 1805, he was married to Clarina Bradley, daughter of Colonel Timothy Taylor, of Danbury.

On December 29, 1831, he was dismissed from his pastorate, at his own request, owing to want of health and strength for longer service in so prominent a position. Over 800 persons had been added to the church during his ministry.

On February 23, 1832, he was installed as pastor of the Congregational Church in Wilton, Connecticut; but his health did not improve as he had hoped, and he insisted upon a dismission on September 25, 1838.

He then returned to New Haven, where he spent the rest of his life. For a time he gave instruction to young men in his own house, and he also gave much time to voluntary pastoral service among the poor. For years he conducted Sunday worship in the Chapel of the Almshouse.

Some time before his death paralysis impaired his physical strength. He died in New Haven on September 3, 1856, in his 76th year. His widow died here on February 15, 1859, aged 70 years.
They had two sons (graduates of Yale in 1827 and 1839, respectively) and five daughters, all of whom survived him.

The eldest daughter married the Rev. Joseph D. Wickham (Yale 1816); the second married the Rev. George I. Wood (Yale 1833); the third married the Hon. Charles Marvin (Yale 1823); the fourth married the Rev. Clinton Clark (Amherst Coll. 1835); and the youngest married the Rev. Gordon Hall (Yale 1843).

Mr. Merwin was a man of a remarkably meek, gentle, and patient spirit; notably gifted in prayer, but considered a dull preacher. He is commemorated by a tablet in the present United Church, and by a portrait in their Chapel.

He published:

1. A Missionary Sermon [from Isa. xxxv, 1], delivered in the North Presbyterian Church, in Hartford, on the evening of May 17, 1814; at the request of the Trustees of the Missionary Society of Connecticut. Hartford, 1814. 8°, pp. 15.

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Embellished with the engraved portrait of the author.

Mr. Merwin and the pastor of the First Church (Nathaniel W. Taylor) printed in the Christian Spectator for January, 1821, volume 3, pp. 49-52, an account of the Recent Revival in New Haven.

Authorities.


Howard Mitchelson was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, in 1779.

He studied medicine in Cheshire, and was duly licensed to practice by the Connecticut Medical Society.
He opened a drug store in New Haven, where he remained until 1807, when he went to England, for the purpose of purchasing medical supplies in London; but in consequence of the embargo he was detained there and resumed his occupation as a druggist.

In 1813 he returned to this country, and settled in Charleston, South Carolina. In 1814 he went to Gothenborg, Sweden, where he chartered a vessel, loaded her with silks, and embarked for Amelia Island, Florida. The ship encountered violent storms, and after a long and perilous experience was brought into Georgetown, on the South Carolina coast. Here both vessel and cargo were seized under the embargo laws. The former was released; but the latter, valued at about $70,000, Dr. Mitchelson gave bonds for, and then sold for about $100,000.

The case was taken to the United State Supreme Court, and when a decision was reached it was in favor of the government; but in the mean time Dr. Mitchelson had died, in Charleston, on August 4, 1817, at the age of 38. He was unmarried.

EBENEZER MOSELEY, the third child and elder son of Colonel Ebenezer Moseley (Yale 1763) and Martha (Strong) Moseley, of Hampton, Connecticut, was born in Hampton on November 21, 1781. His College course was interrupted for a time by a threatening of pulmonary disease, but he recovered, and maintained his rank as a high scholar.

After graduation he studied law for one year with Judge Charles Chauncey, of New Haven, for a second year with Judge Jabez Clark, of Windham, and for a third year with Judge Samuel Hinckley (Yale 1781), who had married one of his mother’s sisters.

Towards the close of the year 1805 he decided to settle in Newburyport, Massachusetts, then in the full tide of prosperity, and he soon entered on a large and lucrative practice, and received many students into his office.
As time passed, he gradually withdrew from the active duties of the profession. He was vested, however, with various offices of public honor and trust, and in all served faithfully and acceptably. He welcomed LaFayette, on his visit to Newburyport, as chairman of the Board of Selectmen; was president of the day on the occasion of the celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Newbury; and was often commissioned to represent the town in an official capacity. In 1813-14 he was Colonel of the Sixth regiment of militia. From 1816 to 1820 and from 1834 to 1836 he was a Representative in the General Court of Massachusetts and in 1821-22 a member of the Senate. For many years he was Master in chancery for the County, and in 1832 Presidential Elector, voting for Henry Clay.

He took much interest in agricultural improvement, and was for some years President of the Essex Agricultural Society.

He died in Newburyport very suddenly on August 28, 1854, in his 73d year.

On June 17, 1810, he married Mary Ann, daughter of Edward Oxnard (Harvard 1767) and Mary (Fox) Oxnard, of Portland, Maine, who died on March 9, 1840, in her 54th year.

Their children were four sons, of whom one died early, and two daughters. The eldest son was educated at Yale (Class of 1833), and the second son at Harvard (Class of 1836). The elder daughter married the Rev. Dr. Artemas B. Muzzey (Harvard 1824).

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Cyrus Pearce, the youngest of eight children of Nathan Pearce, of Southbury, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Comfort (Jenners) Pearce, was baptized on April 11, 1782. His mother was Mabel, daughter of
Samuel and Abigail Wheeler, of Southbury. He was prepared for College, in part at least, by Moses Stuart (Yale 1799) in Easton; and entered at the beginning of the Junior year. Though of uncultured manners, he had a mind of more than common versatility and power, and much poetical genius.

In the summer of Junior year he delivered at a meeting of the Class a satirical poem called The Yaliad, descriptive of his classmates, which was circulated widely in manuscript and is even now very amusing reading.

In the spring of his Senior year he was attacked with consumption, which resulted in his death, at Southbury, on November 3 (or 13), 1802, in his 21st year. He was thus the first of the Class to die.

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Cothren, Hist. of Woodbury, i, 671.

Pelatiah Perit, the younger son of John and Ruth (Webster) Perit, of Norwich, Connecticut, was born in Norwich on June 23, 1785. His brother was graduated here in 1801. He was prepared for College, in part at the Pennsylvania Academy, in Philadelphia, and in part at the Hopkins Grammar School, in New Haven. He united with the College Church on profession of faith in July of his Senior year.

Immediately upon graduation, though only 17 years of age, he established in his native place a school for youth of both sexes, in which he was entirely successful. He was then expecting to spend his life in the ministry of the gospel. But a partial failure of his health, and especially of his voice, led to a reconsideration of his purpose. After a year of teaching, therefore, he began as a clerk in a large importing-house (Rhodes & Co.) in Philadelphia, with which he remained until 1809, having in the meanwhile made several voyages to the West Indies and South America.
He then removed to New York City, and on September 6 of that year was married to Jerusha, the eldest daughter of Thomas and Lydia (Hubbard) Lathrop, of Norwich, and niece of Daniel Lathrop (Yale 1787).

In 1817 he became a partner in the shipping firm of Goodhue & Co., extensively engaged in foreign commerce, in which he continued until its dissolution at the end of 1861. His high standing as a merchant was soon widely recognized, and wherever known he was respected for his ability and integrity and large knowledge of commercial affairs.

From May, 1853, to May, 1863, he was President of the New York Chamber of Commerce. In 1857, when the peace of the city was endangered by riotous assemblages, and party faction prevented an organization of the police, he was chosen by common consent to fill a vacancy in the Board of Police Commissioners, and rendered at much personal sacrifice an important service in restoring the public security.

Throughout his life he was an active supporter of the institutions of Christian benevolence. In especial, he was zealously interested in the work of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and was President for many years of the American Seamen's Friend Society, and of the Seamen's Savings Bank in New York. As President of the Chamber of Commerce, he was ex officio a Trustee of the Sailors' Snug Harbor on Staten Island, and took a lively interest in that charity. He was a Trustee of the Union Theological Seminary from 1836 to 1857, and of the New York University from 1839 to 1854.

His wife died on October 18, 1821, in her 33d year, and was buried in Norwich; and he next married, in 1825, her second cousin, Maria, daughter of Daniel Lathrop Coit, of Norwich, and a sister of the wife of Professor James L. Kingsley (Yale 1799).

In 1836, for reasons of health, he removed his residence to Bloomingdale, on the Hudson, then a suburb of the
city. His house was near the large Orphan Asylum of New York, and he watched over the welfare of its inmates with incessant kindness, perhaps the greater for never having had children of his own.

In 1859, in consideration of his advancing age, he determined, notwithstanding the unimpaired vigor of his bodily and mental powers, to withdraw gradually from business engagements. At that time he retired to New Haven, where he erected a handsome residence on Hill-house Avenue, and to occupy his leisure devoted himself to "the collection of materials for a History of the Commerce, Finance, and progressive Wealth of the United States, since the close of the Revolutionary War, with Sketches of the eminent Merchants who have contributed largely to the national prosperity." He was, however, only beginning to reduce his materials to a form suitable for publication, when his death occurred, in New Haven, on March 8, 1864, in his 79th year.

His widow died in New Haven, on March 31, 1885, in her 92d year.

The Proceedings of the New York Chamber of Commerce on his death were published (New York, 1864, 8°, pp. 15).

A discourse commemorative of his life, by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon (Yale 1820), was the basis of an article by the same hand in the Merchants' Magazine for April, 1864. This was accompanied by an engraved portrait, from a photograph. An earlier portrait, painted about 1835, is owned by the College.

By Mr. Perit's will the College received, at the death of his widow, the sum of $15,000, which has been applied to the endowment of a Professorship of Political and Social Science.

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Family Memoir, 74, 146. Hunt's
CHARLES HOBBY POND, the elder son of Charles Pond, of Milford, Connecticut, a Captain in the Revolutionary army, and grandson of Captain Peter and Mary (Hubbard) Pond, of Milford, was born on April 26, 1781. His mother was Martha, daughter of John and Martha (Smith) Miles, of Milford. His middle name was the family name of the mother of his grandmother Pond. An elder sister married Abraham V. H. DeWitt (Yale 1785). He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Bezaleel Pinneo, and the Rev. Azel Backus (Yale 1787), of Bethlehem. He was distinguished in College for great muscular strength and for an uncommon vein of wit.

After graduation he studied law with the Hon. Roger M. Sherman (Yale 1792), of Fairfield, and was admitted to the bar in Fairfield County, but never practiced.

About this time his health was somewhat impaired, and he took a voyage to restore it. Having made this beginning, he followed the sea for several years, first as supercargo in his father's vessels, and then as Captain.

After his retirement from the sea, he became prominent as a Jeffersonian Democrat.

He was for one year (1818–19) an Associate Judge of the New Haven County Court, and Sheriff of the County from 1819 to 1834, when he voluntarily relinquished his commission and again retired to his paternal estate in Milford. In 1836 and 1837 he was once more an Associate Justice of the County Court.

In April, 1850, he was elected Lieutenant Governor of the State, and was twice re-elected, with an interval of one year (1851–52). While holding this office he became acting Governor, in June, 1853, by the appointment of Governor Thomas H. Seymour as Minister to Russia, and discharged this duty, like all other public and private duties, with fidelity and acceptance, until the expiration of his term in May, 1854. The remainder of his days were spent in private life, though he was known to be in political
sympathy with the pro-slavery Democrats. He died in Milford, in the house in which he was born, after an illness of several weeks, on April 28, 1861, at the age of 80.

In 1808 he married Catharine Dickinson, of Milford, who died on November 25, 1853, aged 68 years.

Their children were one son, who died near the end of his Sophomore year in College, in June, 1828, and six daughters, of whom only the two youngest survived them.

A copy of Governor Pond’s portrait (in the State House at Hartford) is given in Norton’s *Governors of Connecticut*.

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CHARLES PRENTICE, son of John and Martha (Clement) Prentice, of Bethlehem, Litchfield County, Connecticut, and grandson of Christopher and Betsey (Terrill) Prentice, was born in Bethlehem in 1778.

He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Azel Backus (Yale 1787).

After graduation he studied theology with his pastor’s uncle, the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers, and was licensed to preach in 1803 by the Litchfield South Association of Ministers.

He married on June 5, 1804, Clarissa, third daughter of James and Reliance (Hatch) Kasson, of Bethlehem, and on September 20, was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in (South) Canaan, in his native county.

His wife died of consumption on May 25, 1805, in her 28th year; and he next married, on November 24, 1807, Clarinda Parmelee, of Goshen.

Mr. Prentice remained in Canaan through his life; and died there, after a year of great suffering from a chronic disease of the stomach, on May 29, 1838, at the age of sixty. His wife long survived him.
By his first marriage he had one son, who was graduated at Yale in 1832, and entered the ministry. By his second marriage he had nine children, two of whom died in infancy; four daughters and three sons survived him.

He was small and rather feeble in physique, but a man of devoted piety and uncommon gift in prayer.

AARON BURR REEVE, the only child of the Hon. Tapping Reeve (Princeton Coll. 1763), of Litchfield, Connecticut, and grandson of the Rev. Abner Reeve (Yale 1731), was born in Litchfield on October 3, 1780. His mother was Sally, only daughter of the Rev. Aaron Burr (Yale 1735), and sister of that Aaron Burr who was, while this Class were in College, a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. He was well prepared for College by the Rev. Azel Backus (Yale 1787), of Bethlehem, Connecticut, but did not apply himself steadily to the work of the course. He studied law in Litchfield, and began practice in Troy, New York, with flattering prospects of success.

He married in Litchfield, on November 21, 1808, Annabella Shedden, a native of New York City, of Scotch parentage; and died in Troy on September 1, 1809, at the age of 29. They had one son, who died, just as he was about to take his degree at Yale in 1829.

Mrs. Reeve next married, on April 12, 1812, David Judson Burr, of Richmond, Virginia, and died on January 11, 1849, in her 62d year. A son by her second marriage was graduated at Yale in 1839.
Erastus Scranton, the eldest in a family of eleven children of Theophilus Scranton, a farmer of East Guilford, now Madison, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Ichabod and Chloe (Fowler) Scranton, of Madison, was born on August 1, 1777. His mother was Abigail, second daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Bartlett) Lee, of Madison. He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. John Elliott (Yale 1786).

After graduation he taught for six months a grammar-school in Rocky Hill, a parish in Wethersfield, and then returned to Madison and studied theology with Dr. Elliott. He was licensed to preach by the New Haven East Association of Ministers on February 1, 1804, and having received a unanimous call to become the first pastor of the Congregational Church just formed (March, 1805) in the North part of Milford, now Orange, he was ordained and installed there on July 4, 1805. Here he remained pastor over twenty years, and proved himself a faithful and useful minister, the Society being greatly prospered under his care.

He was dismissed at his own request on January 2, 1827, after which he preached in Wolcott, as stated supply from June, 1827, to July 1829. He left because of insufficient support,—receiving less than $300 a year.

He then accepted a unanimous call to the Congregational Church in Burlington, and was installed there on January 2, 1830, with an annual salary of $400. After ten years' service he was dismissed on May 27, 1840.

He continued to reside in Burlington, occasionally preaching in neighboring churches, and also laboring as an agent of the Connecticut Bible Society for about four years. He died in Burlington on October 5, 1861, in his 85th year, and was buried in his native place.

He married, on April 10, 1806, Mary Elizabeth, only daughter of Newton and Elizabeth (Northrop) Prudden, of Milford, who was born on February 3, 1785.
They had no children, but adopted a niece of Mrs. Scranton, who married the Rev. Gardner S. Brown (Dartmouth Coll. 1834).

He published:


He also left in manuscript a History of Milford.

Selections from his Journal while in Wolcott are printed in Orcutt's History of that town.

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ULYSSES SELDEN, the only son of Captain Ezra Selden, Junior (Yale 1773), of (North) Lyme, Connecticut, was born in Lyme in 1780. His father dying in his infancy from a wound received in the Revolutionary War, he was brought up at his grandfather's house in Hamburg Society, North Lyme. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Frederick W. Hotchkiss (Yale 1778), of Saybrook.

After studying law in Litchfield, he opened an office and began practice in Norwich. A pulmonary consumption becoming seated upon him, he retired to the house of his uncle in North Lyme, where he died on January 24, 1812, in his 32d year. He was unmarried.

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Walworth, Hyde Genealogy, i, 581-82.

CHARLES SHELTON, the eldest son of Agur Shelton, of Huntington, Connecticut, was born in Huntington on July 16, 1782. His mother was Abigail, daughter of the Rev. Christopher Newton (Yale 1740), of Huntington, and his
father was a brother of the Rev. Philo Shelton (Yale 1775). He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. David Ely (Yale 1769), of Huntington.

After graduation he read theology for a time, with some design of entering the ministry of the Episcopal Church, to which his family adhered; subsequently, however, he studied medicine with his second cousin, Dr. William Shelton (Yale 1788), an eminent practitioner in Huntington.

He settled as a physician in Cheshire, and enjoyed a large practice. Besides attending to the duties of his profession, he was for several years a Selectman and Justice of the Peace, was a Representative in the General Assembly during five sessions in 1811–17, and again in 1830, and at the time of his death was a State Senator.

He died in Cheshire, after a few days' illness, from quinsy, on August 28, 1832, in his 51st year.

He married, on May 9, 1813, Lucinda, daughter of Dr. Thomas Tryon and Lucinda (Foot) Cornwall, of Cheshire, who died on January 21, 1872, aged 76 years, at her daughter's house, in Kingston, New York.

Their children were two sons and a daughter, all of whom lived to maturity.

AUTHORITIES.


NATHAN SHELTON, the youngest son in a family of ten children of Andrew Shelton, of Huntington, Connecticut, and a first cousin of his classmate, just noticed, was born in Huntington on June 6, 1784. His mother was Sarah, daughter of Nathan and Comfort (Thompson) Booth, of Huntington. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Ely, with his cousin.

He studied medicine for about a year in Newtown, under Dr. Gideon Shepherd, and then in Huntington with Dr. William Shelton, and was authorized to practice by a
Committee of the Medical Society of Connecticut, though he afterwards (in 1805–06) attended further lectures in the Medical Department of Columbia College, New York. In the fall of 1806 he settled in Jamaica, Long Island, where he had an extensive practice. The honorary degree of M.D. was conferred on him by Yale College in 1835.

Towards the close of his life he gave up his practice to one of his sons who lived near him, and spent a happy old age in Jamaica, where he died on July 25, 1864, having just entered on his 81st year.

He married, on July 1, 1812, Eliza Henrietta, eldest daughter of Frederick William and Mary (Dundas) Starman, who died on February 23, 1828, aged 38 years. He next married, on October 28, 1831, Mary Ann Sophia, a younger sister of his first wife, who died on October 11, 1839, aged 45 years.

By his first marriage he had nine children, of whom six died in infancy; the two sons who survived were graduated at Princeton College in 1834 and 1836, respectively; one became an Episcopal clergyman, and the other a physician. By his second marriage he had one son, who died in early childhood.

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Shelton Reunion, 73, 75-77. Ward

DAVID AUSTIN SHERMAN, the second son of John and Rebecca (Austin) Sherman, of New Haven, and grandson of the Hon. Roger Sherman, was born in New Haven, on December 10, 1781, and was baptized on September 29. He was named for his uncle, the Rev. David Austin (Yale 1779). Two of his brothers were graduated here, in 1792 and 1803 respectively. He entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he spent two years in New Haven, in the study of general literature. From 1804 to 1810 he
was a Tutor in the College. He also studied theology, and was licensed to preach by the New Haven West Association of Ministers on September 29, 1812.

On October 6, 1813, he was married by the Rev. Ira Hart (Yale 1797) to Mary Ann, elder daughter of Major Paul and Nancy (Bell) Babcock, of Stonington, Connecticut, and granddaughter of Colonel Henry Babcock (Yale 1752); she became deranged and died on August 3, 1815, in her 24th year, leaving a son.

From the fall of 1815 to the fall of 1816 he was preceptor of Bacon Academy, in Colchester, at the same time preaching more or less in the vicinity.

In 1820 he assumed the Presidency of the East Tennessee College, at Knoxville. He remained there until 1825, when he retired in consequence of impaired health. Afterwards he taught belles lettres and philology in the Polytechnic School at Chittenango, New York.

Later, he made his home for some time with a brother, Deacon Charles Sherman, of Suffield, Connecticut, preaching as he had opportunity (as, in 1835–36 in Poquonock Society in Windsor).

On May 8, 1840, he was ordained in New Haven, as an evangelist, to accept a commission from the American Home Missionary Society, with his station at East Troy, about thirty miles west of Racine, Wisconsin. He labored there with great usefulness until his health failed in the latter part of 1843. He died in Racine, on December 16, aged 62. His son died before him, unmarried.

JUNIUS SMITH, the third son of General David Smith, a Major in the Revolution, of Plymouth, then part of Watertown, Connecticut, was born on October 2, 1780. His mother was Ruth, elder daughter of Captain Aaron
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and Experience (King) Hitchcock, of Suffield. A brother was graduated here in 1806. He was prepared for Williams College by the Rev. Azel Backus (Yale 1787), of Bethlehem; but entered Yale during Sophomore year. He joined the College Church on profession of faith in July, 1802.

After graduation he studied law in Litchfield, and began practice in New Haven with prospects of success. In 1805 he was employed by the owners of the ship *Mohawk*, of New Haven, which had been seized and condemned as a prize, to prosecute an appeal before the Admiralty Court in London, involving a claim against the government for a large amount. He was detained in England for four years by this business, and had meantime engaged in commerce there, as a representative of the firm of Tallmadge, Smith & Co., of New York. Late in 1810 he visited America, but soon returned.

He conducted a prosperous business for many years, but afterwards met with heavy losses. Beginning with 1832 he devoted himself with great zeal to the project of transatlantic steam navigation. He sailed for New York in August of that year, to press this project on the attention of the merchants, but met with the opposition of incredulity, and returned to London in December.

He endeavored, but in vain, to enlist the support of the London and Edinburgh Steam Navigation Company, whose steam vessels were the largest then afloat. In June, 1835, he issued a prospectus of a company for the construction of ocean steamships, with a capital of £100,000; but not a single share was taken. At length, after numerous discouragements, the British and American Steam Navigation Company was finally organized by him in 1836, and the *Sirius*, the first vessel to steam her way across the Atlantic, arrived in New York on the morning of April 23, 1838.

He came to America in 1839, and was received with hearty congratulations, as the pioneer in pressing and
demonstrating the practicability of ocean steam navigation. Yale conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1840.

Finding his anticipation of pecuniary return from this enterprise disappointing, he turned his attention to the cultivation of the tea-plant in the United States. In a visit to China he had become convinced that tea could be successfully raised here; and he purchased, about 1843, an extensive plantation in Greenville, South Carolina, where he proceeded to propagate the plant.

While thus engaged he received in February, 1852, an injury to the skull, from which he never recovered. He spent his last days at the house of a nephew in Astoria, Long Island, where he died on January 22, 1853, in his 73d year.

He married, on April 9, 1812, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Smith, Esquire, of Huddersfield, Yorkshire, England, who died on June 5, 1836. Their only child married the Rev. Edward Knight Maddock (Cambridge Univ. 1833).

He published:

1. An Oration, pronounced at Hartford, before the Society of the Cincinnati, for the State of Connecticut, .. July 4th, 1804. Hartford, 1804. 8º, pp. 27.
   A Federalist account of the tendencies of the Jeffersonian system of government.

   [B. Publ. Y. C.]
   A part of these letters, with other similar material, had been printed in the American Journal of Science and Arts, 1838-39, xxxv, 160-67, 332-36; xxxvi, 133-36.

WILLIAM [LAY] SMITH, son of Seth and Hannah (Lay, Murdock) Smith, of (East) Lyme, Connecticut, and a half-brother of the Rev. Dr. James Murdock (Yale 1797), was born in 1782. He assumed his mother's maiden name as a middle name some time after graduation.

Having studied medicine with Dr. William Brenton Hall (Yale 1786), of Middletown, he first settled as a physician at Pitch Landing, Hertford County, North Carolina, where he married Nancy Harrell. Thence he removed to Murfreesboro, in the same county, where he died on September 1, 1813, aged 31 years. His practice was somewhat extensive, and he was bidding fair to rise to eminence in his profession.

He left one child, who was graduated at Yale in 1834.

His widow next married James M. Yancey, of Hertford County, by whom she had a son who was graduated here in 1847.

Ephraim Starr, the second son of Ephraim Starr, of Goshen, Connecticut, and a brother of Truman Starr (Yale 1801), was born in Goshen on October 10, 1784.

He was prepared for College by the Rev. Ammi R. Robbins (Yale 1760), of Norfolk.

After graduation he studied for a year in the Litchfield Law School, to get a knowledge of the general principles of the profession, but without any design of practicing.

He then took a long journey through the West and South, and finally in 1809 settled in business in Albany, New York, as the head of the wholesale dry-goods firm of Starr, Sheldon & Co. In August of this year his father died, from whose ample estate he received $60,000.
On November 26, 1810, he married Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Susanna (Keith) Goodwin, of Lenox, Massachusetts.

Early in 1812 Mr. Starr dissolved his connection with Mr. Sheldon, and removed to New York City, where he became a shipping-merchant, trading to the East Indies. Owing to the outbreak of the war with Great Britain, the time proved extremely unpropitious for such ventures, and he failed disastrously.

About 1820 he returned to Albany. He was qualified, however, to serve as an able accountant, and after the Hon. William L. Marcy became Comptroller of the State, in February, 1823, he appointed Mr. Starr Deputy Comptroller. He discharged the duties of that office with eminent ability and integrity until his death.

In the summer of 1828 he took a journey to Cleveland, Ohio; and while crossing Lake Erie on his return he contracted a bilious fever, and died suddenly in Buffalo, after about two weeks' illness, on August 17, in his 44th year.

His widow died at Lake Mahopac, New York, on August 14, 1877, in her 67th year.

Their children were three daughters, all of whom left descendants, and a son, who died in infancy.

Mr. Starr was, both in College and in later life, an excellent musician and a good writer, especially of verse.

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Starr Family, 139, 141.

William Lightbourn Strong was born in Salisbury, Connecticut, on October 18, 1782, the third son of Colonel Adonijah Strong, of Salisbury, by his third wife, Abigail Bates, of Hanover, New Jersey, and grandson of Noah and Lydia (Dart, Pierce) Strong, of Coventry and Salisbury. A younger brother was graduated here in 1807, and a sister married the Rev. Jonathan Lee (Yale 1809). He
was prepared for College, partly by the Rev. Timothy M. Cooley (Yale 1792), of Granville, Massachusetts, and partly by the Rev. Amos Chase (Dartmouth Coll. 1780), of Litchfield South Farms, now Morris, Connecticut. He joined the College Church on profession of faith in September, 1800. He shared a Berkeley Scholarship at graduation.

He remained in New Haven for a year and a half, studying theology with President Dwight, and was licensed to preach by the New Haven East Association of Ministers on February 1, 1804.

During the ensuing year he preached in various places,—as in Vergennes, Vermont, for about three months. He received an ad eundem Bachelor's degree from Middlebury College in 1804.

On April 3, 1805, he was ordained and installed as successor to the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), the eminent pastor of the Congregational Church in Somers, Connecticut, where he labored with great fidelity and success for nearly a quarter of a century, receiving about 300 persons to the membership of the Church.

He was dismissed from Somers on July 2, 1829, and on June 23, 1830, he was installed over the Congregational Church in Redding, on a salary of $450.

From this charge he was dismissed, at his own request, on February 26, 1835.

On June 3, 1835, he was settled over the Presbyterian Church in Vienna, Ontario County, New York, where he continued for about five years, when the failure of his eyesight obliged him to relinquish active duty.

After this he spent a year in Auburn, New York, and then removed to Fayetteville, in Onondaga County, where he died, after a brief illness, from an attack of dysentery, on August 31, 1859, in his 77th year. A memorial sermon by the Rev. George A. Oviatt (Yale 1835), his successor at Somers, was published (New Haven, 1859. 8°, pp. 18), with a portrait.
He married, on June 8, 1807, Harriet, youngest child of Henry and Ann (Lord) Deming, of Lyme, and Wethersfield, Connecticut, who died in Springfield, Massachusetts, on May 8, 1875, in her 86th year.

Their children were five sons and six daughters. Four sons were graduated at Yale, in 1828, 1831, 1838, and 1843, respectively, the eldest of whom became a Justice of the United States Supreme Court, and the third followed his father's profession. The second daughter married the Rev. Robert E. Willson (Hamilton Coll. 1834), and the fifth married the Rev. Dr. Henry Darling (Amherst Coll. 1842).

He published:

1. A Sermon [from Job xix, 21], delivered at Ellington, at the interment of Mrs. Lydia Ellsworth, (relict of the late Deacon Gurdon Ellsworth,) who died May 18th, 1806. . . Hartford, 1806. 8°, pp. 19. [A. C. A. B. Publ. Y. C.


5. A Sermon [from Acts xx, 32], preached July 5, 1829, the Sabbath after the Author's Dismission. Hartford, 1829. 8°, pp. 15. [Br. Mus. C. H. S. U. T. S.

He was also the author of one or two tracts published by the American Tract Society.

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Strong Family, ii, 1042, 1047. 150th Anniversary of Church in Redding,
Roswell Randall Swan, the second son of George Swan, of (North) Stonington, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Lucy (Denison) Swan, of Stonington, was born on June 16, 1778. His mother was Abigail, second daughter of John and Lucy (Brown) Randall, of Stonington. He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Hezekiah N. Woodruff (Yale 1784). His mother died in April, 1797, and his father in January, 1798. In College he was distinguished for sound scholarship, great energy, and decision of character. He united with the church on profession of his faith in December of his Sophomore year, and labored with apostolic zeal in the revival during his Senior year. At Commencement he delivered the Salutatory Oration.

Being in comfortable pecuniary circumstances, he resided during the greater part of the two years immediately after graduation in New Haven, prosecuting general studies. In March, 1804, he seems to have decided to prepare for the ministry, and soon after he went to Franklin, Massachusetts, and entered on the study of theology under the Rev. Dr. Nathanael Emmons (Yale 1767) with peculiar earnestness, though interrupted by the attacks of a severe and dangerous disease, which pursued him through life. After an illness of two months he thought it prudent to try a change of climate, and in October, 1804, he resumed his studies under the Rev. Dr. Nathan Perkins, of West Hartford, Connecticut. On February 6, 1805, he was licensed to preach by the Hartford North Association of Ministers. He preached a few times, but was soon laid aside again by illness.

In the latter part of December, his health was so far restored that he took charge of an Academy in Stonington, at the same time supplying the vacant pulpit. He declined an invitation to settle over that church, and in November, 1806, went to the Congregational Church in Norwalk, Connecticut, to preach as a candidate. He was
called with great unanimity to that pulpit, and was ordained and installed there over a church of 142 members, on January 14, 1807. His pastorate ended with his death, from consumption, in Norwalk, on March 22, 1819, in his 41st year. His last sermon was preached in the previous October.

He married, on May 14, 1807, Harriet, second daughter of Captain Amos and Sally (Rhodes) Palmer, of Stonington, who died at the house of her daughter in Westerly, Rhode Island, on July 10, 1874, in her 84th year. They had one son, who died young, and four daughters, two of whom died in infancy. The only daughter who survived both parents was the wife of the Hon. Nathan F. Dixon (Brown Univ. 1833). James G. K. McClure, Junior (Yale 1906), is a great-grandson.

Mr. Swan was a laborious and successful minister, judicious, decided, energetic, and eminently pious. Over two hundred and sixty persons were admitted to the church during his brief pastorate. The Rev. Dr. Abel McEwen (Yale 1804) describes him as "resolute and devout; a warm-hearted, faithful minister; a man of extensive knowledge and strong purposes."

He was a joint author, with the Rev. Heman Humphrey (Yale 1805), of the following:

Intemperance.—An Address, to the Churches and Congregations of the Western District of Fairfield County. New-Haven, 1813. 8°, pp. 31.

Yale College

AUTHORITIES.


CHRISTOPHER TAPPAN, Junior, son of Christopher Tappen, of Kingston, New York, and grandson of Petrus
Tappen, of Kingston, was born in 1783. A sister of his father married Governor George Clinton. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year, and united with the College Church on profession of faith at the opening of Junior year.

After graduation he studied law, and settled in practice in his native place. He was a member of the State Assembly in the session of 1816–17, and served as Clerk of the Ulster County Court from 1818 to 1821. He sustained the reputation of a good lawyer and an estimable citizen.

He died in Kingston on February 22, 1828, aged 44 years.

He married, on November 9, 1809, Cornelia, daughter of Dr. Luke Kiersted, of Kingston, who died on August 21, 1821, aged 35 years.

Of their five children, three sons survived infancy.

AUTHORITIES.
Schoonmaker, Hist. of Kingston, 447.

GIDEON TOMLINSON was born in Stratford, Connecticut, on December 31, 1780, the eldest child of Jabez H. Tomlinson (Yale 1780).

He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. David Ely (Y. C. 1769), of Huntington. He united with the College Church by profession of faith in August of the Senior year.

After graduation he spent about a year in teaching in the family of Mr. Upshur, of Northampton County, Virginia, the father of a future Secretary of the Navy, Judge A. P. Upshur. While teaching he also studied law, and on his return to Connecticut in November, 1803, he continued his studies with Judge Charles Chauncey, in New Haven, where he was admitted to the bar.

In 1807 he settled in practice in Fairfield, with his residence on Greenfield Hill.
In politics he was a Democrat, and on the triumph of his party in the State he was sent to the Legislature for the four sessions in 1817 and 1818. After serving as Clerk of the House of Representatives in October, 1817, he was chosen to fill the Speaker's chair at the two succeeding sessions.

He was elected to the United States Congress for the four sessions from 1819 to 1827, or until his election as Governor of the State in March, 1827. He held this office for four years, from May, 1827, resigning in March, 1831, on being appointed a Senator of the United States, which office he filled for the term of six years. In the mean time he with many other Connecticut Democrats had been driven by Jackson's course into the ranks of the new Whig party.

After this long and honorable career in the public service, he retired to private life.

He died, from consumption, in Fairfield, on October 8, 1854, in his 74th year.

He married, on December 15, 1807, Sarah, daughter of Walter Bradley, of Greenfield Hill, who died on December 25, 1842, in her 56th year. Their only child was a member of the Class of 1839 at Yale, but died before graduation.

Governor Tomlinson married, secondly, the widow of William Wright, of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Trinity College in 1827.

A copy of a portrait, painted while he was in the Senate, by S. F. B. Morse, is given in the Tomlinsons in America; and one of another portrait in the Connecticut State House is given in Norton's Governors of Connecticut.

His only publications were his official Messages as Governor.

AUTHORITIES.

Norton, Governors of Conn., 159-1103, 1315, 1317; Tomlinsons in America, 102, 145-46.
WILLIAM TESCOTT, a scion of a wealthy family of Charleston, South Carolina, was born in Charleston in 1784. He was prepared for the Sophomore Class at the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire, Connecticut.

He studied law, and settled in the practice of his profession in his native place.

He died in Charleston, after a short illness, from a fever, induced by exposure to the night air, on September 23, 1817, in his 34th year.

He left a wife, one son, who became a physician, and one daughter.

IRA WEBSTER was born in West Hartford, Connecticut, on January 22, 1781, the only child of Gideon and Sarah (Caldwell) Webster, and was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Nathan Perkins.

After graduation he studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Charles Backus (Yale 1769), of Somers; but at the earnest desire of his parents he gave up the plan of entering the ministry and settled on the paternal estate as a farmer. In this occupation he had marked success. He was a pioneer for that region in the reclamation of swamp land, the preparation of manures, the improvement in breeds of cattle and sheep, and the introduction of many new varieties of fruits.

He was also untiring in efforts to improve the social, moral, and religious character of the community. He was the first to gather, in his native village, a Sunday School, and was for many years its Superintendent. He always manifested a deep interest in the prosperity of the common schools, and as Chairman of the School Committee for years devoted much time and thought and labor to the advancement of their usefulness.

In 1830 ill health and pecuniary embarrassments induced him to remove with his family to New Haven, where he kept a boarding-house for a few years.
In 1836 he returned to Hartford, and devoted some years to teaching a private school, with special reference to the preparation of young men for College.

He afterwards engaged in the publication and sale of religious books; and in particular, about 1843-44, became interested in the history of the New England Primer, and made a collection of early editions, which later passed into the hands of Dr. Henry Barnard (Yale 1830), of Hartford. Mr. Webster reprinted in 1843 a copy of the 1777 edition of the Primer, then the earliest known. During these years he resided at different times in East Hartford, Glastonbury, and Farmington.

A tendency to pulmonary disease, which began to develop more than thirty years before his death, so far increased upon him that for several seasons he sought a Southern climate for the winter months.

His latest residence was in Wallingford, Connecticut. For much of the last year of his life his bodily weakness was so great that his mind also suffered. He died in Wallingford on February 3, 1859, at the age of 78.

He married, on September 11, 1809, Ann Lockwood, only daughter of Asa and Prudence (Warner) Francis, of Hartford and Wethersfield, who died in Wallingford on January 6, 1862, in her 75th year.

Their children were six sons and four daughters. The fifth son was graduated at Yale in 1847.

AUTHORITIES.


RICHARD WILLIAMS, the seventh son of Nathaniel and Lois (Sackett) Williams, of Lebanon, Connecticut, and grandson of Samuel and Deborah (Throop) Williams, of Lebanon, was born on April 17, 1780.

After graduation he studied theology with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Strong (Yale 1772), of Norwich, and was licensed
to preach by the Windham Association of Ministers on October 8, 1805.

On June 2, 1807, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Congregational Church in Brookfield, Connecticut, the sermon on the occasion being preached by the Rev. Dan Huntington (Yale 1794), of Litchfield. He had been settled with the provision that, on giving six months' notice, his engagement might be terminated; and on finding an element of opposition in the parish, he gave such notice in November, 1810, and with the consent of the Congregation withdrew in April, 1811.

On January 9, 1812, he was installed by the Presbytery of Columbia County, New York, as pastor of the Church in Cairo; the sermon preached on that occasion by the Rev. Dr. David Porter (Dartmouth Coll. 1784), of Catskill, was afterwards published.

He was dismissed from Cairo in January, 1816, and afterwards labored as a missionary for three months among the scattered people on the Catskill Mountains. During the year 1817 he supplied the Congregational Church in Salem, Connecticut. In 1818 he labored in Chaplin, Connecticut, for three months; and elsewhere in the same State, until he went to Penn Yan, New York, in June, 1820.

After temporary employment, he was installed there by the Presbytery of Geneva on September 19, 1820, and continued in charge of that church until September, 1825. Early in 1826 he removed to Horseheads, in Chemung County, and for four years supplied the churches there and in Southport. In 1830 he supplied at Reading, in Steuben County, and then for two years at Springfield, in Otsego County.

After this he was engaged for ten years in Bible distribution from house to house in Central and Western New York. In the division of the Presbyterian Church, he was warmly interested on the side of the New School, and was an earnest advocate for temperance and anti-slavery.
After this his reason was affected, and he lingered for about two years in a state of insanity, incapable of performing any labor.

He died in Union Springs, Cayuga County, on November 15, 1844, in his 65th year.

He married, on May 18, 1808, Electa, youngest daughter of Captain Daniel and Sarah (Hale) White, of Andover, Connecticut, who died in Union Springs, on March 25, 1851, aged 68 years. They had four sons and five daughters, all of whom survived their parents.

AUTHORITIES.


John White, 166. Pierce, Hist. bit, iii, 498. Williams Family, 145.

SELAH STRONG WOODHULL, the only surviving son of James Woodhull, a merchant of New York City, by his first wife, Keturah Strong, and the grandson of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Woodhull, of Brookhaven, Long Island, was born on August 4, 1786. His mother, who died in his infancy, was a sister of George W. Strong (Yale 1803). His father died of the yellow fever in September, 1798, just as he was ready to enter Columbia College. A year later he transferred his relationship to Yale, where he was the youngest in his Class. He received an ad eundem Bachelor’s degree from Princeton College in 1803.

After graduation he began the study of law, but soon relinquished it for theology under the care of his uncle, the Rev. Dr. John Woodhull (Princeton 1766), of Freehold, New Jersey. He finished his studies under the Rev. Henry Kollock, of Princeton, New Jersey, and was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick in April, 1805, while still in his 19th year.

On December 6, 1805, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Boundbrook, New
Biographical Sketches, 1802

Jersey,—the sermon on the occasion being preached by Dr. Kollock. He was dismissed from this charge on November 25, 1806, to accept a call from the First Reformed Dutch Church in Brooklyn, New York. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Union College in 1822. He served as a Chaplain in the army in 1814, and as Secretary for Domestic Correspondence of the American Bible Society from 1820 to 1825.

In 1825 he was elected Professor of Mental Philosophy in Rutgers College, at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and Professor of Ecclesiastical History and Polity in the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church in the same place. He removed to New Brunswick, and was inducted into office on November 25. His zeal and application to his new duties broke down his health, and he died, after ten days of acute suffering, from inflammatory fever, in New Brunswick, on February 27, 1826, aged 40⅔ years.

He married, on April 8, 1807, Cornelia, daughter of Aaron and Hannah (Carll) Van Cleve, of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, who died at the house of her eldest surviving daughter, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on January 3, 1845, aged 54 years. They had one son, who died in infancy, and five daughters. The eldest, and the third, married the Rev. Dr. Jonathan B. Condit (Princeton 1827); the second married James G. Nuttman (Princeton 1831); and the youngest married Josiah L. Pickard (Bowdoin 1844).

Dr. Woodhull had a vigorous intellect, and was remarkable for industry, decision of character, and executive ability. His sermons were prepared with great care, but he would never consent to furnish any for print. It is an indication of his habits of work that he left over fifty sermons ready for use, which had never been delivered.

Authorities.

Geneal. and Biogr. Record, xiii, 16–
Annals, 1802-03

The Class entering College in the fall of 1802 was unusually large.

In March, 1803, Tutor Henry Davis (Yale 1796), the Professor-Elect of Divinity, broke down in health; and at just about the same date Tutor Ebenezer Grant Marsh (Yale 1795), who was also Instructor in Hebrew and the prospective Professor of Ancient Languages, also fell victim to an incurable disease. Their places in the tutorship were filled by James Stedman and George Hoadly, both of the Class of 1801.
Sketches, Class of 1803

*Samuel Forbes Adam, A.M. *1854
*Cornelius Adams *1806
*Elisaeus Deming Andrews, A.M. *1852
*Boyle Van-Brugh Baldwin
*Hosea Beckley, A.M. *1843
*Guilielmus Belden, A.M. 1813 *1861
*Georgius Bloom, A.M. 1814 *1824
*Rinaldus Burleigh, A.M. *1863
*Thomas Davies Burrall, A.M. *1872
*Thomas Philotheus Chiffelle *1834
*Guilielmus Shelden Darling *1861
*Thomas Darling, A.M. *1843
*Mills Day, A.M., Tutor *1812
*Littleton Purnell Dennis, e Congr. *1834
*Aaron Dutton, A.M., Socius *1849
*Elisaeus Ely, A.M. *1846
*Johannes Fitch *1845
*Henricus Ford, A.M. *1848
*Georgius Washington Hall *1868
*Josephus Harrington, A.M. 1816 *1852
*Zera Hawley, A.M. 1808 *1856
*Norman Hickok *1842
*Horatius Holley, A.M., LL.D. Cincinn. 1823, Univ. Transylv. Praeses *1827
*Georgius Hubbard, A.M. 1825 *1853
*David Humphreys, A.M.  *1809
*Eli Hyde, A.M. et Mediob. 1833  *1856
*Johannes Hyde, A.M.  *1848
*Jahacobus Bond I'On  *1859
*Isaacus Edwards Judson, A.M.  *1856
*Jonathan Warren Kellogg, A.M.  *1853
*Josua Kennedy
*Jonathan Law  *1859
*Addin Lewis, A.M. Univ. Georg. 1806  *1842
*Nathan Mansfield, A.M.  *1813
*Carolus Mitchell  *1831
*Minott Mitchell, A.M.  *1862
*Jacobus E. Morris
*Pelatias Webster Perit, A.M.  *1811
*Georgius Perkins  *1852
*Jahacobus Porter, A.M.  *1846
*Noachus Porter, A.M., S.T.D. Dartm. 1828, Socius  *1866
*Nicolaus Phillips Randall, A.M.  *1836
*Johannes Taft Reed, A.M.  *1839
*Thomas Rice
*Guilielmus H. Sackett  *1820
*Jacobus St.John  *1815
*David Sanford  *1805
*Jared Scarborough, A.M. 1811  *1816
*Henricus Sherman, A.M.  *1817
*Sethus Smith, A.M. Guilielm.  *1849
*Solomon Smith  *1832
*Elias Starr  *1855
*Carolus Augustus Stuart  *1850
*Guilielmus Augustinus Taylor, A.M.  *1852
*Samuel Whittelsey, A.M.  *1842
SAMUEL FORBES ADAM, the eldest son of John Adam, of (North) Canaan, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Sarah (Leonard) Adam, of Taunton, Massachusetts, was born in Canaan on June 1, 1783. His mother was Abigail, daughter of 'Squire Samuel Forbes, of Canaan.

His grandfather Forbes was one of the pioneers of the iron manufacture in Salisbury, the adjoining town to Canaan; and Mr. Adam devoted his life to developing successfully the iron business which he had inherited.

He was one of the Representatives of the town in the General Assembly at the sessions of May, 1816, 1825, 1827, and 1828.

He married on April 17, 1805, Mary, daughter of Ezra Sampson (Yale 1773), of Hudson, New York, by whom he had one daughter and three sons.

He died in Canaan on May 2, 1854, at the age of 71.

AUTORITIES.
Adam Genealogy, 7, 10.

CORNELIUS ADAMS, Junior, the second of the four sons of Cornelius Adams, of Canterbury, Connecticut, who received their degrees at Yale (in 1800, 1801, 1803, and 1806, respectively), was born in Canterbury on November 9, 1776. He was prepared for College by his second cousin, John Adams (Yale 1795), and entered during the Junior year. He joined the College Church in July, 1802.

He studied theology after graduation, and was licensed to preach by the Hartford North Association of Ministers in June, 1804.

On June 13, 1805, he was called to settle over the Congregational Church in Scotland Society, in Windham, with a salary of £100. He accepted the call, and was ordained and installed on December 5, to the great satisfaction of the parish.
But their happiness was short-lived; as he died, from quick consumption, in Scotland, on November 28, 1806, aged 30 years.

He was married, at Danbury, by the Rev. Israel Ward, on November 20, 1803, to Mary M. Clark.

**AUTHORITIES.**


Elisha Deming Andrews, the eldest child of Jonathan Andrews, of Southington, Connecticut, and first cousin of Josiah B. Andrews (Yale 1797), was born on February 18, 1783. His mother was Ruth, daughter of Elisha and Mary (Wadsworth) Deming, of Southington. In May of the Junior year he united with the College Church on profession of faith.

On graduation he began teaching in West Springfield, Massachusetts, at the same time studying theology with the minister of the parish, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lathrop (Yale 1754).

On November 2, 1806, he began preaching in Putney, on the Connecticut River in Southern Vermont. In April, 1807, he was called to the pastorate there, and was ordained and installed on June 25. The sermon preached by Dr. Lathrop was afterwards published. On September 13, 1808, he married Elizabeth (or Betsy), only daughter of Dr. Seth and Anne (Abbot) Lathrop, of West Springfield, and granddaughter of his theological teacher.

Mr. Andrews remained at Putney until May 27, 1829, when he was dismissed at his own request. His pastorate was a period of entire harmony and religious prosperity. As the result of a revival in 1816, one hundred and fifty persons were added to the church. It was a sign of the warm affection with which his old parish regarded him, that upon his death, more than twenty years after his departure from them, they sent a tribute of remembrance and respect.
Subsequently he removed to New York State, and preached for a year in West Bloomfield, Ontario County, and then for two years in Mendon, in the same vicinity. In 1833 he removed a few miles further north, to a farm in Pittsford, being obliged to give up preaching on account of difficulty with his voice.

In 1840 he sold his farm and emigrated to Armada, Michigan, about thirty-five miles north of Detroit, where he purchased a small estate, on which he resided until his death. He recovered his voice so that he was able to supply a destitute region near his home by occupying a school-house as a church. He is remembered as being affable in manner, and a great lover of children.

He died in Armada on January 12, 1852, aged nearly 69 years. His wife died on June 5, 1859, aged nearly 71 years.

They had eight children: two died in infancy, and five sons and one daughter survived them. The eldest son was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1831, and a younger son at the University of Michigan in 1849.

AUTHORITIES.


BOYLE VANBRUGH BALDWIN, the elder son and third child of General David Baldwin, a merchant of Newtown, Connecticut, and Hannah (Brooks) Baldwin, and grandson of Colonel Caleb and Naomi (Herd, or Hard) Baldwin, of Newtown, was born on November 1, 1786. He did not enter College until after the opening of the Junior year.

All that is known of his later life is that he is said to have met an early death by drowning in the Mississippi River.
His name is first marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of Graduates issued in the summer of 1814. As he is not named in his father's will (dated April, 1811) he almost certainly died before that date.

AUTHORITIES.
Baldwin Genealogy, i, 445.

HOSEA BECKLEY, the elder surviving son of Jonathan Beckley, of Berlin, Connecticut, and grandson of Daniel and Ruth (Hart) Beckley, of Wethersfield, was born in Berlin on December 18, 1779. His mother was Mary, only daughter of David and Lydia (Andrus) Webster, of Newington Parish, in Wethersfield. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year. He was selected at his graduation from College to give the Salutatory Oration. In May of his Junior year he had united with the College Church on profession of faith.

After graduation he studied theology, and was licensed to preach by the Hartford South Association of Ministers in June, 1805.

After preaching in various localities he supplied the pulpit in Dummerston, Vermont, the adjoining town to Putney, where his classmate Andrews had been settled in June, 1807; and on January 26, 1808, he received a call to settle as pastor of the Congregational Church in that town. Having accepted the call, he was ordained and installed on March 2; the sermon on that occasion by the Rev. Dr. Calvin Chapin (Yale 1788), of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, was afterwards published.

He continued in the pastorate until his withdrawal in 1836. His success in his ministry may be inferred from the fact that one hundred and fifty persons were added to the church. He then removed a few miles, to Chesterfield, New Hampshire, where he supplied the pulpit of the Congregational Church for most of the time to 1842.
He died in Chesterfield on October 15, 1843, in his 64th year, and was buried in Dummerston.

He married, on September 21, 1808, Lydia, the only surviving daughter of Deacon Abraham and Lydia (Redfield) Pierson, of Killingworth, now Clinton, Connecticut, and sister of Dr. William S. Pierson (Yale 1808). She died on May 9, 1857, in her 72d year.

Their children were three daughters and two sons.

He published:


After his death appeared:

The History of Vermont; with descriptions, physical and topographical. Brattleboro, 1846. 8°, pp. 396.


The publisher's note explains that the author had nearly prepared this work for the press, and had obtained a large list of subscribers; this being the only patrimony left to his family, it was issued for the benefit of his widow.

AUTHORITIES.


WILLIAM BELDEN, the eldest child of Captain Azor Belden, of Wilton, then part of Norwalk, Connecticut, and a nephew of the Rev. David Belden (Yale 1785), was born in Wilton, on July 16, 1781. His mother was Hannah, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Couch) Smith, of Norwalk. In July, 1802, he joined the College Church on profession of faith. He entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year.
After graduation he studied law, and was for a short time engaged in practice in Norwalk. He soon, however, left this profession, and prepared himself for the ministry of the gospel. He also taught during part of this time, being the principal of the Academy in Weston, Connecticut, in 1810–11.

In October, 1812, he was settled as pastor of the Congregational Church on Greenfield Hill, in Fairfield, where he remained until 1821, being at the same time engaged in carrying on the academy which President Dwight had founded in that place. Among his pupils was Dr. Dwight’s nephew, the future President Woolsey.

On leaving his parish he taught for a few years in the village of Fairfield. In 1824 he removed to New York City, and opened a classical school, which he taught for several years. He was then appointed principal of one of the public schools, and subsequently an instructor in the Normal School in that city, being one of the leaders in the movement which led to the establishment of that school.

He continued in service until 1853, when he resigned on account of advancing age. In the meantime he had twice declined invitations to the presidencies of Colleges.

In 1858 he removed to Brooklyn, New York, where he died on March 20, 1861, in his 80th year.

He married, on February 5, 1807, Abigail Frances, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Cass) Hatch, of Kent, Connecticut, born on November 9, 1785. Their children were three sons and three daughters.

AUTHORITIES.

Selleck, Norwalk, 394–95. Stiles, Hist. of Wethersfield, ii, 91–92.

GEORGE BLOOM came to College from Clinton, Duchess County, New York.

In July of the Junior year he united with the College Church on profession of his faith.
Biographical Sketches, 1803

He settled as a lawyer in Poughkeepsie, New York, and had a brilliant career, which was ruined by his convivial habits.

He was a member of the State Assembly from Duchess County in the 32d Session, November, 1808, to March, 1809. In March, 1811, he succeeded Thomas J. Oakley (Yale 1801) as Surrogate of the County, and held that office for two years. In 1813 he was the President of the village of Poughkeepsie. In February, 1815, he was appointed District Attorney for the Second District, comprising Delaware, Duchess, Rockland, and Ulster Counties; by an Act passed in April, 1818, each county was made a separate district, and he continued as Attorney for Duchess County until July, 1819.

He died in Poughkeepsie in November, 1824. His wife, Harriet, died on July 13, 1816, after a lingering illness of over six months, in her 30th year.

RINALDO BURLEIGH was born in that part of Ashford which is now Eastford, Connecticut, on February 20, 1774. His grandfather, John Burley, came to America with Governor Belcher, of Massachusetts, in 1730, married Miriam Fuller, of Thompson, and settled in Union, Connecticut. Their first son, John Burley, Junior, the father of Rinaldo, settled in Eastford, and died in 1784, leaving a large family in very straitened circumstances. His wife was Persis, the second daughter of David and Elizabeth Harwood, of Sutton, Massachusetts; she next married John Blanchard, of Union.

On the death of his father, Rinaldo was apprenticed by the selectmen to a farmer for the term of his minority. When fourteen years old one arm was crushed nearly to the shoulder in a cider-mill and amputated. This rendered him less efficient for manual labor, and as one result the desire was awakened for an education, by which he might
maintain himself. At the age of seventeen he obtained release from his indentures, and with only the scantiest supply of clothing set out to make his way in the world. After one winter at a common district-school, he was able to teach the following winter; and by slow advances, aided by generous friends, especially by his preceptor, John Adams (Yale 1795), of Plainfield, he was enabled to enter College during the Junior year. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith at the end of Junior year. His poverty and deserts and graduation were so great that the Corporation took the unusual step of remitting his back dues for tuition, etc.

He chose teaching as his profession, and in the Academies of Woodstock (1814-16) and Colchester, and for a much longer time, beginning in 1803, in that of Plainfield, won a distinguished reputation. He counted among his pupils the children of every State in the Union and of some foreign lands. He was considered a mature scholar, a strict disciplinarian, thorough, painstaking, and conscientious in instruction.

His studious habits and close application induced a disease of the eyes, which terminated in total blindness in 1847. Some years before this, as dimness of vision increased, he relinquished his teaching, and retired to a farm just north of the village of Plainfield, where he had taught longest. From 1817 until his death, for over forty-five years, he was a Deacon in the Plainfield Congregational Church, and discharged the functions of his office acceptably, until prevented by blindness and other infirmities.

He was a cordial friend of the anti-slavery and temperance movements, and of other social reforms.

He married Lydia, younger daughter of John and Elizabeth (Bond) Bradford, of Canterbury, who died many years before him.

His death occurred in Plainfield, on February 10, 1863, ten days before he had completed his 89th year.
He had nine children, of whom two died in infancy, and two in the flush of early manhood. Four sons, all highly gifted, and a daughter survived him. One son was widely known as an abolitionist orator and editor; and a second as a poet and journalist; and the others as temperance lecturers and writers.

AUTHORITIES.


THOMAS DAVIES BURRALL, second son of Jonathan Burrall (Yale 1781), of Canaan, Connecticut, and a grandson of the Rev. Thomas Davies (Yale 1758), was born in Canaan on June 2, 1786.

Soon after graduation he entered the office of his stepmother’s brother, the Hon. David Sherman Boardman (Yale 1793), of New Milford, as a student of law; but removed to Poughkeepsie, New York, about a year before his admission to the bar.

Some two years after beginning practice (as a partner of Judge Philo Ruggles), he was attacked with bleeding of the lungs, and was compelled to spend a year in the South.

After his return, he removed, in September, 1812, to Geneva, New York, where he resumed practice, but in a short time found his professional life too confining, and finally abandoned it, purchasing a farm near the village, where he resided for nearly forty years; the last twelve years of his life, however, were spent at his residence on the bank of Seneca Lake, in Geneva, where he died, after an illness of three weeks, on June 24, 1872, aged 86 years.

For more than forty years he gave most of his time and thought to the invention and improvement of agricultural implements, having erected foundries and shops for that
branch of manufacture, and accomplishing much in the way of lightening the labors of the farmer.

He was one of the founders and original trustees (1813) of the Geneva Academy, now Hobart College, and took the deepest interest in its welfare, remaining a trustee until his death.

He married, on August 25, 1813, his first cousin, Charlotte, only daughter of William and Polly (Leach) Davies, of Poughkeepsie, who died, without issue, at Geneva, on September 14, 1820.

In January, 1822, he married Sarah J. Mann, of Hudson, New York, who died at Geneva, on April 12, 1831.

In March, 1837, he married Margaret, widow of Samuel Mott, who survived him.

Two sons by his second marriage, and one son by his third marriage, also survived him.

He published:

Address, before the Ontario Agricultural Society, at its fourth annual meeting, October 22, 1822. Canandaigua, 1822. 8°, pp. 21. [U. S.

At the time of the death (1863) of the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Hale, President of Hobart College, Mr. Burrall printed a sketch In Memoriam, which is republished in the
Sermons of Rev. Dr. Hale, Claremont, 1883. 8°, pp. 15-31.

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THOMAS PHILOTHEUS CHIFFELLE was born in Charleston, South Carolina, about the 1st of May, 1783. At the close of the Junior year he united with the College Church on profession of faith.

He returned after graduation to Charleston, where he married Henrietta C., daughter of James and Judith (Smith) Ladson, on March 18, 1806. She was then about 17½ years old.
He died in Charleston, the last of June, 1834, of brain fever, aged 51 years and 2 months.

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SAMUEL CHURCH, second son of Nathaniel Church, of Salisbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Samuel and Mary (Porter) Church, of Bethlehem, Connecticut, was born in Salisbury on February 4, 1785. His mother was Lois, second daughter of John Ensign, of Canaan. His preparation for College was completed under the Rev. Azel Backus (Yale 1787), of Bethlehem. In College he was distinguished as a scholar, giving especial promise in belles-lettres.

In April, 1804, he began the study of law under the Hon. Judson Canfield (Yale 1782), of Sharon, with whom he remained for more than a year. In April, 1806, he became a member of the Law School in Litchfield, and in September he was admitted to the Litchfield County bar.

On November 26, 1806, he married Cynthia, eldest child of Captain Seth and Esther (Landon) Newell, of Salisbury.

He spent the next summer in Ohio, with the view of settling there; and was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of that State on June 20; but the delicate state of his wife's health caused him to give up this plan, and in the spring of 1808 he began the practice of his profession in his native town.

In 1810 he was appointed Postmaster, and removed to Furnace Village, now Lakeville, where he resided for five years. In 1815 he settled at Salisbury Centre, where he spent most of his professional life.

In 1818 he was first appointed a Justice of the Peace, and, to use his own words, "thought not of aspiring to a higher place." In the same year came his first introduc-
tion to political life as a delegate to the Convention which formed the Constitution of Connecticut. He was one of the leaders in the work of the Convention, standing firmly for the rights of the minority, a permanent judiciary, the free exercise of the elective franchise, and a total severance of church and state.

In 1820, 1821, 1823, 1829, and 1831, he was elected a member of the House of Representatives in the General Assembly, and in 1821 was appointed Judge of Probate for the Sharon District, which office he held undisturbed by party influences until his resignation in 1832. In 1824, and for three successive years, he was elected to the State Senate. In August, 1825, he was appointed State's Attorney for Litchfield County, and so continued until 1832, when he was chosen an Associate Judge of the Supreme Court. He was advanced to the rank of Chief Justice in 1847, and held that position until his death, which took place on September 13, 1854, in his 70th year, at Newtown, while on a visit at the house of his son-in-law, the Rev. Benjamin W. Stone (Trinity Coll. 1838). He had removed his residence to Litchfield in 1845, but was buried with his kindred in Salisbury.

By virtue of his office as a senior Senator he was a member of the Yale Corporation from 1826 to 1828. Trinity College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1847. His parents were Methodists; but from 1833 he was a consistent and faithful member of the Episcopal Church. Connected through life with the Democratic party, he was proud of the fact that his successive promotions to the offices of Associate and Chief Justice were due to legislatures with whose political opinions he did not accord.

Mrs. Church died on April 27, 1853, in her 66th year.

They left two sons and two daughters. The eldest son was graduated at West Point in 1828, and spent nearly his entire after life there as Professor of Mathematics. The younger son was graduated at Trinity College in 1841.
Judge Church brought to the study of the law rare powers of analysis, as well as a remarkably retentive memory, and had a ready facility in casting his conceptions into the form of written propositions, which made his opinions among the most lucid of American law writings.

He published:

1. A Historical Address, delivered at the Commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the first annual town meeting of the town of Salisbury, October 20, A. D. 1841. New Haven, 1842. 8°, pp. 96. [Y. C.

The Address occupies pp. 1–84.

2. Address, delivered at Litchfield, Conn., on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration, 1851.

Pages 21–69 in Litchfield County Centennial Celebration, held at Litchfield, Conn., 13th and 14th of August, 1851. Hartford, 1851. 8°. Reprinted (pp. 1–38), and accompanied with a portrait of the author, in D. C. Kilbourn’s Bench and Bar of Litchfield County. Litchfield, 1909. 8°.

A manuscript paper on the Constitution of Connecticut, written at the request of the Hon. Gideon H. Hollister (Yale 1840), is preserved in the New Haven Colony Historical Society; Mr. Hollister embodied portions of this paper in the chapter on the Constitution of 1818 in volume 1 of his History of Connecticut.

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Livingston, Biographies of American ographies, ii, 240–45. Newell Gene-

THOMAS DARLING, a son of Dr. Samuel Darling (Yale 1769), was born in New Haven on April 25, 1785. At the close of his Junior year he united with the College Church on profession of his faith.

For thirty years from 1808 he was in active business in New York City, as an East India merchant.

After a long period of infirmity he died in New Haven on January 14, 1843, in his 58th year. He was buried in New Haven.
Like his father he was endowed with sound judgment and inflexible integrity, and he bore with calmness and mildness the great reverses of fortune which he experienced.

He was married by President Dwight, on February 3, 1807, to Frances, daughter of Captain Hezekiah and Mehetabel Frith, of Bermuda and New Haven, and sister of Joseph Frith, a member of the Class of 1807, who was killed by an accident while gunning in his Junior year. She died in Flushing, Long Island, on July 12, 1871, in her 84th year.

A son was graduated here in 1836.

WILLIAM SHELDEN DARLING, an older brother of the last-named graduate, was born in New Haven on September 25, 1783.

He remained here for a few years after graduation, and in 1805 held the position of Librarian of the Mechanic Library, of which his father was an influential proprietor. Later, he resided for a time in Bridgeport, but by 1811 removed to the city of New York, where he was a dry-goods merchant for many years (at first in the firm of Darling & Chapman).

He died in Bergen, New Jersey, on October 26, 1861, aged 78 years.

He married an English lady, Sophia Augusta Geib, who survived him with their children, two sons and two daughters.

MILLS DAY, the youngest son of the Rev. Jeremiah Day (Yale 1756), and a brother of President Jeremiah Day (Yale 1795) and of Thomas Day (Yale 1797), was born in New Preston parish, in Washington, Connecticut, on September 30, 1784. He united with the College Church at the close of Junior year.
He studied theology after graduation, and was licensed to preach by the Litchfield South Association of Ministers on June 3, 1806. In the fall of that year he entered on a tutorship in College, and served for two years. For reasons of health he then retired, but was able to resume the work in the fall of 1810.

He died, while still in office, in New Haven, on June 20, 1812, in his 28th year. He is buried here.

He was endowed with superior talents, and was an excellent instructor. "As a man, he was unusually correct and amiable; as a scholar, eminently distinguished; as a Christian 'blameless and harmless and without rebuke.'" His temperament was much the same as his eldest brother's, calm and modest.

The Yale Library has a manuscript diary of Mr. Day, describing a tour from Washington City to Ohio, in the summer of 1810.

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Boltwood, Noble Genealogy, 65. Spectator, July 4, 1812.
Day Genealogy, 2d ed., 20. N. Y.

Littleton Purnell Dennis, son of Henry Dennis, was born in 1784, at the family seat on Wicomico Creek, in Somerset County, Maryland. His mother was Ann, daughter of Judge Lemuel Purnell, of the same county. He entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year.

He adopted the law as his profession, and attained distinction at the bar. He also embarked early in political life, and served several terms in both branches of the State Legislature. He was repeatedly a Presidential Elector; and in 1833 was elected a Representative in Congress.

He died in Washington, during the first year of his service, after an illness of about a week, on April 14, 1834, in his 50th year, and was buried in the Congressional burying-ground. He was unmarried.
Mr. Dennis was a man of lovable character, of great popularity, and noted for his wit.

AUTHORITIES.

Aaron Dutton, the youngest of nine children of Deacon Thomas Dutton, of Watertown, and grandson of Thomas and Abigail (Merriman) Dutton, of Meriden Society, in Wallingford, Connecticut, was born in Watertown on May 21, 1780. His mother was Anna, eldest daughter of Reuben and Keziah (Moss) Royce, or Rice, of Meriden. The Rev. Professor Matthew R. Dutton (Yale 1808) and the Hon. Henry Dutton (Yale 1818) were his nephews. He was prepared for College under the instruction of the Rev. Azel Backus (Yale 1787), of Bethlehem, and entered after the opening of the Freshman year. In College he stood among the first three or four of his Class in scholarship. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith in May, 1802.

After graduation he was for a single year the preceptor of the Woodstock Academy, and then pursued the study of theology under President Dwight, and was licensed to preach by the Southern Association of Ministers of Litchfield County in October, 1805.

In April, 1806, he married Dorcas, third daughter of Samuel and Dorcas (Skinner) Southmayd, of Watertown. At Commencement in 1806 he delivered a Master's Oration on the Religious Education of Children.

In the summer of 1806 he began to preach in the vacant pulpit of the First Congregational Church in Guilford; and he gave such satisfaction that in September the Church called him to the pastorate, and on October 6 the Society voted to offer him a salary of six hundred dollars. He was ordained and installed on December 10,—the sermon on that occasion being preached by Mr. Backus.
His ministry continued during a period of nearly thirty-six years, and was eminently successful in building up the church. When he laid down his office, the church-membership, which had in 1806 numbered less than thirty, had increased to about four hundred. No less than six distinct revivals of religion took place under his labors, and over six hundred persons made a profession of religion during his ministry. Besides his pastoral duties, he prepared many young men for College.

In the latter part of his stay in Guilford, dissatisfaction with him sprang up, partly owing to his having taken a decided position as an abolitionist. At first only a minority opposed him, and they made no public move until November, 1839. Their number gradually increased until the dissatisfied party had a majority in the Society, though not for some time in the church. The course of both parties seems to have been marked by great firmness and no little acerbity; and after a request from the dissentients to be dismissed had been refused, Mr. Dutton found the situation too strained for him to continue, and he resigned on June 8, 1842. The party which stood by him took their dismission in November, 1843, and formed the Third Church, which still exists.

In a little less than a year after his resignation, and just as he was entering on his 64th year, Mr. Dutton went to what is now the State of Iowa in the service of the American Home Missionary Society. There a new field of usefulness opened before him, which he was prepared to enter with all the ardor of youth. He was invited to the pastoral charge of the church in Burlington, the capital of the Territory; and in August, 1843, he returned to New England, to complete the arrangements for a permanent removal. Just as he was about beginning his eastward journey, he was attacked with chills and fever in an aggravated form; and having with some difficulty reached his children in New Haven, he was immediately prostrated with severe illness. He recovered so far as to be able, in
a few instances, to preach, but the years that remained were, at best, years of great infirmity.

He died on June 13, 1849, aged 69 years, at the house of his eldest daughter in New Haven, and was buried in Guilford. The sermon preached at his funeral by the Rev. Dr. Leonard Bacon (Yale 1820), of New Haven, was afterwards published (New Haven, 1849, 8°, pp. 17).

His wife died in Guilford, from consumption, on September 17, 1841, in her 61st year. Their children were three daughters and five sons. The eldest son was graduated at Williams College in 1832, the second at Yale in 1833, and the third at Yale in 1837; of these the two elder entered the ministry, the second being the devoted minister of the North Church in New Haven for over twenty-seven years. Of the other sons, one died while preparing for College, and one at the opening of his Junior year (Class of 1842). The eldest daughter was for many years at the head of a successful school for young ladies in New Haven, and the second was married to the Rev. Edwin R. Gilbert (Yale 1829).

Mr. Dutton was a member of the Yale Corporation from May, 1825, until his death.

Dr. Bacon has emphatically characterized Mr. Dutton as a wise, good, honest, fearless, and happy man. Any description of him should also note his unmistakably jovial temperament.

The poetical chronicler of Guilford gives the key-note of his service there in the lines:

A valiant soul, who sacrificed himself,
And chose that rather than the parish pelf.

He published:


2. The Importance of a faithful Execution of Law.—A Sermon [from Rom, xiii, 3–4], delivered before the Connecticut Society for
the Promotion of Good Morals, October 18th, 1815. New-Haven, 1815. 8°, pp. 22.

3. The Believer's Triumph over Death.—A Sermon [from I Cor. xv, 55-57], occasioned by the Death of Mr. Nathaniel Stone, and delivered at Guilford, Nov. 26th, 1815. New-Haven, 1816. 8°, pp. 20.
[A. C. A. Br. Mus. C. H. S. Y. C.

He was also a contributor to the Monthly Christian Spectator, and other periodicals. He preached the Concio ad Clerum at New Haven in Commencement Week, 1829, but it was not published.

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SERENO EDWARDS DWIGHT, the fifth son of President Timothy Dwight (Yale 1769), was born on Greenfield Hill, in Fairfield, Connecticut, on May 18, 1786, and was named for a younger brother of his father. In 1795 the family removed to New Haven, where he was prepared for College at the Hopkins Grammar School. At his graduation from Yale he delivered an Oration on Divorces. He spent the first year after graduation in Litchfield South Farms, now Morris, as an assistant in the Academy conducted by James Morris (Yale 1775). Returning to New Haven, he passed a year as his father's amanuensis, while serving also as an assistant to Professor Silliman in chemistry, and a second year in general studies, while also holding the Berkeley Scholarship. On taking his Master's degree in 1806, he delivered a poem, entitled, The Temple of Poesy. Next came four years in a College tutorship, during which time he also studied law under the direction of Judge Charles Chauncey and Nathan Smith (honorary M.A. 1808).

In November, 1810, two months after resigning the tutorship, he was admitted to the bar of New Haven
Yale College

County, and entered with characteristic ardor on the life of a practicing lawyer.

On August 28, 1811, he was married by his father to Susan Edwards, second and eldest surviving daughter of the Hon. David Daggett (Yale 1783), of New Haven.

In 1812 his health was weakened by a lingering fever, in the treatment of which mercury was freely used, with most deleterious effects. A fiery eruption soon extended over different parts of the body, the irritation of which was most distressing, and which no applications could ever effectually remove.

In the summer of 1815, under the powerful preaching of the Rev. Nathaniel W. Taylor, he became a Christian, and soon relinquished the law for the ministry of the gospel. He was licensed to preach by the West Association of Ministers of New Haven County on October 8, 1816. His first sermon was delivered in the Center Church, New Haven, and in the afternoon of the same day in the same pulpit his father preached what proved to be his last sermon.

A few weeks later, he was chosen by the United States Senate as their Chaplain for the session of 1816-17, and accordingly passed the winter in Washington.

In the early summer of 1817 he was unanimously invited to the pastorate of the Park Street (Congregational) Church in Boston. He accepted the call, and was ordained and installed on September 3, 1817; the discourse preached on that occasion by the Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher (Yale 1797) was afterwards published.

He threw himself into the work of his office with great zeal, and was rewarded with abundant success. Especially in 1822-23 a powerful revival of religion added largely to the church. His health broke down under incessant labor, and in the summer of 1824 he was given by his congregation a vacation in Europe for a year.

On his return he resumed his duties with apparently recruited health; but about the end of January, 1826, in consequence of unusual exertions in speaking in the pulpit,
his voice was so much injured that every subsequent effort to speak was attended with much difficulty,—an evil which he ascribed to the disproportionate dimensions of his church. Becoming convinced that the cause of this disability was irremovable, he reluctantly urged a discharge, which was reluctantly granted on April 10.

Soon after this he returned to New Haven, in which city and its vicinity he resided for the next seven years. During the earlier portion of this time he preached occasionally, but did not seek a parish, as he was mainly occupied for some time in completing a life of his great-grandfather, Jonathan Edwards, and an edition of his works, for both of which he had long been collecting materials.

Early in 1828, in conjunction with his youngest brother (Yale 1815), he opened "The New-Haven Gymnasium," a large boarding-school for boys, in the building afterwards known as the Pavilion Hotel, on the water-front of the city. The school was modeled on the plan of the German gymnasia, and furnished a really superior education. The attendance was for some time gratifyingly large, but the health of both of the principals proved unequal to the labor, and the Gymnasium was discontinued in the summer or fall of 1831.

Mr. Dwight continued to reside in New Haven until 1833. In March of that year he was chosen President of Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, in succession to the Rev. Dr. Henry Davis (Yale 1796), and in April he signified his acceptance of the appointment. He was inducted into office on August 14, and in September received from Yale the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

On taking office he found that the pecuniary embarrassments of the institution were such that a large part of his time must be given to the unwelcome task of collecting funds. This occupied him for about half of his first year. In view of the debt still remaining, he then advocated a removal to Utica; and failing in accomplishing this he resigned his office in September, 1835. He had been thoroughly successful as an instructor and as a disciplinarian.
The next three years were spent in New Haven. His malady continued to distress him intensely, and with it was now joined dyspepsia in some of its worst forms.

In the fall of 1838 he removed his residence to New York City, but his health was by no means benefited by the change. His wife, who had been for some time suffering severely from chronic dyspepsia, grew much weaker in the early summer of 1839. She was taken to New Haven, and died at her father's house on August 18, in her 52d year. Their only child had died on the day of its birth.

Dr. Dwight returned to New York, and for eleven years lived a homeless, lonely, hermit-like life, enduring acute bodily and mental suffering from an incurable disease.

Early in October, 1850, he went to Philadelphia, to try the effect of hydropathic treatment. After a few weeks he was suddenly seized with chills and fever, followed by softening of the brain. He died there on November 30, in his 65th year, and is buried in New Haven.

In natural temperament he was warmly affectionate, but impetuous and impulsive, giving him sometimes the appearance of being overbearing and dogmatic. His endowments made him an able and eloquent preacher, an acceptable and useful pastor, an acute scholar, and an inspiring teacher. He was undoubtedly the most intellectually brilliant of President Dwight's sons.

He published:


The substance of this anonymous pamphlet first appeared, in the form of two essays, in the Connecticut Journal for October 15 and 22, 1812; it deals exhaustively with the injustice of the provision for slave representation in the Constitution of the United States.

2. A Sermon [from Phil. iii, 21], delivered at the Funeral of Rev. Joshua Huntington, late Pastor of the Old South Church in Boston, Sept. 13, 1819. Boston, 1819. 8°, pp. 44.

3. Thy Kingdom come; a Sermon [from Matt. vi. 10], delivered in the Old South Church, Boston, before the Foreign Mission Society of Boston and the vicinity, January 3, 1820. Boston, 1820. 8°, pp. 40.


4. The Greek Revolution.—An Address, delivered in Park Street Church, Boston, on Thursday, April 1, and repeated at the request of the Greek Committee, in the Old South Church, on the evening of April 14, 1824. Boston, 1824. 8°, pp. 34.


The same. 2d edition. Boston, 1824. 8°, pp. 36.  [Y. C.]

5. The Gospel, its own witness to the conscience:—a Sermon [from John iv, 41-42], delivered in Portland, Nov. 9, 1825, at the Installation of the Rev. Charles Jenkins. . Portland, 1826. 8°, pp. 51.


6. The Death of Christ: being the substance of several Sermons [from Luke xxiii, 23], delivered in Park Street Church, Boston, in the month of January, 1826. Boston, 1826. 8°, pp. 128.


The design is to answer the question, Why did Jesus die upon the cross?


A legal argument (composed while the author was a practicing lawyer) against marriage with a wife's sister. Reprinted in Glasgow, 1837.

9. "Forbid them not;'' or the Hindrances, which prevent little children from Coming to Christ. New-York, 1838. 12°, pp. 82.

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Two contributions to the American Journal of Science may be noticed:
Yale College

Description of the Eruption of Long Lake and Mud Lake, in Vermont, . . in the summer of 1810. In vol. xi, 1826, pp. 39-54 + pl.

Notice of a Meteoric Fire Ball. In vol. xiii, 1828, pp. 35-37.

He published, as editor, the following:

After his death his younger brother, the Rev. Dr. William T. Dwight (Yale 1813) published:


The volume includes ten sermons, besides Nos. 4 and 6 of the above-mentioned publications.

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C. C. Baldwin, Diary, 295. Doggett-Daggett Family, 154, 201-02.

ELISHA ELY, the second son of the Rev Dr. David Ely (Yale 1769), of Huntington, Connecticut, was born in Huntington on October 25, 1782. He joined the College Church in August, 1802.

The two years after graduation he spent in New Haven, filling the office of College Butler.

From 1808 to 1822 he was a successful grocer in New York City, in the firm of McGregor, Darling and Ely. He then returned to his native town and occupied himself with agricultural pursuits. After many years of infirm
health, he died suddenly, in the house in which he was born, on December 3, 1846, in his 65th year.

The prominent traits of his character were integrity and generosity, supported by a strong faith in the Christian religion.

He married, on January 1, 1815, Eloise, youngest daughter of Captain Henry and Anna (Tomlinson) Curtiss, of Stratford, Connecticut, her mother being the second wife of Mr. Ely's father. She died in 1863, in her 73d year. Their children, two daughters and seven sons, all grew to maturity.

AUTHORITIES.


John Fitch was born in Windham, Connecticut, on September 14, 1783, the second son of John and Clarissa Fitch, of Windham, and grandson of John and Mercy (Lathrop) Fitch. His mother was an adopted daughter of Nathaniel Wales, of Windham. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

Upon graduation he studied law and was admitted to the Windham County bar in 1805. After practicing in his native town for nearly sixteen years, he removed in the spring of 1821 to the adjoining town of Mansfield, in Tolland County, where he resided until his death, after a long and painful illness, on June 8, 1845, in his 62d year.

He was a member of the State Senate in 1828 and 1829. He was State's Attorney for Tolland County from 1831 to 1835; for three years, from 1835 to 1838, he was Chief Judge of the Tolland County Court; and from 1838 to 1842 Judge of Probate for the District of Mansfield.

He married, first, Huldah, daughter of Dr. Benjamin Dyer, of Windham, by whom he had no children; and secondly, the widow of Jonathan Ashley Welch, of Brooklyn, Connecticut.
HENRY FORD was born in Morristown, New Jersey, on August 4, and was baptized on September 5, 1783, the son of Jonathan and Eunice Ford, of Morristown. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith at the close of his Junior year, having entered College during that year.

After graduation he studied theology with the Rev. Dr. James Richards, of Morristown. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New York, and his first settlement was in Bethlehem, Albany County, where he was ordained and installed by the Presbytery of Hudson on February 9, 1809. His pastorate there was terminated on April 21, 1813; and on the 27th of the following October he was installed at Lisle, in Broome County. He was dismissed from Lisle on March 7, 1820, and next served as the stated supply of a church in Elmira, in Chemung County, from May, 1820, to the beginning of 1827.

For the next twelve or fifteen years he resided in Lisle, supplying as he had opportunity vacant churches in the vicinity.

About 1842 he returned to Elmira, and for the last five years of his life acted as colporteur for the American Tract Society in Chemung County, and in Bradford and Tioga Counties, Pennsylvania.

After the division of the Presbyterian Church in 1837, he was connected with the New School body.

He died in Elmira on November 6, 1848, in his 66th year.

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tery, 37-38. Hotchkin, Hist. of Record, i, 182.
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GEORGE [WASHINGTON] HALL, son of Abner and Phebe (Percival) Hall, of East Haddam, Connecticut, was born in East Haddam on July 29, 1782, and entered College dur-
Biographical Sketches, 1803

ing the Freshman year. In College and for some years afterwards he did not use a middle name. He joined the College Church on profession of faith in July, 1802.

After graduation he studied theology, and married, on November 6, 1804, Mary, daughter of Henry and Ann (Lord) Deming, of Wethersfield.

On September 25, 1804, he was licensed to preach by the North Consociation of Ministers of Hartford County, and was soon after settled as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Cherry Valley, New York, where he continued for about two years. His wife died in Cherry Valley on October 22, 1806, in her 22d year, leaving a daughter, who also died soon.

About this time he experienced a change of doctrinal views, and was thenceforth in sympathy with the Unitarian churches, and was mainly occupied in teaching.

During the war of 1812 he served as a Chaplain in the army, and was stationed in Portland, Maine.

He went to Georgia as a teacher in 1815, and on his return in 1817 found similar occupation in Boston. In 1818 he opened a school for boys at Mount Vernon, near Harlem, New York. In 1819 he married his second wife, Harriet, eldest daughter of Perkins and Bridget (Orne) Nichols, of Boston.

Soon after this he went South again for his health, and found employment as a teacher in Rutherford, North Carolina.

About 1823 he returned to New York City and opened a large boarding school for boys on Thirteenth Street, which proved very successful. General LaFayette paid the school a visit when in New York in 1824, and being requested to give it a name, named it the Washington Institute.

In 1828 Mr. Hall lost his second wife, and in the same year he married her first cousin, Emily, daughter of John and Pamela (Prentice) Orne, of Lynnfield, Massachusetts. In 1829, finding his health failing under the responsibilities
of his school, he disposed of it to the Rev. Joseph D. Wickham (Yale 1815), and purchased a large farm in Shrewsbury, New Jersey. This, however, proved to be too much care for him, and he soon disposed of it and found relief in Southern travel. He returned in 1831 and repurchased the Washington Institute property; the effort, however, was too much for his health, and in 1836 he retired permanently, by his physician's advice, from all active labor.

He had acquired a handsome competency, a part of which he invested in the Sans Souci Hotel at Ballston, New York, where he mainly resided for the rest of his life. His vigorous physical constitution re-asserted itself speedily, but his mental powers were never fully restored, though able to enjoy his books, and a daily student of the Scriptures.

In 1842 he lost his third wife, at the age of 38; and in June of the same year he married Amelia, youngest daughter of Colonel James Warner, of New York City.

He died, after a brief illness, in Troy, New York, where he had boarded for the last three winters of his life, on February 24, 1868, in his 86th year. His wife survived him. He left no children.

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Deming Genealogy, 121. Mrs. Hall, MS. Letter, April, 1868.

JOSEPH HARRINGTON, son of Joseph Harrington, of Westborough, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and grandson of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stratton) Harrington, of Westborough, was born on June 27, 1781. His mother was Ruth, third daughter of Deacon Joseph and Ruth (Hunt) Merriam, of Grafton. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

He died at his residence in Roxbury, Massachusetts, on December 7, 1852, in his 72d year, having suffered an apoplectic attack two days previously.
He spent his life as a practicing lawyer in Boston, until the spring of 1849, when he received an appointment in the Boston Custom House, which he held until his death.

He maintained a very respectable standing in his profession, and in private life his character was unblemished. He was an ardent and active friend of temperance. In politics he was a thorough-going Federalist, and afterwards a Whig.

He married a daughter of Ralph Smith, of Roxbury, at one time a noted Democratic politician.

He left five sons and two daughters. Two of his sons were graduated at Harvard College, in 1833 and 1834, respectively, and became Unitarian clergymen.

AUTHORITIES.


Zerah Hawley, the youngest son of the Rev. Rufus Hawley (Yale 1767), of Northington Parish, in Farmington, now (West) Avon, Connecticut, was born in 1781. Two nephews were graduated at Yale, in 1833 and 1837, respectively. He joined the College Church in July, 1802.

He studied medicine and settled in New Haven, where he practiced medicine and afterwards dentistry for many years. He had but indifferent success, and in 1821 went to Ohio with the intention of settling there; he was, however, disappointed in this project, and in October returned to New Haven. At a later date he endeavored to add to his resources by taking pupils. About 1835 impaired health induced him to retire to a farm in his native place, where he died on March 6, 1856, aged 75 years.

He married, on October 18, 1810, Harriet, daughter of Captain William and Esther (White) Sherman, of New Haven, born on October 31, 1784.

AUTHORITIES.

Hawley Record, 82. W. Avon Cen-
NORMAN HICKOK, son of James and Ann Hickok, of Lansingburg, Rensselaer County, New York, was born in 1783, and entered Williams College, at the opening of the Sophomore year, coming thence to Yale a year later. A sister married William Page (Yale 1797).

He resided for some time after graduation in Lansingburg, and later in Harlem, New York.

He was a member of the New York Assembly from the New York City district for two sessions, from January, 1840, to May, 1841.

He died in Harlem on December 9, 1842, in his 60th year, and was buried in Sheffield, Massachusetts. He was probably never married. He was a man of very large build, weighing four hundred pounds.

HORACE HOLLEY, the second of six sons of Luther Holley, a country merchant of Salisbury, Connecticut, and grandson of John and Sarah (Lord) Holley, of Sharon, was born in Salisbury on February 13, 1781. His mother was Sarah, daughter of the Rev. Simon Dakin, a Baptist preacher, of Oblong, Duchess County, New York, and of Rebecca (Perry) Dakin. In his youth his father destined him for a business career, but a decided taste for intellectual pursuits finally led him to College. In 1797 he was sent to Williamstown, Massachusetts, and placed in the academy connected with Williams College. After a brilliant undergraduate course at Yale, he delivered at graduation an Oration on the Slavery of Free-Thinking. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith at the close of his Junior year.

He settled at first in New York City as a student of law in the office of Riggs & Radcliff,—Mr. Radcliff being a Yale graduate of the Class of 1793. Through the influence of President Dwight, however, a few months later, he forsook the law and returned to New Haven, to study theology under the President's direction.
He was licensed to preach by the New Haven East Association of Ministers in December, 1804, and on January 1, 1805, he was married here by the Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard to Mary, daughter of Elijah Austin, a New Haven merchant, who died of yellow fever in New York in 1794, and his wife Esther Austin.

He then passed six months under his father's roof in Salisbury, engaged in composing sermons and in pursuing his theological studies. He then returned to New Haven, and received various invitations for a settlement.

He decided, perhaps rather hastily, to accept a call to the church at Greenfield Hill, in Fairfield, of which President Dwight had been the last settled pastor; and he was ordained and installed there by the Western Consociation of Fairfield County on September 13, 1805, with a salary of $560. He found, however, that this salary was too small for comfort, and he therefore took a dismission three years later, on September 13, 1808, from a society otherwise entirely agreeable.

He soon received calls from Marblehead, Massachusetts, from the First Church in Middletown, Connecticut, and from Albany, New York; but these were all declined in favor of an invitation, after several weeks of probation, from the Hollis Street Church in Boston. He was installed over that church on March 8, 1809, the sermon preached on the occasion by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Eckley (Princeton Coll. 1772), pastor of the Old South Church, being afterwards published.

Mr. Holley's views of theology had apparently been gradually conforming to those later known as Unitarian; and his new parish sympathized in general with those views, while he soon came to be counted as a liberal of the liberals. His pastorate in Boston was in every way a happy one. The congregation doubled itself during that period. His sermons delivered in the ordinary course of his ministry were generally extemporaneous, but the charm of his eloquence thrilled his audience. For special occa-
sions he wrote out his addresses in full, but uniformly declined to allow them to be printed. Among those which made the most impression were a Sermon before the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1811, a Discourse on the death of the Rev. Joseph S. Buckminster in 1812, an Oration for the Washington Benevolent Society in 1815 (a full and sympathetic commentary on Federalist principles), a Discourse on the anniversary of the Boston Female Asylum in 1816, a Sermon on the death of President Dwight in 1817, an Anniversary Discourse before the Pilgrim Society of Plymouth in the same year, and his Farewell Discourse in 1818.

In November, 1815, he was elected to the Presidency of Transylvania University, in Lexington, Kentucky, an institution originally under Presbyterian control, but did not accept the election. Two years later, on November 15, 1817, he was again, and unanimously, elected to this office, with a salary of $2,250.

In March, 1818, he made a leisurely journey to Lexington, where after looking over the field he decided that duty and extent of usefulness obliged him to accept the Presidency, which he did on June 25. This decision was the mistake of his life.

He then returned to Boston, took a dismission on August 24 from his church, which relinquished him with great regret, and in October proceeded to Kentucky, where he was formally inducted into office on December 19.

Under his influence the University rapidly increased in numbers, and the facilities for education were enlarged. From the first, however, the disappointment of other candidates for the presidential office, and slander and persecution prompted by sectarian bigotry, interfered with Mr. Holley's usefulness and embittered his life. Disappointed in being able to induce the State Legislature to supply the pecuniary needs of the University, he signified to the Trustees in January, 1826, his intention to resign his office; and he carried out this intention in March, 1827.
He had for some time had in his family and under his care a number of small boys, the sons of wealthy Louisiana planters; and he now proposed to take a few such boys and some older youths abroad for education for six or eight years. He left Lexington for New Orleans, on March 27, with this plan in view; but on his arrival there some influential citizens proposed to him the establishment of a literary institution in the vicinity. He acceded to this new plan, and with all his native impetuosity threw himself into the arrangements without delay. They were almost completed when he found himself prostrated by the unaccustomed exposure to tropical heat; and as a necessary relief he embarked on July 22, in the ship Louisiana, for New York, intending to return in November.

A case of yellow fever developed on the ship; Dr. Holley contracted the disease, and died on July 31, and was buried in the Gulf of Mexico, in the 47th year of his age.

A Discourse delivered at Transylvania University in November, 1827, by Professor Charles Caldwell, M.D., on the Genius and Character of President Holley, was published in 1828, with an Appendix of biographical and illustrative matter, chiefly by Mrs. Holley (8°, pp. viii, 294+pl.). This includes an engraving from an excellent portrait by Gilbert Stuart.

A Discourse occasioned by his death, by his successor in the Hollis Street pulpit, the Rev. John Pierpont (Yale 1804), was also published (Boston, 1827. 8°, pp. 31).

His wife survived him, with their children, a daughter and a son. In the fall of 1831 she made a visit to Texas, where her uncle and cousin had founded a settlement, and 1833, she published her Observations. She died in New Orleans on August 2, 1846, from yellow fever.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Mr. Holley by the Cincinnati College in 1823.

No one can now read the Memoir of Dr. Holley without acknowledging that he was a faithful and devout Christian man, who loved truth ardently and sought it earnestly.
Mr. Pierpont in his Discourse describes his mind as distinguished for promptness and power, and enumerates among his natural advantages:

An elegant form, a graceful action, a countenance beaming at once with the expression of earnestness and intelligence, an elocution ready and perfectly distinct, though sometimes rapid and always energetic, a manner graceful and full of dignity.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel K. Lothrop (Harvard 1825), in a volume printed by the Wednesday Evening Club, describes him as endowed "with good scholarship and thorough intellectual training, a noble presence, magnificent voice, a speaking eye, and a large magnetic force."

He published:

A Discourse occasioned by the Death of Col. James Morrison, delivered in the Episcopal Church, Lexington, Kentucky, May 19th, 1823. Lexington, 1823. 8°, pp. 37.

Delivered at the request of the Trustees of the University.

He published,—anonymously, in \textit{The General Repository and Review}, vol. iii, pp. 324-78, Cambridge, Mass., April, 1813:

Review of A Contrast between Calvinism and Hopkinsianism, By the Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely. With its Recommendations.

He also published in the \textit{Western Review}, at Lexington:

On Education in the Western States, 1819;
The Imperfection of Language, 1820.

These articles are quoted in Caldwell's \textit{Memoir}, pp. 167-77, 257-65.

In the same volume many of his letters are given, also quotations from his manuscript sermons, his Plan of religious instruction and worship in Transylvania University, 1824 (pp. 227-34), his final Report to the Trustees, March, 1827 (pp. 207-15), etc.

\textbf{AUTHORITIES.}

GEORGE HUBBARD, the youngest of three sons of John Hubbard, a farmer of Wintonbury Parish, in Windsor, Connecticut, now Bloomfield, and grandson of John Hubbard, of Wintonbury, was born on July 23, 1780. His mother was Susannah, daughter of Pelatiah and Martha (Chapman) Mills, of Wintonbury. John Mills Hubbard (Yale 1829) was a nephew. He was absent during the whole of Senior year in Bermuda, for the sake of his health; but kept up his studies so as to take his degree with his Class.

He taught school in Windsor, with some interruptions, in 1803-05, and in the summer of 1805 delivered the annual oration in that town in commemoration of American Independence.

In October, 1805, he began the study of law in Suffield, and in the spring and summer of 1806 continued it in Simsbury with Colonel Noah A. Phelps (Yale 1783). After further study in Hartford, he was admitted to the bar of Hartford County in the summer of 1807.

In September, 1807, he settled in Stonington, where he practiced his profession until his death. From April, 1809, until 1817, he served as Postmaster of the town.

On September 7, 1809, he married Sally, the second daughter of Deacon Thomas and Amy (Denison) Swan, of Stonington, and widow of Dr. Charles Phelps, of Stonington, who had died in January, 1808, leaving a large fortune in real estate. Complications affecting the settlement of Dr. Phelps's estate and the rights of three minor children occupied much of his time until 1818.

He had long been an active Jeffersonian Democrat, and upon the transfer of political power in Connecticut, he was sent to the General Assembly as a Representative, in October, 1817, and May, 1818. In May, 1819, he was a candidate for the office of High Sheriff of New London County, but was unsuccessful. He was, however, at this date appointed Clerk of the new Probate District of Stonington.
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Mrs. Hubbard died, after a week's illness, from pneumonia, in Stonington, on April 5, 1841, in her 69th year. He married, secondly, in Mansfield, on February 28, 1844, Lucretia, third daughter of Elijah and Betsey (Sears) Ranson, of Salem Parish, in Colchester, and widow of John R. Watrous, M.D. (honorary Yale 1818), of Colchester, a Revolutionary surgeon, who died in December, 1842. She was born in March, 1790.

He died in Stonington on September 26, 1853, in his 74th year.

By his first marriage he had two sons, one of whom died in infancy, and a daughter.

He published:

George Hubbard's Autobiography: with a brief Narrative [sic] of his Lineage, paternal and maternal, and succinct notice of passing events. New London, 1852. 12°, pp. 35. [Y. C.

A very naive and amusing compilation.

AUTHORITIES.


David Humphreys, the youngest child of Major Elijah Humphreys, of Derby, Connecticut, and a nephew of General David Humphreys (Yale 1771), was born in Derby on February 26, 1784. His mother was Anna, second daughter of the Rev. Dr. Richard Mansfield (Yale 1741), of Derby. A sister married the Rev. James Thompson (Yale 1789).

His name is first marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of Graduates issued in 1811. He is said to have died shortly before,—probably in 1809 or 1810; one report says that he died at sea, another in New Orleans, and a third in Derby.

AUTHORITIES.

Eli Hyde, the third son and child of Eli Hyde, of Franklin, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Matthew and Elizabeth (Huntington) Hyde, of Franklin, was born there on January 20, 1778. His mother was Rhoda, youngest daughter of John and Elizabeth (Abel) Lathrop, of Franklin. He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Samuel Nott (Yale 1780), and entered after the opening of the Sophomore year. He was already a member of the Franklin Church.

After a thorough course of theological reading under the instruction of the Rev. Dr. Calvin Chapin (Yale 1788), of Rocky Hill, and the Rev. Dr. Cyprian Strong (Yale 1763), of Chatham, he was licensed to preach by the Hartford South Association in June, 1804.

In June, 1808, he was ordained and installed over the Presbyterian Church in Oxford, Chenango County, New York. After a ministry of about four years he was dismissed, because the Society could not furnish him with an adequate support, and then devoted several months to missionary labor in Northern New York.

On July 7, 1812, he was called to the Congregational Church in Smithfield Society, in Amenia, Duchess County, where he was installed on January 20, 1813, and where he remained until May, 1821.

He was installed over the Congregational Church in Salem, New London County, Connecticut, in November, 1822, and continued there until April, 1831.

His last regular settlement was over the Congregational Church in Salisbury, Addison County, Vermont, where he was installed on May 30, 1833. He was dismissed in September, 1836, principally on account of want of support. Later he performed home missionary service for a few years in Allegany County, New York. He died in his native town on October 3, 1856, in his 79th year.

He married, on November 24, 1807, Sarah, daughter of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Nott, of Franklin, who survived him for many years. She was born in July, 1786.
Their children were five sons, two of whom died in infancy, and three daughters, of whom one died in infancy.

Mr. Hyde was a man of logical mind and a good writer; but without rhetorical graces. His manners were somewhat formal, and he was hampered by an impediment in his speech.

**AUTHORITIES.**


**JOHN HYDE,** the eldest child of Vaniah Hyde, of Franklin, Connecticut, and grandson of Thomas and Elizabeth (Huntington) Hyde, of Franklin, was born there, on July 7, 1776. His mother was Rebecca, daughter of Captain Joshua and Mary (Throop) Barker, of Lebanon. He was prepared for College, with his third cousin and classmate, Eli Hyde, by his pastor, Dr. Nott; and had united with the Franklin Church before coming to Yale.

After devoting the usual period to a theological course under the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789), of Goshen, he was licensed to preach by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers on June 11, 1805.

On February 20, 1806, he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church of eighty-five members in Mount Carmel Society, in Hamden, on a salary of $500. He accepted the call and was ordained and installed there on May 20, the sermon on the occasion being preached by Dr. Nott, whose daughter Susan he had married on the 22d of the preceding month.

In January, 1811, he was dismissed from this charge; twenty-six members had been added to the church under his ministry.

On May 26, 1812, he was called to settle over the Congregational Church in Preston, Connecticut, and he was
installed there on July 1. After a successful pastorate of fifteen years, he was dismissed on May 28, 1827; sixty-seven members had been added to the church on profession of their faith during his ministry.

In April, 1828, he was again installed, over the Congregational Church in the North parish in Wilbraham, Massachusetts, where he remained until January, 1832.

This was his last regular settlement; but he preached in various places for brief periods, as in Bozrah, Connecticut, from April, 1835, to April, 1837.

His wife died in West Killingly, Connecticut, now Danielson, on March 20, 1842, in her 60th year.

Mr. Hyde died in Franklin, at his father-in-law's house, much respected and beloved, on August 14, 1848, aged 72 years.

His children were three daughters and three sons. The eldest daughter married Stephen W. Meech (Yale 1826).

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AUTHORITIES.


JACOB BOND I'ON, the only son of Richard I'On, a wealthy planter of Charleston, and St. James Santee, in Charleston District, South Carolina, was born about the 1st of July, 1782. A sister married Thomas Lowndes, a member of Congress from South Carolina.

In early life he was an adherent of the Federalist party. He was commissioned as a Captain of Artillery in March, 1812, and remained in the service until June, 1815, having under his command the fortifications at Charleston and Savannah. He was later known by the honorary title of Colonel.

He was early elected to the State Legislature, and after serving in the Lower House was also President of the
State Senate. In 1824 he was the unsuccessful candidate of the National party for Governor.

In 1832 he was a member of the Convention which passed the nullification ordinance.

After years of infirmity, succeeded by nine months of acute suffering, he died at his ancestral home in Charleston on July 17, 1859, aged 77 years. He was never married.

AUTHORITIES.

ISAAC EDWARDS JUDSON, the youngest son in a family of eleven children of Captain James Judson, of Roxbury Parish, in Woodbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Isaac and Elizabeth (Hawley) Judson, of Woodbury, was baptized on September 16, 1781. His mother was Deborah, youngest daughter of John and Deborah (Hurd) Leavenworth, of Woodbury, and widow of Joshua Judson. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith at the close of the Junior year.

He went into business in a country store in Roxbury, in partnership with a brother-in-law, but failed disastrously, in consequence of which his mental powers were shattered. He removed to Albany, New York, where he lived with a widowed sister, and assisted her in conducting a boarding-house.

He died in Albany on December 10, 1856, in his 76th year.

He was never married, and his health had always been feeble.

AUTHORITIES.
Cothren, Hist. of Woodbury, i, 594. Leavenworth Genealogy, 48, 83-84.

JONATHAN WARREN KELLOGG, the youngest son of Samuel Kellogg, a farmer of New Canaan, Connecticut, and
grandson of Martin Kellogg, of New Canaan, was born on April 17, 1780. His mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon Jonathan and Mary (Richards) Waring (or Warren), of New Canaan. He united with the Church in College on profession of his faith at the end of his Junior year.

He spent his life in the work of instructing in schools and academies.

About 1806 he took charge of a large school in New York City, which was broken up by the epidemic of yellow fever in the summer of 1822.

He died in New Canaan on May 12, 1853, aged 73 years.

He was married, and had four daughters and two sons.

AUTHORITIES.


JOSHUA KENNEDY entered College from Washington, Georgia, after the opening of the Sophomore year.

He is believed to have spent his life in his native State.

He is first marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of 1841.

JONATHAN LAW, son of William and Sarah (Hotchkiss) Law, of Cheshire, Connecticut, was born in Cheshire on January 14, 1784. A brother was graduated here in 1792. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith in August, 1802. He had entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

In April, 1805, he entered the office of Judge Charles Chauncey, of New Haven, for the study of law, and he was admitted to the bar in this city on March 3, 1807.

He began practice in Hartford in 1807, and in March, 1809, was appointed Postmaster. He retained that office until the accession of Jackson to the Presidency, in March, 1829.
About 1844 he returned to Cheshire, where he died on November 4, 1859, aged nearly 76 years.

He was married by the Rev. John Foot, on May 6, 1807, to Stella, eldest child of Samuel and Abigail Ann Hull, of Cheshire, and niece of Jotham I. Doolittle (Yale 1795), who died in Hartford, on December 13, 1841, in her 56th year.

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ADDIN LEWIS, fourth son of Captain Nathaniel and Sarah (Gridley) Lewis, of that part of Southington, Connecticut, which is now Wolcott, and grandson of Nathan and Mary (Gridley) Lewis, was born in Southington on January 4, 1780.

In 1804 he accepted a position as Instructor or Tutor in the University of Georgia, at Athens, and remained there for four years. In this service he had gained such reputation and esteem that he was appointed the first Collector of the District of Mobile, without his solicitation. The importance of the office induced his acceptance, though the emoluments were small; and he found the position, as that of the chief representative of the general government, one with scope for all his powers.

At the same time he filled the office of Postmaster, and was made Mayor of the city and President of the local bank.

As years passed he became identified with all the public interests of the city and vicinity, and amassed quite a fortune. Having suffered for years from consumption, and being wearied of long official service, he retired at length from all his duties.

For some years he spent the summers in Connecticut, and the winters in the South. Finally, becoming a good
deal deaf, he settled about 1827 permanently in New Haven, and died here on April 7, 1842, in his 63d year.

He was married, by the Rev. David L. Ogden (Yale 1814), on September 29, 1823, to Fanny, second daughter of his own cousin, Seth Lewis (Yale 1783), of Southington, and widow of Anson Judd, of Southington and Philadelphia. Two of her sisters married Yale graduates—Timothy Jones (1804), and Dr. E. Huggins Bishop (1826). She died in New Haven on December 2, 1832, in her 43d year. Their children were three daughters, all of whom died young.

In his will he provided, after the death of his only surviving daughter without issue, for the gift of $10,000 to the town of Wolcott for the support of public schools, of $15,000 to the town of Southington for the building and maintenance of an Academy, and of $5,000 for the Yale Library.

AUTHORITIES.

Orcutt, Hist. of Wolcott, 200-02, ton, 437-42, clix-clx, clxii. 515-16. Timlow, Hist. of Southing-

NATHAN MANSFIELD, the only son of the Rev. Achilles Mansfield (Yale 1770), of that part of Killingworth which is now Clinton, Connecticut, was born on August 6, 1784. In July of his Junior year he united with the College Church on profession of his faith.

He studied medicine after graduation, and established himself in practice in his native village, where he died, unmarried, on April 6, 1813, in his 29th year.

AUTHORITIES.

Mansfield Genealogy, 56, 102-03. Tuttle Family, 206.

CHARLES MITCHELL, the fourth son of Chief-Justice Stephen Mix Mitchell (Yale 1763), was born in Wethers-
field, Connecticut, on August 31, and was baptized on September 11, 1785.

He studied law after graduation, and settled in practice in Baltimore, Maryland. He was regarded as the cleverest of a large family of brothers, and achieved a high reputation at the bar. He was also brilliant and witty in social life, but was the victim of convivial habits.

He died in Baltimore, after a long illness, on June 10, 1831, in his 46th year. He was never married.

AUTHORITIES.


MINOTT MITCHELL, who was born in New Canaan, Connecticut, on September 24, 1784, was a son of the Rev. Justus Mitchell (Yale 1776), and of Martha Mitchell, a sister of the Hon. Roger Minott Sherman (Yale 1792). A brother was a member of the next lower College class, but did not graduate; the Hon. Chauncey Mitchell Depew (Yale 1856) is a grandson of this brother.

After pursuing the study of law under his uncle’s direction, in Norwalk, and with Elisha Williams, of Hudson, New York, he entered in 1806 on the practice of his profession in White Plains, New York. He continued to be for many years easily the leader of the Westchester County bar, giving also professional instruction from time to time to many young men whom his legal acquirements and excellence of character drew around him. In his later years he was to some extent engaged in other business, until near the close of his life the large fortune which he had accumulated by unremitting industry was entirely swept away by unfortunate investments.

He died at White Plains on February 20, 1862, in his 78th year.
A Sermon delivered at his funeral by his pastor, the Rev. David Teese, was printed in New York in 1862 (8°, pp. 21).

He married, on December 3, 1806, Eliza Leeds, daughter of Dr. Joseph and Patty (Leeds) Silliman, of New Canaan, who survived him. Two of her brothers were Yale graduates, in 1806 and 1808, respectively.

He had six sons and two daughters. Three sons became lawyers, and one was a physician of distinction in Brooklyn, New York.

AUTHORITIES.
Scharf, Hist. of Westchester County, i, 541.

JAMES E. MORRIS, the eldest son of James Morris (Yale 1775), was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, South Farms Parish (now Morris), on December 4, 1784. In July of his Junior year he united with the College Church on profession of his faith.

He studied law in Litchfield, but went South early, married, and died there.

One account places him in Virginia; another report says that he died in Waynesboro, Georgia, about 1824.

AUTHORITIES.
Woodruff, Litchfield Geneal. Register, 151.

PELATIAH WEBSTER PERIT, son of Thaddeus Perit, of New Haven, was born in New Haven early in 1783. His mother was Sophia, daughter of Pelatiah Webster (Yale 1746), of Philadelphia, who was married in March, 1782, and died in May, 1784. He was thus a double first cousin of John Webster Perit (Yale 1801) and Pelatiah Perit (Yale 1802). His father married, secondly, in November, 1789, Desire Sanford, of New Haven, and died in August, 1806.
He became a merchant in New Haven, in partnership with Anthony P. Sanford, and was married here, on September 20, 1808, by the Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard to Frances (or Fanny) Hall.

He died at his residence on Union Street in New Haven, on April 16, 1811, after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian patience, in his 29th year.

His widow survived him without children, and next married, in October, 1812, Dr. Rodolphus Ladd, of Stafford, Connecticut. Mr. Perit's estate, of nearly $10,000, was divided between her and his step-mother.

AUTHORITIES.
Conn. Journal, April 18, 1811.

George Perkins, the youngest son in a family of ten children of Dr. Elisha and Sarah (Douglas) Perkins, of Plainfield, Connecticut, was born in Plainfield on October 19, 1783. Two brothers were graduated here in 1791 and 1794, respectively. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year. In August, 1802, he united with the College Church.

He studied law after graduation, with his brother-in-law, the Hon. Charles Marsh (Dartmouth Coll. 1786), of Woodstock, Vermont, and being admitted to the bar in 1806 settled in practice in Norwich, Connecticut, where he continued until 1821.

He then abandoned the law for theology, taking a brief course of study with his brother (Yale 1791), in Coatesville, Pennsylvania. In September, 1823, he began to preach in Ashburnham, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and having been called to settle there in December, was ordained and installed on February 25, 1824, as pastor of the Congregational Church.

Having resigned this charge because his wife's aged parents needed his care, he was dismissed on July 3, 1832;
and was installed the next month over the Congregational Church in Jewett City, in the township of Griswold, Connecticut. He was forced by ill health to resign this charge on September 4, 1838, and he then returned to Norwich as his permanent place of residence,—being for some time occupied with the settlement of the estate of his father-in-law, who died in 1837.

He recovered sufficiently to be able to preach occasionally, and from 1840 to 1845 he supplied the church in Bozrahville in that vicinity.

He died in Norwich on September 17, 1852, aged nearly 69 years.

He married, in December, 1817, Marionette, the eldest child of Dr. John and Hannah (Huntington) Turner, of Norwich, who died early in September, 1820, aged 31 years.

He next married Betsey Huntington Turner, a sister of his first wife, who died in 1838.

By his first marriage he had one daughter, and by his second marriage two sons. One son was killed while on a whaling voyage shortly before his father's death.

Mr. Perkins was an amiable man, yet possessed of the most unbending integrity of character. Though not a popular speaker, his ministry in Ashburnham was successful and unusually acceptable. It was said of him that he combined dignity with affability, and unusual plainness of speech with equal kindness. In the pulpit he was often colloquial, sometimes eloquent, but always instructive.

.Authorities.

Jacob Porter, elder son of Seth Porter, of Abington, in Plymouth County, and Cummington, in Hampshire
County, Massachusetts, and grandson of Jacob and Esther (Ford) Porter, of Abington, was born in Abington on December 30, 1783. His mother was Mary, second daughter of Captain Edward and Abigail (Shaw) Cobb, of Hingham and Abington. He entered Williams College at the beginning of the Sophomore year, and removed to Yale in time to have his name enrolled in the Catalogue of November, 1802, then calling himself of Abington, though his father had already removed to Cummington.

He spent his life in Plainfield, formerly a part of Cummington. He studied medicine, and practiced his profession, though very inconsiderably, his attention being mostly given to botany, mineralogy, and literature.

He died in Plainfield on November 15, 1846, aged nearly 63 years. He bequeathed to the Yale Library the larger part of his valuable collection of books and pamphlets; and a small number of his manuscript compositions, both in prose and poetry.

He married, in April, 1813, Betsey Mayhew, of Williamsburg, Massachusetts, who died on July 3, 1813.

He married, secondly, on November 18, 1819, Sally Reed, who survived him for many years.

By his second marriage he had three daughters, of whom only one survived him.

He was elected a corresponding member of the Lyceum of Natural History of New York in 1820, a member of the Massachusetts Society for promoting Agriculture in 1821, and a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1822. He was also a member of the American Geological Society, and an honorary member of the Belfast Natural History Society.

He published:

1. To the Memory of Mrs. Betsey Porter.—Died at Plainfield, Massachusetts, July 3, 1813, Mrs. Betsey Porter, wife of Doctor Jacob Porter, aged 21. Cambridge, 1813. 8°, pp. 8.

Dr. Porter is the editor, rather than author.
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2. Lines to the memory of Miss Bethiah Burton, of Greenfield, New-York, who died at Plainfield, Massachusetts, November 30, 1814, aged 16. . . Ballston-Spa, 1815. 8°, pp. 4.

[A. A. S. Y. C.]


The Yale Library owns the original miniature from which the portrait here given is engraved. No. 2 (above) is included in the pamphlet. The first piece is an address to William Cullen Bryant, recently of Plainfield.

4. Topographical Description and Historical Sketch of Plainfield, in Hampshire County, Massachusetts, May, 1834. Greenfield, 1834. 8°, pp. 4.


Two editions appeared, differing only in the names of the printers,—one by T. Prince, and one by Prince and Rogers.

He published in the First Series of the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society:

An Account of Plainfield: vol. 8, 1819. pp. 167-73;

Dr. Porter also contributed frequently to the American Journal of Science; among his contributions may be specified:

Floral Calendar for Plainfield, Massachusetts, 1818: in vol. 1, 1819, pp. 254-55.
Floral and Miscellaneous Calendar for Plainfield [1819-20]: in vol. 3, 1821, pp. 273-84.

He also published a number of translations from the French and Spanish, of which may be specified:

Summary Notice concerning Bible Societies . . . [From the French.] Northampton, 1827. 8°, pp. 16.
Serious Examination, from the Spanish. [A tract.] Northampton, 1829. 8°, pp. 12.
Instructions and Observations concerning the Use of the Chlorides of Soda and Lime.—By A. G. Labarraque. [From the French.] New-Haven, 1829-40. 8°. 3 editions.

Method of Using the Chloride of Soda, either for dressing ill-conditioned sores, or as a means of purifying unhealthy places, and of disinfecting animal substances: by A. G. Labarraque. [From the French.] New Haven, 1830. 8°, pp. 7.

And 2d edition, Northampton, 1833.

The well spent sou; or, Bibles for the poor negroes.—Translated from the French. New-Haven, 1830. 8°, pp. 16.

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Dyer, Hist. of Plainfield, 75. Porter Genealogy (1878), 51, 81-82.

Noah Porter, the eldest child of Deacon Noah Porter, of Farmington, Connecticut, by his second wife, Rachel, daughter of Moses Merrill, of a part of Farmington now included in West Hartford, was born in Farmington on December 15, 1781. Two half-brothers were graduated here, in 1786 and in 1795, respectively. He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Joseph Washburn (Yale 1793), held the highest rank for scholarship in his College Class, and was their valedictory orator. Before coming to New Haven he had united with the Farmington church.

After his graduation he taught in a gentleman's family in or near Easton, Maryland; and then studied theology with President Dwight (while holding the Berkeley Scholarship), and with the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789), of Goshen.

He had already been licensed to preach, when his pastor was obliged to seek the restoration of his health at the South. By the time that the news of Mr. Washburn's death (on December 25, 1805) reached Farmington, Mr. Porter's acceptableness in the supply of the pulpit began to be recognized, and he soon received a call to the pastor-
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He was also invited, in September, 1806, to a tutorship in Yale, but he preferred not to be turned aside from the ministry, and having accepted the Farmington call, he was ordained and installed there on November 5, 1806. President Dwight preached the sermon on that occasion.

He retained the respect and love of his church and congregation through an unbroken ministry of fifty-five years, until he was supplied with a colleague, in October, 1861. During this time eight hundred and sixty-six persons were added to the church. For five years longer, though his interest for the church was unabated, he willingly withdrew for the most part from active service. His salary had never exceeded seven hundred dollars. On September 15, 1866, he was prostrated with a bilious attack, under which he sank gradually and painlessly, until his death, on September 24, in his 85th year.

A volume was published (Farmington, 1867, 8°, pp. 75), comprising the address delivered at his funeral by President Woolsey, and memorial discourses by his successor in the pastorate, the Rev. Levi L. Paine (Yale 1856), and the Rev. Dr. Horace Bushnell (Yale 1827).

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Dartmouth College in 1828. From September, 1823, until his retirement on account of deafness in July, 1862, he was a valued member of the Yale Corporation, and served on its Prudential Committee from 1847 until 1862.

He married, on December 20, 1808, Mehitabel, the youngest child of Captain Giles and Anna (Pinto) Meigs, of Middletown, Connecticut, who died in Farmington on October 6, 1874, at the age of 88.

Their children, three sons and four daughters, all survived them. The sons were graduated here, in 1829, 1831, and 1836, respectively,—the second son as Professor and President adding eminence to his father's name. The second daughter was the wife of the Rev. John R. Keep (Yale 1834). The eldest daughter, a woman of remark-
able character and gifts, established a school for young ladies in Farmington, which has given that village in recent years high renown.

Dr. Porter was a man of decided ability, but of great modesty and simplicity of character, and of equal meekness and gentleness. Devoted with singleness of heart to his special work, he was yet wide in his sympathies and, wonderfully for one of his years, kept up to the last with the times. He was rewarded with the universal love and veneration of all good men.

He gave a cordial support to the various missionary and reformatory enterprises of the day; and it is especially to be remembered that the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions was organized, in September, 1810, at his house.

He published:

1. Perjury prevalent and dangerous.—A Sermon [from Ex. xx, 7], delivered in Farmington, at the Freemen’s Meeting, September, 1813. Hartford, 1813. 8°, pp. 15.

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On participation in other men’s sins.


4. Memorial of a Revival.—A Sermon [from Ps. cxxvi, 3], delivered in Farmington, at the Anniversary Thanksgiving, December 6, 1821. With an Appendix. Hartford, 1822. 8° pp. 23.

   [A. C. A. C. H. S. U. T. S. Y. C.

As the fruits of this revival, 224 persons had been added to the church on profession of their faith during the year 1821.


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7. Commending the Gospel to the Conscience.—A Sermon [from II Cor. iv, 2], delivered at the Ordination of Noah Porter, Jun. to the pastoral care of the First Church of Christ in New Milford, April 27, 1836. New Haven, 1836. 8°, pp. 19. [A. C. A. C. H. S. Y. C.]


In Discourses and Addresses at President Woolsey's Ordination and Inauguration as President of Yale College. New Haven, 1846. 8°, pp. 41-49.


On a spirit of forgiveness.

11. Two Sermons on Church Communion [from Rom. xv, 7] and Excommunication [from I Cor. v, 11], with a particular view to the case of Slaveholders in the Church. Hartford, 1853. 8°, pp. 31. [A. C. A. Y. C.

An argument for tolerance.


13. Civil Liberty.—A Sermon [from II Cor. iii, 17], preached in Farmington, Connecticut, July 13, 1856. New-York, 1856. 8°, pp. 22. [B. Publ. Y. C.

Founded on Dr. Lieber's work on *Civil Liberty*.

14. Half-Century Discourse [from Eccl. i, 4]; on occasion of the fiftieth Anniversary of his Ordination as Pastor of the First Church, in Farmington, Conn., delivered November 12th, 1856 Farmington, 1857. 8°, pp. 54. [A. C. A. B. Publ. U. T. S. Y. C.}
Dr. Porter was also a frequent contributor to the *Monthly* and to the *Quarterly Christian Spectator*; among his articles in the latter may be specified:

Review of some of the leading Doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in their influence on Christian Experience, vol. 2, pp. 483-504.
Farr on Revivals, vol. 4, 1832, pp. 25-33.
[Review of] Hints designed to aid Christians in their efforts to convert men to God, vol. 4, pp. 229-50.
Hinton’s Harmony of Reason and Revelation, vol. 5, 484-504.
Hinton’s Active Christian, vol. 5, pp. 552-68.
Philip on Manly Piety, vol. 6, pp. 267-91.

Eight of his sermons appeared in the *The National Preacher*: two in volume 6, 1831; one in volume 13, 1839; one in volume 14, 1840; one in volume 19, 1845; one in volume 24, 1850; two in volume 28, 1854.

**AUTHORITIES.**


Nicholas Phillips Randall, the eldest in a family of ten children of Nicholas Randall, a farmer, of Voluntown, Connecticut, and grandson of Nathan and Eleanor (Cottrell) Randall, of Westerly, Rhode Island, and Voluntown, was born in Voluntown on July 25, 1779. His mother was Content, daughter of Jonathan and Jenevereth (Branch) Phillips, of Griswold, Connecticut. His College course was delayed until he could, by his own labor, provide for his expenses. He entered after the opening of the Junior year.
Directly after graduation he entered the law office of Hotchkiss & Simons, in Clinton, Oneida County, New York, where he continued until his admission to the bar.

In 1807 he opened an office in New Hartford, in the same county, but in 1811 removed to Manlius, in Onondaga County.

For a short time he was in partnership with James O. Wattles; but during the rest of his life he practiced by himself with marked ability and success. He died in Manlius, after a long and tedious illness, on March 7, 1836, in his 57th year.

In early life he united with the Baptist Church in his native town, but he ultimately connected himself with the Protestant Episcopal Church in Manlius, in which he held the office of warden at the time of his death.

He married, in Clinton, in 1809, Sally Bristol, a native of Clinton, who died there in February, 1815, in her 28th year. He married, secondly, in 1815, at Sandy Hill, in Washington County, Belvidera, eldest daughter of Dr. Zina and Mabel (Lockwood) Hitchcock, of Sandy Hill, who died in Manlius on September 21, 1818, in her 31st year. He married thirdly, at Caldwell, in Warren County, in 1819, Eliza Norman, a native of England, who died in Manlius in June, 1822, aged 31 years. He married, fourthly, in 1823, at Manlius, Sibyl Dyar, who was born in Rutland, Vermont, in May, 1800.

By his first wife he had a son, who was graduated at Hamilton College in 1828, and a daughter. By his second wife he had one daughter; by his third marriage a son who died in youth; and by his last marriage two daughters and two sons (one of whom died in infancy).

An engraving from a portrait of Mr. Randall is given in Clark's Onondaga.

AUTHORITIES.

JOHN TAFT REED, the eldest child of Major Cheney Reed, of Brookfield, Massachusetts, and grandson of Joseph and Eunice (Taft) Reed, of Brookfield, was born on April 19, 1785. His mother was Sally, daughter of Tilly and Mary (Buckminster) Rice, of Brookfield.

Not many years after graduation he became a partner in the firm of Reed & Rice, importers, of Boston, which his father had founded. About 1818 he went into partnership in the same business with Luther Faulkner (Harvard 1802), in Boston, and continued in that firm until his death, in Boston, on August 13, 1839, in his 55th year.

AUTHORITIES.
Reed Family (1861), 196.

THOMAS RICE, the youngest son of Colonel Stephen Rice, a farmer, of Hardwick, Worcester County, Massachusetts, and grandson of Beriah and Mary (Goodenow) Rice, of Hardwick, was baptized on June 9, 1782. His mother was Dorothy, daughter of Deacon James and Hephzibah (Eager) Woods, of Marlborough. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

He studied law after graduation, and began practice in Boston with good prospects; but a passionate fondness for music broke up all other plans. He returned to Hardwick, and for some years lived a reckless life; but finally took a new departure and removed to Rutland, Vermont, where he supported himself by teaching music. From Vermont he is believed to have gone to Kentucky, but he had no direct communication with his relatives, and they were never informed of the time and place of his death.

He is not known to have married. He was of respectable attainments and gentlemanly deportment, genial, and fond of society, but lacked energy and definite purpose.

AUTHORITIES.
WILLIAM HENRY SACKETT, youngest son of Justus and Anna (Lyon) Sackett, of Greenwich, Connecticut, and grandson of Nathaniel and Anne (Bush) Sackett, of Greenwich, was born in Greenwich on August 25, 1782. His parents were connected with the Episcopal Church.

He studied medicine after graduation with Dr. David Perry, of Ridgefield, and in 1805 or 1806 settled in practice in Bedford, Westchester County, New York, where he soon came to be esteemed as the most accomplished physician in the county.

He died in Bedford on December 29, 1820, in his 39th year,—his early death being attributed to his excessively arduous labors.

He was married, on September 28, 1808, by the Rev. Ebenezer Grant, to Rebecca, daughter of Colonel Jesse and Catharine (Holmes) Holly, by whom he had one son, who died in early childhood, and four daughters, who survived him.

AUTHORITIES.
Scharf, History of Westchester of America, 127, 190. County, i, 574. Weygant, Sacketts

JAMES ST. JOHN, the eldest in a family of thirteen children of Benoni St. John, of New Canaan, Connecticut, and grandson of Daniel and Mary St. John, of New Canaan, was born on September 16, 1782. His mother was Elizabeth, daughter of James Burchard, of New Canaan.

He settled in Georgia after his graduation; and while on his way from there, intending to reside permanently among his kindred, his death occurred in Philadelphia, on February 20, 1815, in his 33d year.

AUTHORITIES.
David Sanford, son of John Sanford, of Newtown, Connecticut, was born in 1783. He exhibited in childhood an unusual proficiency in mathematics, which led to his being prepared for College, which he entered soon after the opening of the Junior year. He was distinguished while here, alike for his piety and for his knowledge of mathematics and astronomy.

For several months after graduation he was in doubt about a profession, but finally determined on entering the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Having injured his eyes, however, by too close application, he was advised to lay aside his books for a time, and accepted an appointment as Deputy-Surveyor under Jared Mansfield (Yale 1777), Surveyor-General of the United States.

Accordingly he left home in July, 1804, for Marietta, Ohio, and began his new work. He enjoyed good health until August, 1805, when he was attacked with a slow intermittent fever. He died at the foot of the Rapids of the Miami River, in Southern Ohio, on October 11, 1805, aged 22 years. His death was lamented with the keenest regret by all who knew him.

Authorities.


Jared Scarborough, the eldest of eight children of Joseph Scarborough, of that part of Pomfret which is now Brooklyn, Connecticut, and grandson of Jeremiah and Mary (Holbrook) Scarborough, was born in Pomfret on January [or February?] 26, 1781. His mother was Deliverance, younger sister of Sanford Kingsbury (Yale 1763). He united with the College Church in August, 1802.

He became a merchant (firm of Caldwell & Scarborough) in Hartford, but died early, on November 25, 1816,
in his 36th year. In the war of 1812 he was a quartermaster of the Connecticut troops, and Captain of a cavalry corps.

He married, first, Margaret, daughter of Major John and Margaret (Collier) Caldwell, of Hartford, who died on March 23, 1808, aged 21 years.

He next married, on September 5, 1813, Mary Anne, eldest child of William Walton and Elizabeth (Dwight) Woolsey, of New Haven, by whom he had one son,—besides two children who died at birth. She next married, in November, 1819, George Hoadly (Yale 1801), and died in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 28, 1871, aged 78 years.

AUTHORITIES.

HENRY SHERMAN, the youngest son of John and Rebecca (Austin) Sherman, of New Haven, and a brother of John Sherman (Yale 1792) and David A. Sherman (Yale 1802), was born in New Haven on October 16, and was baptized on December 11, 1785. He entered after the opening of the Freshman year. He united with the College Church at the end of his Junior year.

After graduation he held the Berkeley Scholarship for one year, and then took charge of Staples Academy in what is now Easton, Connecticut, where he also studied theology; and during the year 1807-08 he was the Rector of the Hopkins School in New Haven. He was licensed to preach by the New Haven East Association of Ministers on November 9, 1808.

For some years he preached mainly as an occasional supply: as, in North Stonington for three months in 1811. His only settlement in the ministry was in Easton, where he was ordained and installed as pastor in April, 1813. His pastorate terminated in June, 1815.
During the summer of 1815 he was preaching in the vacant parish of Norfolk, Connecticut.

He made his home in New Haven, and before long an inherited tendency to insanity became manifest. He died in New Haven, "after a short and distressing illness," on February 4, 1817, in his 32d year.

He married, in October, 1813, Martha, third daughter of Amos and Hannah (Williams) Denison, of North Stonington.

They had one daughter.

Mrs. Sherman next married, on May 1, 1826, the Rev. Stephen Peet (Yale 1823), then of Euclid, Ohio, who died in March, 1855. She died on November 13, 1877, in her 82d year.

AUTHORITIES.

* Baldwin and Clift, Denison De- and Biogr. Record, xlii, 42.
  Scendants, 190, 192. N. Y. Geneal.

Seth Smith, the third and eldest surviving child of Deacon Seth Smith, of Hadley, Massachusetts, and grandson of Deacon Jonathan and Mehitabel (Cook) Smith, of Hadley, was born on July 4, 1785, his mother being Lydia, second daughter of Thomas and Rhoda (Worthington) Smith, of Hadley and Williamstown. A brother, the Rev. Dr. Worthington Smith, was graduated at Williams College in 1816, and became President of the University of Vermont. He entered College after the opening of the Junior year.

He studied theology after graduation with President Dwight, and with the Rev. Dr. Alvan Hyde (Dartmouth Coll. 1788), of Lee, Massachusetts. In June, 1806, he united with the Church in Hadley, and in February, 1808, he was ordained there for home missionary service.

He was sent to Central New York by the Hampshire Missionary Society, and on January 24, 1810, was installed over the First Presbyterian Church in Genoa, Cayuga
Solomon Smith came to College from Hartford, Connecticut, and was perhaps a son of Dr. Solomon Smith, whose wife was Ann, third daughter of Lieutenant John and Abigail (Theobald) Talcott, of Milford. He united with the College Church on profession of faith at the end of Junior year.

He became a lawyer in Hartford, but removed to Albany, New York.

On April 22, 1812, he married Ursula I., daughter of Dr. Isaac and Mary (Gorham) Bull, of Hartford, by whom he had five children. He died in 1832.

His widow, born April 18, 1790, long survived him.
ELIAS STARR, the only son of Nathaniel Starr, a farmer, of Danbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain John and Sarah (Taylor) Starr, of Danbury, was born on January 12, 1779. His mother was Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Taylor, of Danbury. He entered the Class after the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduating he returned to his native town, and for a time followed a mercantile life, but eventually made teaching his settled occupation.

He was one of the Representatives of Danbury in the General Assembly at the two sessions of 1812, was for some years Town Clerk, and always a man of influence.

In April, 1834, he removed to New Rochelle, New York, where he taught for four years, and then removed to New York City, where he continued in the business of teaching until 1852, when advancing years compelled him to retire.

He then went back to Danbury, intending to pass there the rest of his life; but subsequently returned to New York, where he died on February 17, 1855, aged 76 years.

He married, on November 14, 1804, Mary Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Hon. William Edmond (Yale 1777), of Newtown. She died on May 13, 1825, aged 40 years.

He next married Harriet Howard, daughter of Joseph Fairchild and Elizabeth (Burr) White, of Danbury, who died in Brooklyn on January 8, 1876, in her 84th year.

By his first wife he had five daughters and one son. The eldest daughter was the mother of Bishop Armitage, of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Wisconsin. By his second wife he had two sons, the elder of whom was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of New York in 1846, and the younger became a well-known jeweler in New York. He was called Colonel Starr, having commanded a regiment raised during the war of 1812, but probably not called into active service.

AUTHORITIES.

Bailey, Hist. of Danbury, 152. Starr Family, 324-25.
GEORGE WASHINGTON STRONG, the youngest in a family of eight children of Judge Selah Strong, of Setauket, in Brookhaven, Long Island, and grandson of Thomas and Susannah (Thompson) Strong, of Brookhaven, was born on January 20, 1783. His mother was Anna, daughter of William Henry and Margaret (Lloyd) Smith, of Brookhaven. The Rev. Dr. Selah Strong Woodhull (Yale 1802) and the Hon. Selah Brewster Strong (Yale 1811) were his nephews. In College he was ranked as one of the best scholars in his Class. He joined the College Church on profession of his faith at the close of Junior year. He received an ad eundem Bachelor's degree from Princeton College in 1804.

He adopted the law as his profession, and was admitted to the bar in New York City late in 1806.

He was a lawyer of superior powers and attainments, and was successively in partnership in New York with John Wells (Princeton 1788), who died in 1823, George Griffin (Yale 1797), and Marshall S. Bidwell, LL.D. (Yale 1858),—all lawyers of eminence. He was both profoundly learned in legal principles and a master of all departments of practice.

His character was one of remarkable symmetry. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and is remembered by those who knew him best as a wise and upright man, of great dignity of manner, who feared God and regarded carefully the rights and interests of his fellows.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by the University of Vermont in 1837. An engraved portrait is given in the Strong Family Genealogy.

He died in New York City on June 27, 1855, after three days' illness, in his 73d year.

He married, on July 8, 1809, Angelina, sister of John Nelson Lloyd (Yale 1802), who died on September 20, 1814, aged 29 years.

He next married, on May 22, 1819, Eliza Catharine, youngest daughter of Oliver and Catharine (Brownejohn)
Templeton, of New York, who died on November 25, 1853, in her 60th year.

By his first wife he had two daughters, of whom the elder married Elias Hasket Derby (Harvard 1824). By his second wife he had two sons, of whom the younger died in infancy, and the elder was graduated at Columbia College in 1838, and followed his father's profession.

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AUTHORITIES.


Charles Augustus Stuart was a son of Colonel John Stuart, of Greenbrier, (West) Virginia, and a grandson of John and Margaret (Linn, Paul) Stuart. His mother was Agatha, second daughter of Thomas and Jane (Strother) Lewis, of Augusta County, which then included the most of West Virginia, and widow of her first cousin, Captain John Frog, of Staunton, in Augusta County, who was killed by the Indians at the battle of Point Pleasant in 1774. In that battle John Stuart, Junior, acquired fame for his courage, and this brought him the acquaintance with Mrs. Frog. At his death he left a very large fortune.

His son entered Yale after the opening of the Freshman year.

He married soon after graduation the daughter of a Scotchman, Mr. Robertson, who lived on a large plantation in Augusta County, about twelve miles from Staunton; and there he spent the greater part of his life. He was the President of the Board of Public Works of the State, a magistrate of the County, and filled other positions of trust and honor.

He had two sons, who settled in Greenbrier, and a daughter; and soon after his wife's death he returned to his native place, where he died, probably between 1845 and 1850.
William Augustine Taylor, the eldest child and only surviving son of General Augustine Taylor, of New Milford and Sharon, Connecticut, and grandson of the Rev. Nathanael Taylor (Yale 1745), of New Milford, was born in Sharon on September 18, 1784. His mother was Huldah, the eldest daughter of Colonel Samuel Canfield, of New Milford, and a sister of Judson Canfield (Yale 1782).

He returned to Sharon after graduation and at first taught a select school. Later, he was in business as a merchant in company with his father; but in 1816 he removed to New York City. He was in service in the War of 1812, and was afterwards commonly called Colonel.

He was engaged for a few years in mercantile pursuits in New York; but not being successful he reverted to teaching, for which he had a real gift, both from his attainments and from a peculiarly amiable and attractive disposition.

He came to an untimely end by the upsetting of a boat in which he was taking a fishing excursion with two other gentlemen, off New Rochelle, New York, on July 29, 1852, at the age of 68.

Samuel Whittelsey, the eldest of thirteen children of Roger Newton Whittelsey, a farmer of Litchfield South Farms, now Morris, Connecticut, and grandson of the Rev. Samuel Whittelsey (Yale 1729), of Milford, was born in Litchfield on December 18, 1775. His mother was Anne, eldest daughter of Jacob Woodruff, of Litchfield, by his second wife, Anne Farnam. He entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year.
He studied theology after graduation, and was licensed to preach by the Hartford South Association in June, 1804. He was ordained and installed as pastor of the Congregational Church in New Preston Society, in the township of Washington, on December 30, 1807; and on November 10, 1808, he married Abigail, third daughter of the Rev. Samuel Goodrich (Yale 1783), of Ridgefield.

He was dismissed from this charge, owing to lack of pecuniary support, on April 30, 1817. During his pastorate one hundred and forty-two persons had been added to the church.

Immediately on leaving New Preston he went to Hartford, as Superintendent (or Steward) of the Hartford Deaf and Dumb Asylum, just opened, and retained that office until early in 1824.

In April, 1826, Mr. and Mrs. Whittelsey became principals of the Ontario Female Seminary in Canandaigua, New York, from which they went to another large Seminary for young ladies in Utica. In 1832, while in Utica, Mrs. Whittelsey began the publication of the *Mothers' Magazine*, which she edited until about 1850; she subsequently revived it under the title of the *Magazine for Mothers and Daughters*.

In December, 1833, they removed to New York City, where Mr. Whittelsey died suddenly on April 15, 1842, in his 67th year.

Mrs. Whittelsey died at the house of her younger daughter, in Colchester, Connecticut, on July 16, 1858, in her 70th year.

Their children were five sons (of whom two died young) and two daughters. The eldest child was graduated here in 1834, and became a missionary in India. The youngest child married the Rev. Lucius Curtis (Williams 1835).

**Authorities.**

A few weeks after the Commencement in 1803 a communication appeared in the Hartford Republican paper, *The American Mercury* (for October 6), claiming that the attendance at Commencement had been notoriously small, because Republicans did not care to be insulted, as in some previous years, especially 1798 and 1799, by offensive political harangues; and severely blaming President Dwight. The article was answered in *The Connecticut Courant* for November 9.

Ebenezer Grant Marsh (Yale 1795), the brilliant young Professor-elect of Languages, died on November 16, and was sincerely mourned.

Tutors Bancroft Fowler (Yale 1796) and Moses Stuart (Yale 1799) resigned in 1804, and Noyes Darling (Yale 1801), John Hall (Yale 1802), and David Austin Sherman (Yale 1802) succeeded to that office.

At Commencement, 1804, the Senior Fellow, the Rev. Timothy Pitkin (Yale 1747), of Farmington, resigned his office; and was succeeded by the Rev. Dr. Nathan Strong (Yale 1769), of Hartford.

At the same session the name of the Lyceum was formally given to the “large and elegant building” begun in 1801, for a library and recitation-rooms; while to the new dormitory adjoining it, later known as North Middle College, the name of Berkeley Hall was given.

The Corporation at this time voted that “Freshmen shall not hereafter be sent on errands by their fellow-students.”
Sketches, Class of 1804

*Parker Adams          *1835
*Daniel Chapman Banks, A.M. *1844
*Johannes Harveius Beach  *1839
*Joab Brase, A.M. 1808, S.T.D. Guil. 1854 *1861
*David Brush           *1858
*Naboth Buckingham     *1842
*Johannes Chester, A.M., S.T.D. Conc. 1821 *1829
*Gerardus Clark, A.M. 1808 *1860
*Chester Colton       *1850
*Georgius Colton      *1858
*Matthaeus Dickinson, A.M. *1809
*Marcus Doolittle, et Mediob. 1804, A.M. Mediob. *1855
*Johannes Myers Felder, e Congr. *1859
*Henricus Frost, A.M. *1843
*Johannes Gadsden, A.M. 1817 *1831
*David Gardiner       *1844
*Johannes David Gardiner *1849
*Moses Gillett        *1848
*Benjamin Franklin Hampton
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*Josua Huntington, A.M. et Harv. 1808
*Jonathan Huntting
*Timotheus Jones
*Curtis Judson, et Mediob. 1804
*Gualterus Raleigh Kibbe
*Franciscus King, A.M.
*Guilielmus Kinne, A.M.

*Abel McEwen, A.M., S.T.D. Conc. 1846, Socius ex officio
*Johannes Marsh, A.M., S.T.D. Jeff. Penns. 1852
*Reuben Smith Morris, A.M. 1814
*Amos Northrop, A.M.
*Johannes Pellet
*Johannes Pierpont, A.M. 1820 et Harv. 1821
*Georgius Plummer, A.M., Socius ex officio
*Horatius Potter
*Thomas Punderson, A.M.
*Heusted Reynolds
*Samuel Rich
*Guilielmus Robinson
*Newton Skinner
*Carolus Blair Snowden
*Micha Sterling, e Congr.
*Guilielmus Stoddard
*Eliphalet Swift
*Henricus Swift, A.M. 1811
*Agur Tomlinson

PARKER ADAMS, third son of Captain John and Mary (Parker) Adams, of Canterbury, Connecticut, and a brother of John Adams (Yale 1795), was born in Canterbury on May 6, 1779, and entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year.

He studied after graduation for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and was ordained Deacon by the Rt. Rev. Benjamin Moore, of New York, on October 18, 1808, and Priest by the Rt. Rev. Alexander V. Griswold, of the Eastern Diocese, on October 27, 1811.

On October 31, 1811, he was married to Frances Mary, eldest daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Chester) Coit, of Canterbury and Norwich.

In 1815, or a little earlier, he became Rector of Trinity Church in Lansingburg, and of Grace Church, in Waterford, New York, holding both charges until 1818.

He was elected Rector of the Church in Claremont, Sumter County, South Carolina, on June 20, 1818, and remained there until 1821.

From 1821 to 1829 he was Rector of St. John’s Church, Johnstown, New York.

His last charge was over St. Stephen’s Church, in New Hartford, Oneida County, New York, of which he was Rector from August, 1829, until his death, which occurred in St. Augustine, Florida, on June 10, 1835, at the age of
56 years. He is buried in the Old Protestant Graveyard in that city. Bishop B. T. Onderdonk, in announcing his death, describes him as "truly a good man."

His widow died in New York City, on May 20, 1846, in her 62d year.

Their children, three sons and a daughter, all died young.

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N. Y. Prot. Episc.

Daniel Chapman Banks, of Greens Farms, in that part of Fairfield, Connecticut, which is now Westport, was born in 1782, and entered the Class after the opening of the Freshman year.

He studied theology after graduation, and was licensed to preach by the Fairfield West Association of Ministers on October 8, 1805.

He supplied for a time the First Congregational Church in Canterbury; and on August 12, 1807, he was ordained and installed over the Congregational Church in Trumbull, where he remained until February 2, 1813.

He resigned at that time, because desirous of a more extended field of usefulness, and feeling a deep interest in the spiritual welfare of the multitudes then pressing into the West.

He removed accordingly to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was instrumental in building up a Presbyterian Church, of which he became pastor. He contributed largely from his private funds for the erection, in 1817, of their first house of worship; and continued their zealous, faithful, and beloved minister, until declining health and a constitution broken by incessant application to his duties caused his withdrawal.
He died in Louisville, after a painful illness of several months, on July 12, 1844, aged 62 years.

He married Martha A., daughter of Major William Silliman, the elder half-brother of Professor Benjamin Silliman (Yale 1796), and Phebe (Jennings) Silliman, of Fairfield, who died in New York City, while on a visit to her younger and only surviving son, on August 5, 1844, aged 63 years, from dysentery, after an illness of a few days.

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JOHN HARVEY BEACH came to College from Huntington, Connecticut.

After graduation he taught in Utica, New York, in the meantime also studying law.
He was admitted to the bar in Auburn, New York, in 1808, and practiced his profession there for the remainder of his life. He was also interested in extensive flour mills.
He was a member of the New York Assembly in three sessions, from September, 1814, to April, 1817.
He died in Auburn in August, 1839.
His wife, Mrs. Christina Beach, survived him, with three sons and two daughters.

AUTHORITIES.
Bagg, Pioneers of Utica, 269.

JOAB BRACE, the son of Zenas and Mary (Skinner) Brace, of West Hartford, Connecticut, was born in West Hartford on June 13, 1781. He united with the church in July, 1799, and taught school during the year before he entered College.
He began the study of theology in his Junior year, and continued it after graduation under the direction of his
pastor, the Rev. Dr. Nathan Perkins. He received a license to preach on September 26, 1804, from the Hartford North Consociation, and on the second Sunday thereafter he began to preach in the adjoining parish of Newington, in Wethersfield, where he continued until his ordination and installation as their pastor, and colleague with the Rev. Joshua Belden (Yale 1743), on January 16, 1805. The sermon on this occasion, by the Rev. Dr. Perkins, was afterwards published. The church then consisted of fifty-one members.

The senior pastor, who, however, had performed no duties since 1803, died in July, 1813; and Mr. Brace continued his peaceful and successful ministry for a full half-century. In October, 1850, he communicated his intention to resign on December 1, 1851; but the Society voted, a few weeks before that date, to request him to remain until he should have completed fifty years of service, and he acceded to the request.

He relinquished active work on January 16, 1855, and was then able to make the remarkable assertion, that, from the day of his licensure, "I had not a single Sabbath's vacation, either to consider the call, or to prepare my first pastoral sermon, and I have never had a vacation to this day, but have preached without intermission." During his ministry he admitted two hundred and thirty-one members to the church. His salary was never over five hundred dollars, and he supplied his further needs by keeping a private school, in which boys were fitted for college. He also tilled his own farm, and his garden was the model for his neighbors.

He retained until his death the title of senior pastor, but removed at once to his daughter's house in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where he died, from dropsy of the chest, after an illness of about three weeks, on April 20, 1861, in his 80th year. His body was taken to Newington for burial. The sermon preached at his funeral by his son-in-law, Dr. Todd, was printed in the National Preacher.
The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Williams College in 1854.

He married, on January 21, 1805, Lucy, daughter of Seth and Lucy (Sedgwick) Collins, of West Hartford, who died in Newington on November 16, 1854, at the age of 72.

Their children were two daughters and four sons. The elder daughter married the Rev. Dr. John Todd (Yale 1822), and the younger married the Rev. Samuel N. Shepard (Williams Coll. 1821). The three elder sons were graduated at Yale, in 1832, 1837, and 1841, respectively.

Dr. Brace was known by all for goodness and righteousness, with manners of unaffected simplicity.

A copy of his photograph is published in the *History of Wethersfield*.

In 1824 he served as an agent for the collection of subscriptions for the erection of the new Yale Chapel. A valuable collection of pamphlets in 27 volumes, made by him and bound up by members of his family, is in the Yale Library.

He published:


   [A. C. A. Br. Mus. C. H. S. Y. C.]

   The subject is, War inconsistent with the Gospel of Christ, and destructive of human happiness.

   2. Half-Century Discourse.—History of the Church in Newington: its Doctrine, its Ministers, its Experience: presented in the Discourse [from I Cor. ii, 2–5] delivered on Tuesday the 16th of January, 1855, on his relinquishment of active service, at the close of half a century from his Ordination in that place. Hartford, 1855. 8°, pp. 75.


   An admirable specimen of such literature.

He also published:

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DAVID BRUSH was born in Greenwich, Connecticut, on January 13, 1783, the son of James and Martha Brush, of Greenwich.

His life was spent in the practice of the law in New York City, from 1810 until 1855, when on account of declining health he returned to his native town, where he died on April 23, 1858, in his 76th year. His wife, Sophia, survived him, with three sons and a daughter.

AUTHORITIES.


NABOTH BUCKINGHAM, the youngest son of Nathan and Esther (Osborn) Buckingham, of Oxford, Connecticut, and grandson of Samuel and Silence (Clark) Buckingham, of Milford, was born in Oxford on December 12, 1779, and was baptized on March 5, 1780. His mother was probably a daughter of Joseph Osborn, of Oxford.

He studied medicine after graduation with Dr. David Hull (Yale 1785), and settled in Exeter, Otsego County, New York, where he remained in practice for over thirty years. He died in Exeter, much lamented, on September 5, 1842, in his 63d year.

He married, in January, 1812, Sally Lusk, of Canaan, Columbia County, New York, who died in Lockport, New York, in 1858, aged 75 years.

Their children were three daughters, all of whom left issue. The eldest married the Hon. Joseph D. Husbands (Union Coll. 1828), and the youngest married the Rev. Washington Stickney (Hamilton Coll. 1834).

AUTHORITIES.

JOHN CALDWELL CALHOUN, the third son of the Hon. Patrick Calhoun, of Abbeville District, South Carolina, and grandson of James and Catharine Calhoun, of Donegal, Ireland, and Abbeville County, was born on March 18, 1782. His mother was Martha, daughter of William and Rebecca Caldwell, of Ireland, and of Newberry District, South Carolina, and he was named for his uncle, Major John Caldwell, who had been murdered by Tories in November, 1781. His father died in February, 1796; and as a youth of promise, he was sent in the fall of 1800 to an academy kept by his brother-in-law, the Rev. Dr. Moses Waddel, in Columbia County, Georgia. In the summer of 1802 he came to Newport, Rhode Island, with the family of his first cousin, the Hon. John Ewing Colhoun, and after further study there with a private tutor he entered the Junior Class at Yale in the fall of 1802. Here he held a high rank for scholarship and talent and for gentlemanly conduct. In the Senior year his high distinction was foreseen by President Dwight, and at Commencement he was assigned an Oration, on the Qualifications necessary to form a Statesman; but illness prevented his speaking.

He spent the winter after graduation at Abbeville, in the study of law, and was then for eighteen months a student in the Litchfield (Connecticut) Law School.

In the summer of 1807 he was admitted to the bar at Columbia, in his native State, and settled to the pursuit of his profession in Abbeville. In October of the same year he was elected to the State Legislature, and made such a marked impression that in October, 1810, he was elected to the National House of Representatives by a large majority.

A few years of law practice had enabled him to accumulate a moderate competency, and on January 8, 1811, he was married in St. John's Parish to Floride Bonneau Colhoun, the only surviving daughter of his first cousin, Senator John Ewing Colhoun and Mrs. Floride (Bonneau)
Colhoun, who was ten years his junior, and brought him an additional fortune. They settled on a plantation, which he called “Bath,” in Abbeville District.

In November, 1811, he took his seat in Congress, and for substantially the whole of the remainder of his life Washington was the center of his activities.

After serving as a member of Congress for seven sessions, or until March, 1817, and winning distinction as an able debater, he entered the Cabinet of President Monroe, in December, 1817, as Secretary of War, and retained that position until March, 1825, when he became Vice-President of the United States. In the War Department he showed distinct administrative ability, introducing an unprecedented degree of order, regularity and energy into the affairs of that office.

As Vice-President he fulfilled to the general satisfaction the duty of presiding over the deliberations of the Senate, and was a second time elected to the same office,—General Jackson being substituted for John Quincy Adams as President.

In the autumn of 1817 he purchased, in connection with his mother-in-law, a handsome residence on Georgetown Heights; but after he became Vice-President he found it impossible to keep up an establishment on his salary, as his private income was much diminished by the increasing agricultural depression in South Carolina; and he accordingly broke up housekeeping and made plans for a new house at Fort Hill, near Pendleton, in his native region.

The revision of the tariff in 1828 was judged by Calhoun to affect his native State disastrously; and he prepared the draft of an epoch-making Exposition and Protest on that subject, which was substantially adopted by the South Carolina Legislature. The doctrine of this paper involved the maintenance of State sovereignty, even to the extent of the nullification of Federal legislation.

In the meantime his political aspirations, which had been fixed upon the Presidency, were (temporarily, at least) sacrificed by a personal quarrel with Jackson.
The nullification ordinance was passed by the South Carolina Convention in November, 1832, and in December one of the South Carolina seats in the United States Senate was vacated by the election of Robert Y. Hayne as Governor. Calhoun was then elected Senator, and having sent to the Secretary of State on December 28 his resignation of the Vice-Presidency, he was sworn in as a member of the Senate on January 4, 1833.

In 1842 he was again prominently mentioned as a candidate for the Presidency at the next election; and in preparation for the expected nomination he announced in November his intended withdrawal from the Senate in March, 1843.

He remained out of public office for a single year, but finally declined to permit his name to be submitted to the Democratic Convention which nominated a President in 1844.

As early as 1836 he had advocated the admission of Texas into the Union; and in March, 1844, in order to carry out this plan and to preserve slavery, he accepted the place of Secretary of State in President Tyler's Cabinet, though conscious that his health was breaking.

His duties in that office ended in March, 1845. He then declined the offer of the English mission from President Polk (as he had previously declined it from President Adams in 1819), and in the following November, Senator Daniel E. Huger having resigned in his favor, was again elected to the United States Senate, and retained his seat until his death.

Early in the winter of 1848-49 his failing health gave uneasiness to his friends. He had suffered for some years under a pulmonary complaint, and the failure of the heart caused his death, in Washington, on March 31, 1850, at the age of 68. His burial was in Charleston.

His widow died at their home, Fort Hill, near Pendleton, South Carolina, on July 25, 1866, in her 75th year. Their children were three daughters and five sons.
The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by Yale College in 1822, also by Hamilton College in 1821, and Columbia in 1825.

Mr. Calhoun's private life was distinguished for its purity and simplicity, and he carried himself with remarkable dignity, with unspotted integrity, and unstinted devotion to duty. Daniel Webster, in his remarks in the Senate on the day after Mr. Calhoun's death, bore willing testimony to his undoubted genius and commanding talent; and defined his eloquence as "plain, strong, terse, condensed, concise, sometimes impassioned, still always severe. Rejecting ornament, not often seeking far for illustration, his power consisted in the plainness of his propositions, in the closeness of his logic, and in the earnestness and energy of his manner."

His influence on the course of South Carolina at a critical period, and the effect of his teachings in the formation of the Southern Confederacy, have made his career historic, beyond perhaps that of any other Yale graduate of his century.

Several portraits of Mr. Calhoun are extant; copies of the most interesting of these are given in the pamphlet History of the Calhoun Monument at Columbia (Charleston, 1888).

Mr. Calhoun's publications were mainly in the form of Congressional speeches and official reports which appear in full in his collected Works; it does not seem necessary to make a list of these in their original form, but only to enumerate a few special publications:


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An anonymous reply in two numbers to two articles in the National Intelligencer, now known to have been written by Philip R. Fendall, writing under the pseudonym of Patrick Henry, with the heading, An argument on the powers, duties and conduct of the Hon. John C. Calhoun, a Vice-President of the United States, and President of the Senate; Calhoun was criticized for his failure
to control Senators in debate, and his defense was the lack of rules permitting this.

2. The Exposition and Protest, reported by the Special Committee of the House of Representatives [of South Carolina], on the Tariff; December 19, 1828. Columbia, 1829. 8°, pp. 40.

[U. S. Y. C.]

This paper was furnished by Mr. Calhoun, and promulgated, with slight modifications, by the legislature; it involved the doctrine of nullification, the right of a State to veto a Federal law.

3. Correspondence between Gen. Andrew Jackson and John C. Calhoun, President and Vice-President of the U. States, on the subject of the course of the latter, in the deliberations of the Cabinet of Mr. Monroe, on the occurrences in the Seminole War. Washington, 1831. 8°, pp. 52.


Published by Mr. Calhoun, with an introductory address "To the People of the United States." The correspondence was dated from May to August, 1830, and related to Jackson's conduct of the war against the Seminoles in 1818.

4. Address to the people of South Carolina. July 26, 1831. Published in the Pendleton Messenger.

On the relations of the States and the General government.
An elaboration of the Exposition of 1828.

5. Important Correspondence on the subject of State Interposition, between His Excellency Gov. Hamilton, and Hon. John C. Calhoun, Vice-President of the United States;—[Copied from the Pendleton Messenger of 15th Sept. 1832.] Charleston, 1832. 12°, pp. 27.

[B. Ath. M. H. S. Y. C.]

An elaboration of the Address of July, 1831.


[N. Y. H. S.]

Dated at Washington on June 4, 1840.

7. Life of John C. Calhoun, presenting a condensed History of Political Events from 1811 to 1843. Together with a selection from his Speeches, Reports, and other Writings subsequent to his election as Vice-President of the United States, including his leading
Speech on the late war delivered in 1811. New-York, 1843. 8º, pp. 74, 554 + pl.
Each part was also published separately.

The Life here printed was in the main of Mr. Calhoun's own composition, though retouched by the Hon. Robert M. T. Hunter. See Hunt's J. C. Calhoun, pp. 250-53.
The second part includes thirty-three Speeches, two Reports, and Nos. 1, 4, and 5, as above.

8. Address to his Political Friends and Supporters [Dated, February, 1844].

9. Address on taking the chair of the Southwestern Convention, Memphis, Nov. 13, 1845.

10. Letter in relation to the mode of appointing Electors of President and Vice-President [Dated, Fort Hill, November, 1846].

In reply to accusations of treachery to the South by Colonel Thomas H. Benton. Several editions.

After his death the following appeared:—

Edited by Richard K. Cralle, and published under the direction of the General Assembly of South Carolina. The first volume contains A Disquisition on Government, written in 1843-48, and A Discourse on the Constitution and Government of the United States; this had been already published separately in 1851. Volumes 2-4 contain Speeches; and volumes 5-6 Reports and public letters.

Published separately, and also as volume 2 of the Annual Report of the American Historical Association; it includes a very valuable calendar of Calhoun's letters previously printed.

AUTHORITIES.

JOHN CHESTER, the eldest son of the Hon. John Chester (Yale 1766), of Wethersfield, Connecticut, was born in Wethersfield on August 17, 1785, and was baptized four days later. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Azel Backus (Yale 1787), of Bethlehem.

During his undergraduate course he had been careless of self-improvement; but a change of purposes soon after graduation led him to study for the ministry with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lyman (Yale 1767), while teaching in Hatfield, Massachusetts, and he was licensed to preach in October, 1807, by the Hartford South Association of Ministers.

After preaching for brief periods in Marblehead and Springfield, Massachusetts, and declining calls from the South Congregational Church in Middletown, Connecticut, and the church in Cooperstown, New York (in 1810), he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Hudson, New York, on November 21, 1810.

The church over which he was settled had been for some time without a pastor, and the congregation, never large, had very much dwindled; but he was eminently successful in his arduous task.

In 1815 a second Presbyterian Church was formed in the neighboring city of Albany; of which he was invited to become the pastor; having accepted the call, he was installed by the Presbytery of Albany on November 3.

For upwards of twelve years he devoted himself assiduously to the best interests of his flock, and indeed to all the temporal and spiritual interests of humanity within his reach.

He gave much attention to his duties as Trustee of the Albany Academy, and also of the Albany Female Academy. He was from 1815 a Director of the Princeton Theological Seminary, and was Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly in 1823. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Union College in 1821.

In the winter of 1826–27 he made special exertions for the spiritual advancement of his people, under which his
originally vigorous constitution gave way. In the spring of 1828 he found his health so much impaired that he consented to take a journey for its improvement. He was not again permitted to resume pastoral work, but died at the house of his father-in-law in Philadelphia, on January 12, 1829, in his 44th year.

A small volume of *Obituary Notices* was published by order of the Trustees of his congregation in 1829, and a memorial sermon by the Rev. Edward N. Kirk was also printed. Another volume, published in 1818, descriptive of an unpleasant episode in his experience, bears the title, *Official Documents of the Presbytery of Albany exhibiting the Trials of the Rev. John Chester and Mr. Mark Tucker*; it relates to his trial, in 1817, on charges of slander against a brother minister, from which he was triumphantly acquitted.

He married, on June 1, 1818, Rebecca, daughter of Robert Ralston, a well-known philanthropist of Philadelphia, by whom he had five daughters who survived him, besides two children who died in infancy. The eldest daughter married the Rev. Dr. S. Beach Jones (Yale 1831).

Mrs. Chester died at the house of a son-in-law, in Dedham, Massachusetts, on October 28, 1856, aged 66 years.

An engraving from a portrait of Dr. Chester, painted in 1813, is prefixed to the *Obituary Notices*. In figure he was very corpulent, but active and graceful in movement and buoyant in temperament. His acknowledged power and reputation were due, not so much to eloquence or intellectual supremacy, as to a fervent and affectionate nature and sincere devotion to his work.

He published:

1. A Sermon [from I Cor. iii, 9], delivered before the Berkshire and Columbia Missionary Society, at their Annual Meeting in Canaan, September 21st, 1813. Hudson, 1813. 8°, pp. 39.  
   The sermon occupies pp. 1–27.

   [B. Publ.]
3. A Sermon [from Jer. vi, 16], in commemoration of the landing of the New-England Pilgrims, delivered in the 2d Presbyterian Church, Albany, December 22d, 1820. ... Albany, 1820. 8°, pp. 32.


4. Knowledge and Holiness the sources of Morality.—A Sermon [from Ps. cxliv, 15], delivered by appointment, before the Albany Moral Society, in the North Dutch Church, October 5th, 1821, and by request, on the following Sabbath, to the people of his charge. Albany, 1821. 8°, pp. 32.

[B. Publ. C. H. S. Y. C.]

He edited and was a liberal contributor to the Columbian Magazine, a periodical published in Hudson in 1814-15.

He was the author of a Sketch of the Life of the Rev. Dr. Azel Backus (Yale 1787), prefixed to a volume of his Sermons. (Utica, 1824. 8°, pp. xxxvii.)

He delivered the annual Oration before the Phi Beta Kappa Society at Yale in September, 1816, on the Mutual and necessary connection of Science and Literature with Religion; but it was not printed.

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Bond, Hist. of Watertown, 739. Register, xxii, 340-41. Obituary
Hinman; Puritan Settlers, 563-64. Sprague, Annals of the Amer. Pulpit,
Munsell, Annals of Albany, vii, 108; iv, 401-10. Stiles, Hist. of Wethers-
field, ii, 216-18.

GERARDUS CLARK, the youngest of four sons of William Clark, a tavern-keeper of New Milford, Connecticut, and a descendant of a Colchester (Connecticut) family, was born in New Milford on January 20, 1786. His mother was Annis, youngest daughter of Lieutenant Daniel and Hannah (Hitchcock) Bostwick, of New Milford. His father died in September, 1800, after which he was prepared for College by Judge David S. Boardman (Yale 1793), and entered as a Sophomore. In later life he enjoyed recalling the fact that in Senior year he was sometimes employed by President Dwight as an amanuensis.
After graduation he began the study of law in New York City, in the office of John G. Bogert, who was for a number of years Russian Consul.

In 1811 he was admitted to the bar of New York, and was for many years engaged in extensive practice. He was at one time a member of the Board of Education of the City, and in that connection prepared a paper defending the use of the Bible in the common schools, which was published in pamphlet form and exerted considerable influence.

In 1851 he removed his residence to New Rochelle, in Westchester County; but he continued in active practice in the city until a few weeks before his death. He retained all his faculties, both mental and physical, until the last.

He died in New Rochelle on August 23, 1860, in his 75th year, and was buried in New Milford.

He married, on November 21, 1825, Ann Maria, the eldest child of John G. and Mary Corbett (Ludlow) Bogert, of New York, and a sister of Dr. Cornelius R. Bogert (Yale 1820). She was born in July, 1795, and survived her husband, with their children, a daughter and a son (Columbia College 1852).

Mr. Clark was an adherent of the Whig party in politics. He joined the Episcopal Church while in College, and was for some years one of the Wardens of St. Mark's Church, New York, and afterwards of Christ Church, Pelham, and a vestryman of Trinity Church, New Rochelle.

Hiram Ketchum, a prominent member of the New York bar, who had known Mr. Clark for many years, and had been associated with him in some important cases (as, for example, in the prosecution of Bishop B. T. Onderdonk), wrote of him: "He was a careful, discriminating, industrious, and learned lawyer, practising close and thorough analysis of legal principles, and preparing his cases at the bar with great care."

AUTHORITIES.

Chester Colton, the second son of Deacon Abijah and Mary (Gaylord) Colton, of West Hartford, Connecticut, and grandson of the Rev. Benjamin Colton (Yale 1710), was born in West Hartford in December, 1783, and was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Nathan Perkins. His elder brother was a classmate.

After graduation he studied theology with Dr. Perkins, and was licensed to preach by the Hartford North Association of Ministers on June 8, 1808.

In July, 1813, he began to supply the vacant pulpit of the Congregational Church in Brentwood, near Exeter, New Hampshire. In due time he accepted a call to settle there, on a salary of $400, and was ordained and installed as pastor on January 25, 1815. He was married on May 25, 1815, to Eliza, third daughter of Ebenezer and Eleanor (Whitman) Faxon, of West Hartford, whose brother had married his eldest sister in 1802.

After a successful pastorate, during which over forty persons had been added to the church, he was obliged, on account of inflammation of the eyes, to take a dismission on March 16, 1825. He then returned to Connecticut, and after the recovery of his health supplied various pulpits (as in Colebrook, 1828).

In February, 1829, he was settled over the Congregational Church in Old Lyme, where he continued with acceptance for eleven years. Subsequently he supplied for a few months in Goshen, Connecticut.

The rest of his life was spent in missionary service in Western Ohio (at North Bend, Greenville, etc.), and he died in New Carlisle, Clark County, on September 13, 1850, in his 67th year. His widow died on May 20, 1865, in her 78th year.

Their children were one daughter, who married the Rev. E. Roger Johnson (Bowdoin Coll. 1838), and one son.

He was interesting and instructive as a preacher, and highly respected as a man.
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His theological sympathies were with his classmate Tyler, and his name appears on the editorial board of the *Evangelical Magazine*, at its beginning in Hartford in 1832.

AUTHORITIES.


GEORGE COLTON, the elder brother of the last-named graduate, was born in West Hartford on January 12, 1779. He united with the church in September, 1799, and then decided to devote himself to the ministry, and began to prepare for College with his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Nathan Perkins. Entering on his undergraduate career as a mature Christian, trained to the love of books, he gave his time greatly to reading in general theology, including especially the Latin fathers. He is said to have mastered the entire College Library of that day.

After graduation he joined his brother in the study of divinity under Dr. Perkins, and in 1806 began his career as a home missionary. His active life was mainly spent in Central and Western New York, his earliest commission being from the Connecticut Missionary Society to the Black River settlements.

In 1808 or 9 he was ordained and installed as pastor of a small Congregational Church in Westford, near Cherry Valley, where he remained until June 12, 1822, when he was installed over the Presbyterian Church in Royalton, Niagara County, from which he was dismissed on June 30, 1829. Later, his home was successively in Elba and East Bethany, Genesee County; in Wyoming, Wyoming County (1836-39); and in Lockport, Niagara County.

About 1853 he returned to New England, and resided in Ware, Massachusetts, and Fair Haven, Connecticut. In the fall of 1857 he went to the house of his youngest son in Wethersfield, Connecticut, where he died suddenly on
February 12, 1858, at the age of 79. He was buried in his native town.

He was a sound theologian and an interesting preacher, though a man of marked idiosyncrasies.

He married on November 5, 1808, Lucy Cowles, of Otisco, Onondaga County, New York. She was a native of Bristol, Connecticut, and a half-sister of Lewis Gaylord Clark and Willis Gaylord Clark. She died in Otisco, at the house of her brother-in-law, Jesse Gaylord, on July 31, 1838, in her 51st year.

He had seven sons and two daughters. Five of the sons were regularly graduated at Yale College (in 1832, 1840, 1844, 1848, and 1850, respectively), and a sixth received an honorary Master's degree (1850).

MATTHEW DICKINSON, son of Captain Noah and Hannah Dickinson, of Somers, Connecticut, and grandson of James and Mary Dickinson, of Somers, was born in 1780. A sister married David Dudley Field (Yale 1802).

He went to North Carolina on graduation, and became the Principal of Franklin Academy, near Louisburg, in Franklin County. For about four years he conducted this institution with success, and accumulated from his earnings some six or seven thousand dollars.

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MARK DOOLITTLE, the youngest of eight children of Titus Doolittle, of Russell, Massachusetts, was born on December 5, 1781. He was prepared for College principally by his brother Joel (Yale 1799), at Middlebury, Vermont, and entered Yale after the opening of the Junior year.

After graduation he studied law, at first with the Hon. Eli B. Ashmun (Harvard 1809), of Blandford, Massachusetts, and afterwards with the Hon. Elijah H. Mills (Williams Coll. 1797), of Northampton; and was admitted to the bar in 1807, when he began practice in South Hadley.

In 1812 he removed to Belchertown, where he afterwards resided, actively engaged in the labors of his profession till within a few weeks of the close of his life.

He represented his district in the Senate of Massachusetts in the year 1821-22. He also represented Belchertown in the lower branch of the General Assembly in 1824-25, and again in 1825-26; and was a member of the Governor's Council in 1828-29.

He died in Belchertown after a very severe illness, on November 7, 1855, aged nearly 74 years.

He first married, about 1808, Betsey Matilda, daughter of Dan and Betsey (Hunter) Smith, of West Haven, Vermont, and niece of the Rev. Cotton Mather Smith (Yale 1751), a woman of rare virtues and intelligence, who died, after an illness of nearly two months, on November 13, 1814, aged 38 years.

He next married, on August 10, 1817, Sarah T., daughter of Charles C. Raboteau, of Newburyport, who died on February 4, 1881.

By his first marriage he had two daughters, of whom the younger married John Stacy (Yale 1837). By his second marriage he had a son who died in early childhood and a daughter who died at the age of 18.

Mr. Doolittle was a well-read lawyer, greatly respected for his ability, his fairness, and his high-toned morality.
and gentlemanly bearing. In politics he was a Whig. He was a leading advocate of temperance.

He was a sincere and consistent member of the Congregational Church in Belchertown, and very active and useful in the Sabbath school. He was a great admirer of the Puritans, and religious works were his favorite reading. For a number of years he sought to encourage the study of the Bible in the Senior Class at Yale, by placing a sum of money in the hands of the Faculty to be expended in the form of prizes to those who should pass the best examination in the Scriptures.

An engraving from his portrait is given in his Sketch of the Church in Belchertown.

He published:


An excellent historical work.

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EZRA STILES ELY, the eldest son and second child of the Rev. Zebulon Ely (Yale 1779), of Lebanon, Connecticut, was born in Lebanon on June 13, 1786, and was named for the venerated President of Yale, under whom his father had been a student and tutor. He made a profession of religion before he was fourteen, and was prepared for College by his father.

After a brief period of theological study with his father, he was licensed to preach on December 12, 1804, by the Standing Committee of the Windham Association of Ministers.

On October 1, 1806, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the small Congregational Church (of only thirty members) in Westchester Society in Colchester, the adjoining town to Lebanon; the sermon preached on that occasion by his father was afterwards published.

In April, 1810, he was dismissed from this charge, to take the position of Stated Preacher to the Almshouse and Hospital in the City of New York. He was supported by private subscriptions, and began duty at the Almshouse in June, and at the Hospital in October. In these self-denying labors, and especially in his printed report of them, he commended himself so highly that he was invited on October 11, 1813, to the pastorate of the important Third or Pine Street Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. He had already received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Washington College, Tennessee. He resigned his chaplaincy on July 1, 1813, in prospect of this call, but was not installed over his new congregation until September 7, 1814. This delay was caused by a division of the church, induced by his strong anti-Hopkinsian tenets, which had led in the meantime to a trial before the New York Presbytery in January, 1814, resulting from the sharp language in his published Contrast between Calvinism and Hopkinsianism; after three days' trial he was unanimously and honorably acquitted. The story is con-
tained in a volume published at Philadelphia in 1814 (16°, pp. 170), with the title: A History of ecclesiastical proceedings relative to the Third Presbyterian Church in Phila., the Rev. Ezra Stiles Ely, and several of the Judicatures of the Church with which they are connected.

In 1814 he married Mary Ann, daughter of Samuel K. and Margaret (Means) Carswell, of Philadelphia, a lady of large wealth.

He threw himself with boundless activity into the work of the pastorate, and for over twenty years was a prominent figure in the city and in the denomination. While faithful and untiring in his proper professional sphere, he interested himself also in public matters, and used the large means at his disposal to help all good causes. For example, being a member of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Medical College, he came forwards at a critical moment, when the existence of the institution seemed to depend on a prompt outlay of funds, and provided the means for the purchase of land and for the erection of a building which saved the College.

He was elected Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly in 1825, and held that office for eleven years, administering it with marked efficiency. In the mean time the Assembly conferred on him its highest honor by electing him Moderator in 1828.

In 1834 Dr. Ely, with characteristic enthusiasm, conceived the idea of founding a city under Presbyterian auspices, in Marion County, near the Mississippi River, in Northern Missouri, in connection with which should be planted a College, a Theological Seminary, and various industries, by means of which the students should earn their own support. Many of his congregation embarked in the scheme and forsook their homes to follow him. His pastoral relation was dissolved by Presbytery on May 16, 1835, though he continued to supply the pulpit for about a year longer. During his pastorate he had received 666 persons into the church.
Dr. Ely invested some fifty thousand dollars in his new enterprise, and accepted the Professorship of Polemic Theology, Biblical Literature and Sacred Criticism, in the Theological Department; but the result proved a failure, partly on account of the financial crisis of 1837.

After a struggle of several years (followed by the death of his wife in 1842, at the age of 50), he came back to Philadelphia, broken in health and ruined in fortune.

He married again in 1843 Caroline, daughter of Thompson and Eliza A. (Stockly) Holmes, of Virginia, and in the spring of 1844 became the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Northern Liberties, a suburb of Philadelphia, where he labored with unabated zeal until prostrated by a stroke of paralysis in August, 1851.

He lingered in extreme feebleness until his death, in Philadelphia, on June 18, 1861, at the age of 75.

He had by his first marriage three daughters and four sons, and by his second marriage two daughters and three sons. His wife survived him, with six of his children. Francis Parsons (Yale 1893) and Edward Ely Curtis (Yale 1910) are great-grandsons.

Copies of two portraits of Dr. Ely are given in the History of Old Pine Street Church.

He published:

1. Sermon [from I Cor. ii, 2] delivered on the First Sabbath after his Ordination. Hartford, 1806. 8°, pp. 15.

2. A Sermon [from Rev. xiv, 13] for the rich to buy, that they may benefit themselves and the poor. New-York, 1810. 8°, pp. 27.
   Published to arouse an interest in his work in the Almshouse.

   This work was partly aimed at the Rev. Gardiner Spring (Yale 1805), who had lately been settled over the Brick Presbyterian
Church in New York, and was suspected of Hopkinsianism; it was answered by the Rev. James Wilson, in 1814.

4. The Journal of the Stated Preacher to the Hospital and Almshouse, in the City of New-York, for the year of our Lord 1811. New-York, 1812. 12°, pp. 300.


Sketches of interesting experiences of pastoral work among the degraded and friendless. Republished in London in 1813, with the title, *Visits of Mercy*.

5. The Second Journal of the Stated Preacher to the Hospital and Almshouse, in the City of New-York, for a part of the year of our Lord 1813... Philadelphia, 1815. 12°, pp. 255.

[ *Br. Mus. N. Y. H. S. Y. C.*]

These two Journals also appeared in later American editions, with the title, *Visits of Mercy*, in two volumes.


[ *A. C. A.*]


Apparently Dr. Ely was the sole author of this Review.


[ *U. S. Y. C.*]


[ *A. C. A. B. Ath. U. T. S. Y. C.*]


[ *N. Y. H. S. U. T. S. Y. C.*]


[ *A. A. S. Br. Mus. Harv. Y. C.*]

The imaginary experience of the author in the future world, with sarcastic references to various acquaintances, both living and dead.

12. The Collateral Bible; or, a Key to the Holy Scriptures: in which all the corresponding texts are brought together into one view...—By William McCorkle, assisted by the Rev. E. S. Ely, D.D. and the Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, A.M. Philadelphia, 1826–28. 3 v. 4°.

[ *B. Publ. Y. C.*]
These volumes extend only through the Old Testament. Volumes 2 and 3 were edited by Dr. Ely and Mr. Bedell.


This Sermon, as printed in the newspapers, had been used in the State Senate, in February, 1828, to justify a refusal to incorporate the American Sunday School Union; and was now published by the author in self-defence.

14. A Discourse [from Rom. xv, 19], delivered at the opening of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, on the 21st of May, A. D. 1829. 8°, pp. 16.


Dr. Ely's Letters were originally published in the Philadelphian.

He also edited for some years, without compensation, The Philadelphian, a weekly religious paper.

He left in manuscript a History of the Churches of Philadelphia.

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SUMNER ELY, the second son of Adriel Ely, a farmer of Lyme, Connecticut, and grandson of Captain Richard and Margaret (Olcott) Ely, of Lyme, was born on May 22, 1787. His mother was Sarah, daughter of Jabez Stow,
of Saybrook. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Frederick W. Hotchkiss (Yale 1778), of Saybrook, and entered in the fall of 1801,—at first joining the Freshman Class, and after a few days applying for and being admitted to the Sophomore Class.

After graduation he studied medicine with Dr. Thomas Broadhead, of Clermont, Columbia County, New York, at that time a popular instructor, engaged in an extensive practice. He remained for nearly five years, devoting however a part of the time to teaching in an academy to earn money; and on August 30, 1809, he was authorized to practice by the Greene County Medical Society.

In July, 1810, he began practice in Clarksville, in the township of Middlefield, Otsego County, where he continued until his death,—a period of over forty-seven years. Frugal and temperate in his habits, and blessed with a vigorous constitution, he was able to undergo the exposures and fatigues of an extensive rural practice, and to reap the rewards of devotion and experience. From 1811 he was an active and highly trusted member of the County Medical Society, and in 1837 he received the honorary degree of M.D. from Geneva, now Hobart College. In 1840 he was elected President of the State Medical Society, and held office for one year.

He was deeply interested in popular education, and held for a considerable portion of his life the office both of trustee and inspector of schools. In the war of 1812 he raised a volunteer company of riflemen, of which he was chosen Captain, and continuing in the militia, he rose finally (in 1830) to the rank of Brigadier General, retiring after one year's service.

In 1836 he represented his district in the State Legislature, and in 1840 was elected Senator and retained that office for four years.

He continued in unabated usefulness and growing respect until about the beginning of the year 1857, when he received an injury on the head, from a fall, which
resulted in a fatal inflammation of the brain, of which he died, on February 3, in his 70th year.

A memoir, by Dr. J. S. Sprague, in the Transactions of the State Medical Society for the next year, is accompanied by a lithographic engraving, which also appears in the Ely Ancestry.

He married, on June 11, 1816, Hannah Knapp, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Cornwall) Gilbert, of Middlefield, who died in 1868, aged 77 years. His children, five sons, all survived him, two of them being physicians and one a lawyer.

His only publication was:

Annual Address delivered before the Medical Society of the State of New-York, February 3, 1841. Albany, 1841. 8°, pp. 15.

On inflammatory fever.

JOHN MYERS FELDER, the eldest child of Judge Samuel and Mary (Myers) Felder, of Orangeburg District, South Carolina, and grandson of Judge John Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Shaumloffel) Felder, of Orangeburg, was born on July 7, 1782. His grandfather was an emigrant from Zurich, Switzerland. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year. A brother was graduated here in 1822.

He studied law in the Litchfield Law School, in company with his classmate and intimate friend, Calhoun, and being admitted to the bar in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1808, settled in his native place, and enjoyed a lucrative practice for about twenty years. In 1812, 1814, and 1822, he was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives, and to the State Senate from 1816 to 1820. Before the War of 1812 began he held the rank of Major

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in the militia, and just as it closed, he was on his way from his home, at the head of a battalion, to assist in the defence of the seacoast.

After having been several times a candidate for the United States Congress, he was elected to that body in 1830, and served from 1831 to 1835, when he declined a re-election. In 1840 he was again chosen State Senator, and continued to serve in that capacity until his death.

Throughout his political career he was a strong Democrat, and he took a conspicuous part in the legislature in efforts to regulate and economize the financial affairs of the State. He refused to follow his friend Calhoun into the nullification movement, because he thought it would destroy the Union.

After retiring from the practice of the law he purchased large tracts of land covered with pine timber in his own and adjacent Districts, built saw-mills, and engaged in the lumber business, amassing a fortune estimated at half a million dollars. He was an active member of the State and County Agricultural Societies.

In August, 1851, he made a visit to his half-sister, in Georgia; and on his return, while traveling alone on the Georgia Railroad, was taken suddenly ill with bilious colic, and died at Union Point, Georgia, on September 1, in his 70th year. He was never married.

He was elected a Trustee of the South Carolina College in 1812.

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HENRY FROST was born in Plymouth, then part of Watertown, Connecticut, in 1785. During his College course he gave his residence as New Haven. He was admitted to the College Church on profession of his faith in August, 1802.
He studied theology in New Haven after graduation, and was licensed to preach for four years by the New Haven East Association of Ministers on September 17, 1807.

He then labored in various settlements as a missionary, his last employment being in Western New York, under the direction of the Connecticut Missionary Society, from March to June, 1811.

After his license had expired, he sought its renewal, but was refused on account of apparent unsoundness of mind. It was said that his condition was due, in part, at least, to being crossed in love.

In September, 1821, he was living with his mother near Port Gibson, Mississippi, and again applied for a renewal of his license, that he might in a more orderly way labor in that vicinity.

In July, 1823, he was living near Fredericksburg, Virginia, and preaching in Presbyterian congregations; but his career there was arrested by reports from the Western States, impeaching his moral character.

In May, 1824, the New Haven East Association, in ignorance of these rumors, consented, on his appeal in person, to grant him a re-license until their next meeting in September; and in the meantime he preached for two months in Mansfield, Connecticut.

In 1826 the Association received abundant testimony from those who had observed his career in the West and South of his bad reputation for honesty and trustworthiness.

He died in Dorchester County, on the lower eastern shore of Maryland, on September 6, 1843, at the age of 58.

CHRISTOPHER EDWARDS GADSDEN, the eldest son of a family of eight sons and eight daughters of Philip Gadsden, of Charleston, South Carolina, and grandson of General Christopher Gadsden, a distinguished Revolution-
ary hero, was born in Charleston on November 25, 1785. His mother was Catharine, daughter of John Edwards, a Charleston merchant, who was also a patriot of the Revolution. His next younger brother was a classmate, a third was graduated in 1806, and a fourth in 1820.

He was prepared for College at home, in the Associated Academy, a school then enjoying a high reputation, and early formed a determination to enter the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which his father was a devoted adherent, though his mother was a Congregationalist. He joined the Junior Class at Yale in 1802.

On his return from College in 1804, when he had reason to suppose that his family was wealthy, he found that their fortunes had undergone a serious reverse. He completed, therefore, as soon as he could, his preparation at the General Theological Seminary in New York, and when little more than the canonical age, he was ordained by Bishop Moore, in New York City, on July 25, 1807. In the following January he was elected Minister of St. John's Parish, Berkley, South Carolina.

On December 21, 1809, he was elected Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, and consequently resigned his charge at Berkley on February 2, 1810. On April 14, 1810, he was advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Madison, in Williamsburgh, Virginia. In Charleston, as formerly at Berkley, he took charge of a number of pupils, in order to aid his family.

On the death of the Rector in May, 1814, he succeeded (on July 17) to the rectorship of St. Philip's, the oldest and perhaps the most important congregation in the diocese; and this relation he sustained with much acceptance until his death. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by South Carolina College in 1815.

Dr. Dehon, the Bishop of South Carolina, died in 1817; and at the election of a successor, in 1818, Dr. Gadsden would have been unanimously chosen had he allowed his name to be proposed.
When the next vacancy in that office occurred, at the election held in February, 1840, Dr. Gadsden was one of the two candidates proposed, and was chosen on the first ballot, by a small majority of the clergy and a large one of the laity. In view of this vote, he appealed to the clergy to unite on some other person; but the sincerity and magnanimity of his appeal had the effect of removing all opposition.

His consecration took place in Boston, the residence of the Presiding Bishop, on June 21, 1840, and the sermon preached on that occasion by Bishop Doane, of New Jersey, was afterwards published.

He was actively engaged in his twofold duties as Bishop and as Rector, until February, 1852, when a disease of the kidneys, from which he had already suffered, took on a more acute form. After intense suffering, he died at his residence in Charleston, on June 24, 1852, in his 67th year. He was interred in the chancel of St. Philip's Church, and the discourse preached on the following Sabbath, by the Rev. John B. Campbell, was afterwards published.

On October 8, 1816, he married Eliza A. Bowman, who died in October, 1826. By this marriage he had no issue.

He was married, the second time, on February 11, 1830, to Jane, youngest daughter of William Dewees, of Charleston, who survived him with their children, three daughters and two sons.

An engraving from a portrait is given in Perry's *Bishops of the American Church*.

Bishop Gadsden was a man of great humility, honesty, and self-denial. He devoted himself untiringly to his duties, and was a model of the Christian graces.

He published:

1. A Discourse [from Rev. ii, 10], preached and published by request ..., on the Occasion of the Death of Bishop Dehon. Charleston, 1817. 8°, pp. 36. [Harv. U. T. S. Y. C.]

This diocese had been the first to press the plan of a General Theological Seminary.

3. A Sermon [from Gen. 1, 7, 9, 10], preached at St. Philip's Church, August 21, 1825, on the Occasion of the Decease of Gen. Charles Cotesworth Pinckney. Charleston, 1825. 8°, pp. 31.
[B. Ath. Harv.]

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7. The Times, morally Considered, in a Charge, from the Bishop, to the Clergy of the Diocese of South-Carolina, delivered in St. Philip's Church, Charleston, on Monday, 13th February, 1843. Charleston, 1843. 8°, pp. 28.

Enforcing lessons from loss of property.

At this time he also proposed to issue two other Charges:—The Times ecclesiastically considered; and The Times theologically considered; but these do not seem to have appeared.

He also published a tract:
The Prayer Book as it is.

He edited the (Charleston) Gospel Messenger, containing many contributions from his own pen.

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JOHN GADSDEN, the next younger brother of the preceding graduate, was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on March 4, 1787. He was educated with his brother, and entered College in his company.

After graduation he studied law, and was admitted to the bar at an unusually early age, in 1808. He at once began practice in Charleston, and by slow degrees achieved a good position as a lawyer.

He represented the city in a half-session of the State Legislature, and also filled the place of City Intendant. In 1821 he received, unsolicited, the office of District Attorney of the United States, and held it for nine years.

In October, 1830, his health began to decline, and he died in Charleston, after a lingering illness, on January 31, 1831, in his 44th year.

He left a widow, his first-cousin on his mother's side, who died soon after him, and one son.

He published:

An Eulogy on the late Keating Lewis Simons, Esq., pronounced on the Tenth of September, 1819; by appointment of the Revolution Society. Charleston. 8°, pp. 25. [B. Ath. Harv. M. H. S.]

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DAVID GARDINER, the second son and child of Captain Abraham and Phebe (Dayton) Gardiner, of East-Hampton, Long Island, and grandson of Colonel Abraham and Mary (Smith) Gardiner, of East-Hampton, was born on May 2, 1784. His father died when he was twelve years old. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

He studied law after graduation with Sylvanus Miller in New York City, and began practice there.

In 1816 he married Juliana, the only surviving daughter of the late Dr. Michael McLachlan, a wealthy brewer, of
Scotch descent. As his marriage brought him some fortune, he relinquished about 1819 his profession and retired to his native town, where he thenceforth lived.

He held the office of State Senator for four terms, from January, 1824, to December, 1827.

He met an untimely death by the bursting of a great gun on board the United States steam-frigate Princeton, on the Potomac, near Mount Vernon, on February 28, 1844, in the 60th year of his age. Funeral services over his body and those of the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Navy were held in the East Room of the White House three days later.

His widow died at her residence in Castleton, Staten Island, after long feebleness, on October 4, 1864, aged 65 years.

Their children, two sons and two daughters, survived their father. The elder daughter married, four months after her father's death, John Tyler, President of the United States. Robert A. Gardiner (Yale College 1887) is a grandson.

He was the author of the following:

Chronicles of the Town of Easthampton, County of Suffolk, New York. New York, 1871. 8vo, pp. vii, 121. [U. S. Y. C.

This was originally published in the Corrector newspaper, about the year 1840.

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JOHN DAVID GARDINER, the eldest child of John Gardiner, a farmer of East-Hampton, Long Island, and grandson of Deacon John and Elizabeth Gardiner, of East-Hampton, was born on January 2, 1781. His mother was Esther, younger daughter of Abraham and Esther (Miller) Hedges, of East-Hampton, and widow of Aaron Fithian, of East-Hampton. His father removed to East Moriches, Long Island, in 1795, and died there in July,
1799. The two Gardiner graduates of this Class were fourth cousins.

Seven months after his father's death, on February 18, 1800, at the age of 19, John D. Gardiner married Frances, daughter of Abraham and Joanna (Miller) Mulford, of East-Hampton, and settled in his native town. His preparation for College was completed in Clinton Academy, in East-Hampton, and a special vote of the Prudential Committee of the Yale Corporation, in September, 1802, allowed him to enter the Junior Class, although a married man.

In May, 1805, he became the principal of the Academy at Chester, in Morris County, New Jersey, where he remained until May, 1811; having, during that period, pursued theological studies under the superintendence of the Rev. Dr. James Richards, of Morristown and Newark.

In 1811 he was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New York and New Jersey, and in October of that year he was invited to supply the Presbyterian Church in the village of Sag Harbor, in Southampton and East-Hampton, Long Island. After a sufficient trial he was called to the pastorate in April, 1812, and was ordained and installed on October 2.

He labored assiduously in the discharge of his duties, and with distinguished usefulness, for twenty years, until his dismission on June 5, 1832. He remained at Sag Harbor, beloved and honored, until his death there, on September 13, 1849, in his 69th year.

His wife died in Sag Harbor, on March 23, 1814, in her 34th year; and he next married, on November 20, 1814, Mary, youngest daughter of Samuel and Sarah (White) L'Hommedieu, of Sag Harbor, and widow of Nathan Cook, who died in November, 1811. She was a lady of considerable literary ability, and a Collection from her prose and poetical writings was published in 1843. She died in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on November 16, 1860, in her 70th year.
By his first marriage he had two sons and one daughter, and by his second marriage eight sons and three daughters; of the latter family, three sons and a daughter died in infancy. The second son by the second marriage was graduated at Yale in 1835, and the fifth son at New York University in 1847.

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C. C. Gardiner, Lion Gardiner and his Descendants, 137, 154-56. 
Hedges, 310-11. 
Thompson, Hist. of L. I., Hist. of East-Hampton, 284-85, 315. 

Moses Gillett, son of Matthew Gillet, Junior, a farmer of New Hartford, Connecticut, was born in New Hartford on April 19, 1776. His mother was Lois, youngest daughter of Samuel Douglas, a farmer of New Hartford, of Scotch descent. He became a Christian under the pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Edward D. Griffin (Yale 1790) during a season of revival in 1795-96, and after struggling with many discouragements from feeble health and pecuniary embarrassments, succeeded in completing his College course. His mother, with the Scotch fervor for education, had persuaded her husband to sell a part of his farm in order to provide funds.

He then studied theology with the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789), of Goshen, and was licensed to preach by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers on June 11, 1805.

In September, 1806, he began to supply the pulpit of the First Congregational (afterwards Presbyterian) Church of Rome, New York; and a year later, on October 14, 1807, he was ordained and installed as pastor there, over a church of thirty-four members.

He retained this office for thirty years, or until his dismissal in October, 1837. During this time he worked with great singleness of purpose, and had the satisfaction of admitting over eight hundred members into the church.
In one remarkable season of revival, during which he had the assistance of the Rev. Charles G. Finney, he admitted on a single Sunday (in March, 1826) one hundred and eighty-four persons to membership.

After his resignation he supplied the pulpits of vacant churches in Moscow and Sweden, in Western New York, until his health became enfeebled, when he returned (in the spring of 1844) to Rome. He still continued to preach (for the last time in November, 1847) as long as he was able; and he died in Rome on June 4, 1848, in his 73d year.

He was a man of eminent piety and apostolic zeal.

The wife of his youth, Sylvia Merrill, of New Hartford, died suddenly in 1813, and he next married Harriet, daughter of Jedidiah and Sarah (Andrews) Mills, of West Hartford, who died in April, 1869, in her 84th year.

By his first wife he had two daughters and one son; one daughter was the wife of the Rev. Elihu P. Ingersoll (Yale 1832).

By his second wife he had two sons and three daughters. The elder son was graduated at Hamilton College in 1838, and became a minister. One daughter was the mother of Edward Wells Southworth (Yale 1875), a large benefactor of the Yale Library. The youngest daughter is still living.

He edited, in connection with the Rev. John Frost and the Rev. Noah Coe, the following:

A Narrative of the Revival of Religion, in the County of Oneida, particularly in the bounds of the Presbytery of Oneida, in the year 1826. Utica, 1826. 8°, pp. 88. [Y. C.]

This includes (pp. 9-13) an Account of the revival in Rome, by Mr. Gillett.

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Benjamin Franklin Hampton was not a member of College when the catalogue of November, 1800, was issued, but appears in the list of the Sophomore Class in the catalogue of November, 1801, where his residence is given as Columbia, Georgia. The place then known as Columbia Court House is now Appling, the county seat of Columbia County.

Nothing is known of Mr. Hampton's history, beyond the fact that his name was first marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of Graduates issued in 1817.

John Preston Hampton, a brother of the last-named graduate, entered College at the same time.

He studied law after graduation, and was admitted to the South Carolina bar by the Court of Common Pleas at Columbia on April 22, 1807.

He emigrated to Mississippi while it was still a Territory, and on the establishment of the judiciary system in the new State, he was elected, in January, 1818, a Judge of the Supreme Court.

On the death of Judge John Taylor, in May or June, 1820, he was elected as Presiding or Chief Justice. In 1825 he was granted leave of absence from the State on account of illness. In January, 1829, a resolution was introduced into the Legislature, requesting his resignation, unless he had a reasonable hope of recovery, since for three years he had been unable to perform his duties. Fortunately the resolution was suppressed; and a few days later, on February 5, the Governor announced that news of his death had been received.

The records of the Court bear testimony to his learning and his sensitive regard for justice.

Authorities.

Lynch, Bench and Bar of Mississippi, 81-83. Rowland, Encyclopedia of Mississippi Hist., i, 833-34.
ROYAL RALPH HINMAN, the only surviving son of General Ephraim Hinman, a merchant of Roxbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Deacon David and Sarah (Hinman) Hinman, of Southbury, was born in Roxbury on June 20, 1785. His mother was Sylvania, daughter of Lieutenant William and Ann (Bennett) French, of South Britain village, in Southbury. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Azel Backus (Yale 1787), of Bethlehem. His name was originally Ralph; but in a list of his College Class published during Freshman year, his classmate Chester, who was on the committee for collecting the material, prefixed Royal to the Ralph, as fitly descriptive of his friend; and the appellation was afterwards retained.

He taught in an Academy in Richmond, Virginia, during a part of the years 1804 and 1805, and then entered as a law-student in the office of the Hon. David S. Boardman (Yale 1793), of New Milford, Connecticut. A year later he removed to the Litchfield Law School, and in 1807 he was admitted to the bar, and began practice in Roxbury, where he continued for over twenty years; he was postmaster from 1823 to 1833, and in 1814, 1825, and 1831, Representative in the General Assembly.

He removed to Southington in 1833, and while in practice there acted for about two years as Judge and Clerk of Probate for that District. In 1834 he was nominated for Congress as a Jackson Democrat; and in April, 1835, was elected Secretary of the State, in succession to the Hon. Thomas Day (Yale 1797).

He removed to Hartford in May, 1835, and for seven years retained the post of Secretary. After his retirement from this office, he continued to reside in Hartford, and was nominated for postmaster in 1844, but failed to obtain the appointment. A little later in the same year President Tyler offered him the position of military store keeper at the Springfield Armory, which he declined; but in September he accepted the post of Collector of Customs for the
port of New Haven, only to be superseded on the change of administration six months later. He had been a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Baltimore in May, 1844.

He then returned to Hartford and continued there until 1852, when he removed to New York City.

He died in New York on October 16, 1868, in his 84th year.

He married on September 14, 1814, Lydia, youngest child of General John Ashley (Yale 1758), of Sheffield, Massachusetts, who died in New York on August 27, 1853, in her 65th year. Her children, four daughters and a son, survived her.

He was one of the charter members of the Connecticut Historical Society at its reorganization in 1839, and an honorary member of various similar societies. He bequeathed his manuscript genealogical collections to the New England Historic-Genealogical Society, in Boston, of which he was a member.

He published:

1. Letters from the English Kings and Queens Charles II, James II, William and Mary, Anne, George II, &c. to the Governors of the Colony of Connecticut, together with the Answers thereto, from 1635 to 1749; and other original, ancient, literary and curious documents, compiled from files and records in the office of the Secretary of the State of Connecticut. Hartford, 1836. 12°, pp. 372 + 4 pl.


The compiler’s name does not appear.
3. A Historical Collection, from official records, files, &c., of the part sustained by Connecticut, during the War of the Revolution... Hartford, 1842. 8°, pp. 644 + 2 pl.


4. A Catalogue of the Names of the first Puritan Settlers of the Colony of Connecticut; with the time of their arrival in the Colony, and their standing in society, together with their place of residence, as far as can be discovered by the records.—Collected from the State and Town records. Hartford, 1846. 8°, pp. 367.


The same, revised edition, with title:
A Catalogue of the Names of the early Puritan Settlers of the Colony of Connecticut; with the time of their arrival in the country and Colony, their standing in society, place of residence, condition in life, where from, business, &c., as far as it is found on record. Hartford, 1852-56. 8°, pp. 884. 6 numbers in one volume. [B. Publ. Br. Mus. Harv. M. H. S. U. S. Y. C.

Numbers 1-5 (1852) contain from Abbe to Danielson; Number 6 (1856) relates to the Hinman family, and was also published separately.

A partially reprinted edition was issued at Albany in 1872. This work is still of value beyond his other compilations.

In 1835 and 1836 he was the chairman of committees appointed by the Legislature to revise and publish the Public Statutes of the State, and to prepare and publish the Private Laws.

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JOSHUA HUNTINGTON, the eldest son of General Jedidiah Huntington (Harvard 1763), of Norwich and New London, Connecticut, by his second wife, Ann Moore, and grandson of General Jabez Huntington (Yale 1741), of Norwich, was born in Norwich on January 31, 1786. His
mother was a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Channing) Moore, of New York City, and a sister of Bishop Richard C. Moore, of Virginia. The family removed to New London in his infancy. He was prepared for College by Jacob B. Gurley (Dartmouth Coll. 1793), of New London, and by the Rev. Frederick W. Hotchkiss (Yale 1778), of Saybrook, and he entered Yale at the opening of the Freshman year. A brother was graduated here in 1807, and a half-brother in 1784.

He united with the College Church in May, 1802, and after graduation he studied theology, under the direction successively of President Dwight, the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789), of Goshen, and the Rev. Dr. Jedidiah Morse (Yale 1783), of Charlestown, Massachusetts.

He was licensed to preach by the New London Association of Ministers in September, 1806, and from the first was heard with special approbation. From Springfield, Massachusetts, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and Portland, Maine, he received invitations to preach with a view to settlement; and in August, 1807, the old South Church and Congregation in Boston took preliminary steps which resulted in their voting in February, 1808, a call to Mr. Huntington to become Colleague Pastor with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Eckley (Princeton Coll. 1772), with an annual salary of $1,300. Another call was received at the same time from the First Congregational Church in Middletown, Connecticut.

He accepted the Boston call, and was ordained and installed on May 18. It had been expected that President Dwight would preach the sermon, but he was taken ill on his way to Boston, and his place was filled by Dr. Morse (by whose intervention Mr. Huntington had been first brought to the notice of the church), whose sermon was afterwards published, and was somewhat of a challenge to the more liberal theologians of the vicinity, with whom Dr. Eckley was believed to sympathize, but whom Mr. Huntington was relied on to oppose.
Mr. Huntington was married on May 18, 1809, to Susan, daughter of the Rev. Achilles Mansfield (Yale 1770), of that part of Killingworth, Connecticut, which is now Clinton, a woman of fine mental endowments and high spiritual attainments.

The senior pastor of the church died after a brief illness on April 30, 1811, leaving the sole responsibility of the pastorate on the shoulders of Mr. Huntington, at the age of 25.

His constitution had always been somewhat delicate, and the amount of labor that devolved on him in his proper pastoral work and in the promotion of numerous benevolent and moral enterprises in the community, proved an over-match for his physical energies. He took an especially deep interest in the American Education Society, formed at a meeting in his study in 1815, and also in the Society for the Moral and Religious Instruction of the Poor, founded in 1816, of which he was the President.

His feelings were also deeply agitated by the widening breach between the ministers and churches in his vicinity. He ceased in the summer of 1817 to exchange with the clergy who favored Unitarianism; and one of the last acts of his pastorate was to decline, on behalf of his church, to take part in the settlement of his classmate, John Pierpont, over the Hollis Street congregation.

He had several times within two years been obliged to intermit his labors in the pursuit of health; and in July, 1819, he left home for a long journey to Niagara and Quebec, in company with the Rev. Sereno E. Dwight (Yale 1803). On his return he was so ill that he was compelled to leave the stage at Groton, Massachusetts, thirty miles from Boston, where he was received into the house of the Rev. Dr. Daniel Chaplin (Harvard 1772), the minister of the Congregational Church. Here he languished with typhus fever for sixteen days, during which his wife joined him; and he died there on September 11, in his thirty-fourth year.
The funeral took place in Boston two days later, and the sermon preached by Mr. Dwight was afterwards published; a few sentences from it are as follows:

Religious integrity was the solid foundation of his ministerial and pastoral character. No characteristic, perhaps, contributed more to his usefulness than his prudence. His prudence was accompanied by immovable firmness. It was apparent that his great object was to discover his duty, and when discovered to perform it. His humility was unaffected. As a preacher, few young men in our country have been equally popular. If he made peculiar progress, during the latter years of his life, in any one Christian grace it was in humility.

Mrs. Huntington died in Boston on December 4, 1823, aged nearly 33 years. Her Memoir, written by her husband's successor, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin B. Wisner (Union Coll. 1813), passed through four editions, and was republished both in London and Edinburgh.

Their children were four daughters and two sons. One daughter and one son died in infancy. The elder son was graduated at Yale in 1832. The youngest daughter married Dr. Jedidiah V. Huntington (New York University 1835).

An engraving from a portrait of Mr. Huntington is given in volume 2 of Hill's History of the Old South Church.

His only publications were:


2. Right Hand of Fellowship; appended (pp. 41-44) to A Sermon preached in the Tabernacle Church, Salem, Nov. 5, 1818, at the Ordination of the Rev. Messrs. Pliny Fisk, [etc.] ... as Missionaries ... By Moses Stuart. Andover, 1819. 8°.

Biographical Sketches, 1804

In volume 15, pp. 73-75 (February, 1819), of the Missionary Herald, Boston.

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Blake, Early Hist. of the 1st Church, New London, 298-300.

JONATHAN HUNTING, youngest son of William and Puah (Osborn) Huntting, of East-Hampton, Long Island, and grandson of Nathaniel and Mary (Hedges) Huntting, of East-Hampton, was born on February 13, 1778. Jonathan Huntting (Yale 1735) was his great-uncle. He entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he taught in the Academy in his native town, and in the meantime studied theology under the instruction of his pastor, the Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher (Yale 1797), and the Rev. David S. Bogart, of Southampton.

He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Long Island on October 10, 1805, and supplied the pulpit in Fishkill for the first five months of 1806.

In June, 1806, he began to preach in the Presbyterian Church in Southold, Long Island, where he was ordained and installed as pastor on August 20, 1807. On September 20, 1808, he married Julia, daughter of Abraham Sayre, of his native place.

He fulfilled a long and useful ministry in Southold, until dismissed at his own request on August 27, 1828. He continued to reside there, but for much of the time served as stated supply to neighboring congregations. Thus, for the four years ending in the fall of 1832 he supplied the church on Shelter Island.

He died at his home in Southold, after ten days' illness, on December 30, 1850, in his 73d year.

One of his sons was graduated at Amherst College in 1835, and became a minister.
Mr. Huntting was a preacher of marked power and acceptableness, and of excellent character. He was deeply and conscientiously devoted to the Presbyterian polity.

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TIMOTHY JONES, fourth son of Isaac Jones (Yale 1757), was born in New Haven on August 27, 1784.
He studied medicine for a year or two after graduation with Dr. Eli Ives (Yale 1799), of New Haven, and afterwards with Dr. Eli Todd (Yale 1787), of Farmington.
In 1810 he settled as a physician in Southington, where he married, on October 31 of that year, Rhoda, third daughter of Seth Lewis (Yale 1783), born on December 10, 1791.
In social life he was highly respected; and in addition to a successful professional career of over thirty years, he was honored with many public trusts, such as Town Clerk, Judge of Probate (1835-39), and Postmaster (1839-41).
He died in Southington, firm in the Christian faith, on June 8, 1841, in his 57th year.
He had six sons and three daughters, of whom four sons and a daughter died in early life. The eldest daughter married the Rev. Robert P. Stanton (Yale 1843).

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Loomis Female Genealogy, i, 234. 43. Timlow, Hist. of Southington, N. Y. Geneal. and Biog. Record, xlii, 458, cxli-cxlii, clx.

CURTIS JUDSON came to College from Woodbury, Connecticut.
He united with the College Church on profession of faith in May of his Sophomore year. He received an ad eundem degree from Middlebury College at graduation.
He remained in New Haven to pursue the study of theology; but had scarcely begun his work, when he died here on October 25, at the age of 23. He was the first of the Class to be removed by death.

He was a young man of eminent piety.

**AUTHORITIES.**
Conn. Journal, Nov. 1, 1804.

**WALTER RALEIGH KIBBE** was born in Somers, Connecticut, on September 8, 1781, the son of Amariah and Hannah Kibbe, of Somers.

He studied law after graduation, and was admitted to the bar in 1807.

He settled in the practice of his profession in his native town, and was much engaged in public business. He was Postmaster from 1821 to 1828, represented the town in the General Assembly in 1828, 1829, 1831, 1834, and 1838, and was State Senator from the 20th District in 1832. He also held the office of Judge of Probate from 1838 to 1848.

He maintained a consistent reputation for uprightness and independence; and was noted for his eccentricities, sharp wit, and powers of sarcasm. His devotion to the study of the Bible, especially in his later years, was remarkable.

His first wife, Mrs. Deborah Kibbe, died on November 21, 1832, aged 48 years.

His second wife, Mrs. Sabrina M. Kibbe, died in childbirth on February 26, 1840, aged 46 years.

Of his six children only three survived him.

His remarkable constitution continued vigorous to the last, and he died in Somers, after an illness of a few days, on April 22, 1864, in his 83d year.

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*Allen, Hist. of Enfield,* iii, 2431-33.
FRANCIS KING, the eldest son of Colonel Oliver King, of Vernon, then part of Bolton, Connecticut, and grandson of Seth and Mary (Smith) King, of Bolton, was born on May 12, 1783. His mother was Chloe, daughter of Hezekiah and Amy (Cornish) Humphrey, of Simsbury. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

After graduation he taught school in Nyack, Rockland County, New York, for two years; and then spent two years in the study of theology with the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789), of Goshen, Connecticut. He was licensed as a preacher by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers on June 14, 1808, and exercised his vocation, chiefly in Connecticut, for the next four or five years. He spent five months in 1809 in missionary service in Vermont; and for about nine months in 1810-11 he supplied the vacant pulpit in Orford Society, now Manchester, Connecticut.

Subsequently he resided in his native town until 1834 or 1835, when he removed to Elizabeth, New Jersey, where he died on July 16, 1837, in his 54th year. He was never married.

He united with the Congregational Church in Vernon in May, 1807, and was chosen a Deacon in that church in June, 1816,—in which office his father and his grandfather had preceded him. He was also an efficient helper in the Sunday School and in all forms of Christian activity.

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WILLIAM KINNE, son of David Kinne, of Black Hill, in Plainfield, Connecticut, was born there on May 19, 1781. He was prepared for College at the Plainfield Academy under John Adams (Yale 1795), and entered after the opening of the Freshman year. He joined the College Church in August, 1802.
After graduation he spent two or three years in teaching in Hallowell, Maine, where he married Eliza Evans, of that town, a sister of the Hon. George Evans (Bowdoin Coll. 1815), afterwards United States Senator, and daughter of Daniel and Joanna (Hains) Evans.

His father died in 1808, and Mr. Kinne returned from Maine with large plans for the development of his father's extensive farm on Black Hill. He finally bought up the interest of the other heirs, and thereby involved himself in debt, which with some ill-success in various other undertakings proved in the end quite ruinous to his temporal prosperity. He was obliged to give up his patrimony, and for some of his last years was much dependent on his children.

The rest of his life was spent in the adjoining town of Canterbury, where he was always respected and esteemed as a man of intelligence, honesty, and piety.

His father's family attended the First Congregational Church in Canterbury, which he joined on profession of faith in 1814. He held the office of Deacon in this church from December, 1824, to 1847.

One labor of love which was characteristic of the man was his planting a beautiful row of some two hundred sugar-maple trees, about half a mile in length, on the road which descends from Black Hill towards Canterbury.

He died suddenly in Canterbury on August 18, 1848, falling lifeless in his yard from heart-disease, in his 68th year.

His wife survived him with eleven children, of whom the eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1848; the second son, an educated physician, died a few months after his father.

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DIRCK CORNELIUS LANSING, son of Cornelius and Hester (Vanderheyden) Lansing, and grandson of Abraham Jacobse and Catharina (Lievens) Lansing, was born in Lansingburg, New York (which was named after his grandfather), on March 3, 1785; his College preparation was completed under the Rev. Dr. David Ely (Yale 1769), in Huntington, Connecticut, where a married sister was then living. He is said, however, to have still suffered, after his entrance at Yale, from unfamiliarity with English,—Dutch having been the family tongue. He united with the College Church in August, 1802, and began his preparation for the ministry while an undergraduate.

After graduation he studied theology, mainly under the supervision of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Blatchford (honorary M.A. Yale 1796), of Lansingburg; and was licensed to preach on January 6, 1806, by the Presbytery of Columbia. In the summer of the same year he went to Onondaga, in Central New York, where he soon collected a Presbyterian Church, of thirty-five members. After more than a year of self-sacrificing service in this new field, he was ordained and installed as their pastor by the Presbytery of Geneva on December 2, 1807.

In the growth of the town the location of the meeting-house proved inconvenient for a considerable portion of the settlers, with the result that Mr. Lansing took a dismissal on February 7, 1810; and with forty of the ninety church-members formed a second church in Onondaga Hollow, over which he was installed on the 14th of the next month. He was one of the original Board of Trustees of Hamilton College, in 1812.

His health failing, he was dismissed from his pastorate on February 2, 1814, and retired for rest to a farm in the eastern part of the State. He continued, however, to preach as he had opportunity, and for the whole time of his residence there, regularly supplied the Presbyterian Church in Stillwater, Saratoga County, where some two hundred members were added through his ministry.
In the summer of 1816 he was invited to supply temporarily the Park Street Congregational Church in Boston, but thought it wise to decline a proposal to be settled in that city.

In November, 1816, he received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church, of forty-five members, in Auburn, New York. Having accepted this call when in the prime of his powers, he was installed there by the Cayuga Presbytery on April 20, 1817, and for more than twelve years maintained his reputation as the most eloquent pulpit orator in that portion of the State. The impressiveness and efficiency of his preaching may be indicated by the fact that over one thousand persons during this period united with his church on profession of their faith.

He was largely instrumental in the establishment of the Theological Seminary in Auburn, and served without compensation as the first incumbent of the chair of Sacred Rhetoric from May, 1821, until his resignation in August, 1826. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Williams College in 1826.

At the earnest and repeated solicitation of the Second Presbyterian Church in Utica, he was dismissed from his charge in Auburn on June 16, 1829, and was installed in Utica in the following month. For nearly three and a half years he labored there with characteristic ardor and faith, until health again required a change.

Late in 1832 he removed to New York City, and on February 10, 1833, he was installed over a new free church, composed of twenty-one young men and fourteen young women, later known as the Houston Street Presbyterian Church. He labored in this interesting field until the spring of 1835, when ill health again compelled his retirement; in the meantime the church-membership had increased eleven-fold.

For the next eleven years he was obliged to make his health his constant care, but labored successively in various
pulpits, mainly in Central and Western New York, as an evangelist or a stated supply, with blessed results. He assisted the feeble pastor of his old church in Auburn in 1835-37; organized a church in Western Illinois in 1838-39; supplied the vacant pulpit in Auburn in 1842-43; and also ministered in Utica for a few months, and in Syracuse for about three years.

In 1846 he returned to New York City and took charge of a feeble Presbyterian church in Chrystie Street, whence he went in March, 1848, to Brooklyn, as the first pastor of the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church. He carried through the erection of a house of worship for this Society, but after a long struggle with disease was compelled to take a discharge on December 19, 1855.

In the following spring he removed to Walnut Hills, a suburb of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died, after three months of constant and severe suffering, from inflammation of the stomach and liver, on March 19, 1857, at the age of 72. His body was taken to his native place for burial.

An eloquent *Commemorative Discourse*, delivered in the Clinton Avenue Church by the Rev. Dr. Joseph P. Thompson (Yale 1838), of New York, was afterwards published. An engraving, from a likeness taken in later years, is prefixed to this *Discourse*, as well as to Dr. Lansing's last published Sermon.

He was four times married:—first, on February 14, 1805, to Elizabeth, second daughter of Patroon Jacob D. and Jane (Yates) VanderHeyden, of Troy, who died on July 2, 1812, in her 38th year; secondly, on February 11, 1813, to Laura, fifth daughter of the Rev. Caleb Alexander (Yale 1777), of Onondaga Hollow, who died in Utica on March 6, 1831, in her 38th year; thirdly, on November 28, 1831, by the Rev. Dr. James Milnor, to Susan Frances VanRanst, of New York City, daughter of Cornelius W. and Ann (White) VanRanst, of Pine Plains, New York; and lastly, on April 15, 1852, to Mrs. Laura Camp Dick-

He had six sons and seven daughters, of whom three sons and five daughters survived him. The four sons of one of the daughters by his second marriage (Mrs. Grinnell) were graduated at Yale.

He published:

1. Thanksgiving Sermon [from Ps. cvii, 8], preached before the Inhabitants of the Town of Onondaga, November 25, 1806. Utica, 1807. 8°, pp. 23. [Y. C.]

2. A Sermon [from I Kings viii, 27], preached March 6, 1817, at the Dedication of the New Presbyterian Church, in the Village of Auburn. Auburn, 1817. 8°, pp. 16. [B. Ath.


Containing twenty sermons.


After his death his daughter, Mrs. Grinnell, printed privately the following:

Semi-Centennial Sermon [from Ps. cvii, 7; Prov. iv, 11; and Hosea xiv, 9], delivered on his resignation from the pastorate of the Clinton Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, L. I., Jan. 6th, 1856. Washington Heights, 1872. 8°, pp. 41. [U. T. S. Y. C.

The pamphlet includes (pp. 35-41) a Funeral Address by Dr. Lansing, from John xi, 25.
ABEL McEwen, the youngest child of Deacon Robert McEwen, a well-to-do farmer of Winchester, Connecticut, and grandson of Gershom and Martha (Pickett) McCune, or McEwen, of Winchester, was born there on February 13, 1780. His mother was Jerusha, third daughter of Abel and Thankful (Moss) Doolittle, of Watertown. In the summer of 1799 he united with the church, and with the ministry as his aim he spent the next year with the Rev. Ammi R. Robbins (Yale 1760), of Norfolk, in preparation for College. He was awarded the Valedictory Oration at graduation.

For the most of the next year he studied systematic theology in New Haven under the direction of President Dwight; and then took a few months of practice in pastoral theology with the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789), of Goshen. He was licensed to preach by the North Association of Ministers of Litchfield County on September 24, 1805, and soon had several opportunities for settlement.

On May 20, 1806, the Rev. Henry Channing (Yale 1781) was dismissed from the pastorate of the First Congregational Church in New London; and soon Mr. McEwen was heard in the vacant pulpit, by the strong recommendation of President Dwight, with the result that in July he was unanimously and heartily invited to become pastor, with a salary of $670, and a parsonage.

He accepted the call on September 23, and was ordained and installed on October 22, Dr. Dwight preaching the sermon. The church then had about two hundred members.
On January 21, 1807, he was married by the Rev. Samuel John Mills (Yale 1764) to Sally, the eldest daughter of William and Sarah (Buckingham) Battell, of Torrington, and sister of Joseph Battell, of Norfolk, who had married a daughter of Mr. McEwen's old teacher, the Rev. Mr. Robbins. In 1809 $200 was added to his salary, which remained afterwards unchanged through his pastorate.

He was chosen a Fellow of Yale College in September, 1826, and was a member of the Prudential Committee of the Corporation from 1853.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Union College in 1846.

He continued in full service until April 1, 1854, when in accordance with his own request he retired from active duty. A colleague or associate pastor was settled in June, 1856, and Dr. McEwen remained in New London, universally honored. His wife died in New London on March 9, 1859, aged nearly 78 years; and his own death followed, after an illness of nine weeks, on September 7, 1860, in his 81st year. The Discourse delivered at the funeral by his associate, the Rev. Thomas P. Field, was afterwards published.

An engraved likeness is given in Boyd's History of Winchester, and in Blake's History of the First Church in New London.

His children were three sons and four daughters. The eldest son was graduated at Yale in 1827, and the eldest daughter married Cortland L. Latimer (Yale 1832). The two youngest daughters died in early womanhood.

Dr. McEwen was an original and able preacher and a wise counselor. His knowledge of the theological history of New England, and especially of Connecticut, was thorough and minute, and his keenness and wit in conversation unrivaled.

He published:

Mr. Hart was the author's nearest ministerial neighbor.


3. A Sermon [from Ps. cxii, 4-6], preached at the Funeral of Gen. Jedediah Huntington, of New-London, who died September 25, 1818; aged 75 years. New-York, 1818. 8°, pp. 16.

General Huntington was the father of a classmate of the author.


Mr. Marsh and the author were classmates. The sermon occupies pp. 1-17.


Against the ordination of Evangelists for this purpose.

6. A Sermon [from Ez. xvi, 3], preached on the day of the Public Thanksgiving of Connecticut, November 26th, 1835, in the First Congregational Church, New-London. [New-London,] 1835. 8°, pp. 22.

On bad homes.


On the duty of opposing the Fugitive Slave Law.
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10. Discourse, containing Sketches of the lives of some of the Ministers of the Consociation of Litchfield County. In Proceedings of the North and South Consociations of Litchfield County, Ct., in convention at Litchfield, July 7 and 8, 1852, to commemorate the centennial anniversary of their primitive organization. Hartford, 1852. 8°, pp. 65-104.

An entertaining and valuable chapter of reminiscences.


12. Congregationalists in their relation to other religious sects, characterized by error, fanaticism, or disorder;—an historical paper. In Contributions to the Ecclesiastical History of Connecticut; prepared under the direction of the General Association, to commemorate the completion of one hundred and fifty years since its first annual assembly. New Haven, 1861. 8°, pp. 274-85.

He furnished Dr. Sprague with two brief papers, which were printed in the Annals of the American Pulpit in 1857:—volume 1, pp. 674-77, on Samuel John Mills; and volume 2, pp. 200-06, on David Austin.

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JOHN MARSH, the youngest in a family of seven children of the Rev. Dr. John Marsh (Harvard 1761), of Wethersfield, Connecticut, and a brother of Ebenezer Grant Marsh (Yale 1795), was born in Wethersfield on April 2, 1788, and was baptized by his father four days later. He was
prepared for College (1798–1800) by the Rev. Azel Backus (Yale 1787), of Bethlehem, and entered after the opening of the Freshman year. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith at the close of his Sophomore year.

He taught school for a time after graduation; and also held the Berkeley Scholarship at College, and then studied theology with his father, being licensed to preach by the Hartford South Association of Ministers in June, 1809. For some years he preached in various places as a stated supply for brief periods; thus, he supplied the church in Manchester during the summer of 1811, the Wall Street Presbyterian Church in New York during six months in 1814–15, and the church in Prospect in 1817–18. He declined a call to the church in Cheshire in 1817.

At length, in June, 1818, he was invited, with a salary of $700, to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Haddam, and having accepted the call, he was ordained and installed on December 16,—the sermon being preached by his classmate McEwen.

During his laborious and successful ministry there, his attention was especially directed to the promotion of temperance, which was then beginning to be an important issue in the country. In May, 1829, the Connecticut Temperance Society was organized, and his prominence in the movement was recognized by his appointment as Secretary. A felicitous address which he made at Pomfret, a few months later, brought him into further prominence, and his activity made him so widely known that in January, 1833, he was invited to leave his pastorate with a view to removing to Philadelphia, as Agent of the Pennsylvania State Temperance Society. He was accordingly dismissed from Haddam on April 1, 1833, and entered on a lifelong work.

In October, 1836, he became Corresponding Secretary of the reorganized American Temperance Union and editor of its new monthly Journal; and in this connection
he removed to New York City in 1838. He also estab-
lished in 1839 the monthly *Youth's Temperance Advocate.*
These editorial responsibilities, with manifold and lab-
orious activities for the cause in public and private,
engrossed his thoughts, his time, and his strength, for the
next thirty years. In 1846 he visited Great Britain, as a
delegate to the World's Temperance Convention. In 1852
the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred
upon him by Jefferson College, Pennsylvania.

In December, 1865, the American Temperance Union
was superseded by a new organization, and Dr. Marsh's
official duties terminated. He devoted his leisure for the
next few months to the composition of his autobiography,
and then continued as opportunity presented itself to write
and speak effectively on the theme nearest his heart.

Since 1861 he had suffered from two attacks of partial
paralysis. In July, 1868, in connection with the movement
for the erection of a new building for the Yale Divinity
School, he undertook to aid in the collection of funds;
but within a week, on July 30, he fell into an unconscious
state, from which he partially awoke, paralyzed, the next
day. He lingered with little suffering, at his house in
Brooklyn, New York, until August 4, when he died peace-
fully, in his 81st year. He was buried at his early home
in Wethersfield.

He was married, in Warren, Connecticut, by the Rev.
Peter Starr (Yale 1764), on October 5, 1824, to Frances,
second daughter of John and Phebe (Pomeroy) Talmadge,
of Warren, who died in Brooklyn, New York, on Decem-
ber 27, 1852, in her 58th year. Their children, three sons
and three daughters, survived them, except one son who
died in infancy. The eldest child was graduated at Yale
in 1845, and became a clergyman.

Dr. Marsh was well adapted to the conspicuous part
which he bore in the temperance work, no less by his hope-
fulness and courage than by his strength of conviction and
earnestness of purpose. He was a thoroughly good man,
and accomplished a great amount of hard labor.
He published:

1. A Sermon [from Prov. iii, 9], preached in Haddam, on the Annual Thanksgiving, November 30, 1820. Middletown, 1820. 8°, pp. 16. [A. C. A. C. H. S. Y. C.]


Anonymous.


4. An Epitome of general Ecclesiastical History from the earliest period to the present time.... New York, 1827. 12°, pp. 420; maps & plates. [U. S.]

Many subsequent editions,—the 16th in 1864, pp. 466 + maps and charts.

5. Appeal to Professors of Religion on the use of Ardent Spirits. 1829.


15. A choice collection of more than Two Hundred Temperance Anecdotes... Useful to Temperance Lecturers. New York, 1848. 12°, pp. 180.


17. A Half Century Tribute to the Cause of Temperance. An Address delivered at New Paltz, before the Ulster County Temperance Society, January 8, 1851. New-York, 1851. 8°, pp. 32.


[A. C. A. Harv.


20. The Triumphs of Temperance, a Discourse [from Ps. cxxvi, 3]. Published by request in the National Preacher for Feb. 1855. New-York, 1855. 8°, pp. 16.


[A. C. A. Br. Mus. U. T. S. Y. C.

A sermon, from Hebr. xi, 30.


A sermon, from II Chron. xx, 16.

24. The Temperance Speaker, compiled from various sources for the use of Bands of Hope, Juvenile Temperance Associations, Cadets of Temperance, &c., in their monthly and weekly meetings. New York, 1860. 12°, pp. 72. [B. Publ. N. Y. Publ.


26. The Cause of Temperance as connected with Home Evangelization; an Address delivered at the Conference of Churches, within the limits of the North Assoc. of Litchfield Co. Conn. held at Falls Village, June 10 & 11, 1863. New-York, 1863. 12°, pp. 23. [A. C. A. Harv. Y. C.


A remonstrance against his objections to prohibition.


A Reply was made to this Letter by Rev. D. R. Thomason.

Against Sons of Temperance, Good Templars, and other Temperance Secret Orders.

Dr. Marsh published a large number of other Temperance tracts and minor papers, of which no list has been attempted.

His work includes also the Reports of the Connecticut Temperance Society while he was Secretary, from 1830 to 1833; and editorial labors on the Journal of the American Temperance Union, from 1837 to 1865, and the Youth's Temperance Advocate, from 1839 to 1865.

He edited in 1820 Hugh Blair's Lectures on Rhetoric and Belles-Lettres, reduced to question and answer; and in 1840 Anti-Bacchus: an Essay on the Evils connected with the use of Intoxicating Drinks, by the Rev. B. Parsons.

AUTHORITIES.

REUBEN SMITH MORRIS, the second son of James Morris (Yale 1775), of Litchfield South Farms, now Morris, Connecticut, was born on May 23, 1786. He was named for Dr. Reuben Smith (Yale 1757), of Litchfield, who had married his mother's sister. A brother was graduated in the Class of 1803. He entered College with the Class of 1803, but soon left that Class.

He studied law and settled at first in Cayuga, New York, and afterwards in Auburn.
He married in September, 1811, Sally, third daughter of Hezekiah and Samantha (Beach) Goodwin, of Aurelius, Cayuga County.

He died in Utica, New York, in 1832, aged 46.

Mrs. Morris died in Lockport, New York, on November 7, 1863, in her 69th year.

Their children were two daughters.

AUTHORITIES.


Amos [B.] Northrop, third son of Dr. Joel Northrop (Yale 1776), was born in New Haven in 1784. He assumed a middle initial after leaving College.

He went to Charleston, South Carolina, almost immediately upon graduation, and there studied law. He acquired an excellent position at the bar, to which he was admitted in 1808, and was so highly esteemed at the time of his early death that his friends were intending to elect him to a seat in the State Legislature.

He died in Charleston on September 27, 1812, in his 28th year, after four days’ illness.

He married a Miss Bellinger, and left two sons and a daughter. One of the sons adopted the profession of his father; the other was graduated at West Point in 1831, and in 1861 entered the Confederate service, in which he attained the rank of Commissary General.

AUTHORITIES.


Seth Norton, the fourth son of Colonel Ichabod Norton, and a brother of the Rev. Asahel Strong Norton, of the Class of 1790, was born in Farmington, Connecticut, on February 12, 1780. He did not enter College until after the opening of the Freshman year.
Biographical Sketches, 1804

For a year after graduation he was the Preceptor of the Woodstock (Connecticut) Academy, and in 1805 he succeeded the Rev. Robert Porter (Yale 1795), his fellow-townsmen, as Principal of Hamilton Oneida Academy, in Clinton, New York, where his brother Asahel was pastor. In the fall of 1807 he was recalled to Yale as Tutor, but he held that office for only a single year, returning in 1808 to his post at Clinton. In the fall of 1812 the Academy was succeeded by Hamilton College, in which he filled the chair of Languages, until his death there, after many years of struggle with infirm health, from consumption, on December 7, 1818, in his 39th year. He was the acting President of the College, from the death of President Backus in December, 1816, until the arrival of President Davis in the fall of 1817.

He married, less than a year before his death, Amanda, daughter of Frederick W. and Margaret (Moore) Kellogg, of Whitestown, New York, who died in June, 1844. Their only daughter survived them.

Professor Norton was a man of considerable mental force and weight of character. His personal appearance was not pleasing, with a sallow complexion, jerky manners, and rapid and abrupt speech. He was, however, a good scholar, and his students looked up to him with filial respect and reverence. He was particularly fond of music, and was himself a good singer, and chorister for many years of the village church.

AUTHORITIES.


JOHN PELLET, the second son of Rufus and Drusilla (Wheeler) Pellet, of Canterbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Jonathan and Jerusha (Bradford) Pellet, of Canterbury, was born on July 4, 1783. He was prepared for
Yale College

College at the Plainfield (Connecticut) Academy by John Adams (Yale 1795), and entered after the opening of the Freshman year.

He is said to have studied medicine at Harvard College, and to have gone thence to Salem, Massachusetts, perhaps for further study. An advertisement in the Salem Gazette of April 11, 1806, shows that he was then about to open a school there for "youth of both sexes, who wish to obtain a knowledge in the various branches of education." He was still teaching there in 1808, and on April 24 of that year prayers were requested for him at the East Church, he being ill with bleeding at the lungs. He returned home, and died on June 15, 1809, in his native town, at the age of 26.

AUTHORITIES.

John Pierpont, the second son of James Pierpont, a clothier of Litchfield South Farms, now Morris, Connecticut, and grandson of James Pierpont (Yale 1718), of New Haven, was born in Litchfield on April 6, 1785. His mother was Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Charles and Ann (Huntington) Collins, of Litchfield. Two of his sisters became the wives of the Rev. John Langdon (Yale 1809).

During the year after graduation he pursued further studies under the direction of the Rev. Joseph E. Camp (Yale 1787), of Northfield parish in Litchfield.

In 1805 he went to South Carolina as private tutor in the family of Colonel William Alston, and remained four years. On his return he studied law in the Litchfield Law School, and on September 23, 1810, he married his fourth cousin, Mary Sheldon, elder daughter of Lynde Lord (Yale 1783), of Litchfield.

Later, he entered the office of Ebenezer Moseley (Yale 1802), of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and after his
admission to the bar in Essex County began practice in Newburyport in 1812, and removed his office to Boston in 1814.

In consequence of the war his profession proved unremunerative, and as his health also demanded more active employment, he then engaged in the retail dry goods business in partnership with his brother-in-law, Joseph L. Lord, at first in Boston, and in the winter of 1815 in Baltimore; but in this also he was unsuccessful.

In 1816 he abandoned business and began the study of theology in Baltimore, whence he removed to the Harvard Divinity School. In October, 1818, he left the School, and on April 14, 1819, was ordained and installed as minister of the Hollis Street Church in Boston, in succession to the Rev. Horace Holley (Yale 1803), and in sympathy with the Unitarian wing of the Congregational body. The sermon preached on this occasion by the Rev. Dr. Henry Ware was afterwards published.

During the earlier half of his pastorate he maintained a leading position in the community, and his parishioners were apparently united in his support. In the summer of 1819 he was placed on the School Committee of the town, and did good service for between seven and eight years at that time, and again subsequently; as Secretary of the Committee he urged the establishment of a High School for Girls, said to be the first of its kind, which was organized in 1825.

With the ardor of an impulsive and enthusiastic nature, he interested himself actively in many public topics, especially those on which in his judgment the conscience of the community needed to be awakened. Thus, his attitude on the temperance and slavery questions was emphatically made known, much to the disgust of a large contingent of merchants in his congregation, interested in the sale of liquors, and of conservative politicians in the same body. In 1835–36 he spent nearly a year in Europe and the Holy Land, for the benefit of his health.
At the annual meeting of the Society in September, 1838, the dissatisfaction with their minister first found formal expression; but the conference of a committee with Mr. Pierpont relieved the tension of the situation. A year later it was voted by a bare majority of the pewholders that Mr. Pierpont's usefulness was so far impaired that he is requested to resign; but he declined to take that step, considering himself set for the defence of the freedom of the pulpit. In March, 1840, on the ground that many of the oldest members of the Society had ceased to attend the church, it was voted that Mr. Pierpont's services are no longer desired. After other ineffectual negotiations a mutual ecclesiastical council was convened in July, 1841, to which the charges against Mr. Pierpont were submitted, with the result that no charges against his moral character were sustained, though the Council expressed a disapprobation of his conduct in some respects, but not sufficient to furnish grounds for advising a dissolution of the ministerial relation. A majority of the Society, however, declined to accept the Result of the Council, and the old state of hostilities continued.

After prolonged wrangling, Mr. Pierpont resigned on May 10, 1845, on the payment of accumulated arrears of salary. He then went to Troy, New York, as the minister of the newly organized First Unitarian Society, which he served from August, 1845, to August, 1849.

From Troy he was called, in June, 1849, to the First Congregational (Unitarian) Church in (West) Medford, Massachusetts, on a salary of $1,000. He accepted the call on July 5, and removed thither in the summer, but no formal services of installation were held.

His wife died in Medford on August 23, 1855, in her 69th year; and he was next married at Pawling, Duchess County, New York, on December 8, 1857, to Harriet Louise, daughter of Archibald Campbell, of Pawling, and widow of Dr. George W. Fowler, of Washington, Litchfield County, Connecticut.
He was thought by his congregation to be unwisely persistent in preaching politics, and the unrest thus occasioned led to his resignation in the spring of 1858. His residence continued in Medford, and he supplied vacant parishes as opportunity offered.

On the breaking out of the war in 1861, though in his 77th year, he promptly offered his services, and was appointed by Governor Andrew on September 12 as Chaplain of the 22d Massachusetts Regiment. But his strength soon gave way under the hardships and exposure of the service, and he accepted in November a clerkship in the Treasury Department at Washington, which he held until his death. He was occupied until March, 1864, in the compilation of a Digest of Decisions and Instructions of the Treasury Department to Collectors of Customs.

While on a brief vacation he died suddenly, of disease of the heart, in West Medford, on August 27, 1866, in his 82d year. His monument in Mount Auburn characterizes him as "Poet, Patriot, Preacher, Philosopher, Philanthropist." A Discourse on his life and character by the Rev. Nathaniel Hall was printed.

He had by his first marriage three sons and three daughters. The second son was graduated at Harvard College in 1840, and became a minister. J. Pierpont Morgan, the financier, is a grandson.

Mr. Pierpont was tall and vigorous in person, and thoroughly honest, fearless, and outspoken. In his prime he was an attractive and inspiring preacher, and no one can read his printed sermons without a high respect for his piety and Christian zeal. He was conspicuously lacking in tact and in the ability to deal with men; and while his transparent sincerity and high ideals command admiration, one is continually impatient with his reckless waste of splendid opportunities. He had genuine poetic gift, which chiefly found expression in occasional verses and in contributions for the furtherance of the moral reforms which commanded so much of his sympathy.
He also performed a useful service in the preparation of text-books which had a large circulation.

In his later years he was an ardent believer in Spiritualism.

He published:

1. The Portrait.—A Poem delivered before the Washington Benevolent Society, of Newburyport, on the Evening of October 27, 1812. Boston, 1812. 8°, pp. 36.
   

   Commemorating Washington, and deploring the destruction of commerce by the Embargo.

   

   The same. 2d edition. Boston, 1817. 12°, pp. 58.
   
   [A. C. A. Bowdoin. Harv.]

   
   [N. Y. Publ. U. S.]

3. The American First Class Book; or Exercises in Reading and Recitation: selected principally from modern authors of Great Britain and America. Boston, 1823. 12°, pp. 480.
   
   Many editions.

   

   
   [A. A. S. Y. C.]

   The author designs to show that, regarding Christ as the mediator, speculations about his physical nature are immaterial.

5. "Knowledge is Power," or the true secret of New England's strength.—A Sermon [from Ex. xxxv, 30-35], preached in Hollis Street Church, Boston, on Fast Day, April 5, 1827. Boston, 1827. 8°, pp. 16.
   


The object stated is, to prove his divine mission.


The sermon occupies pp. 1–23.


Several editions. In criticism of the militia system of the State.


12. Sermon, the Fashion of this world passeth away. 1830.


Tracts of the American Unitarian Association, 1st Series, vol. 5, No. 56.

The same, separately. Boston, 1841. 8°, pp. 15.


On Mount Auburn Cemetery.


[A lecture.

17. Sermon. The great salvation. 1833.


Christian principle requires a sacrifice of means of unlawful gain; the sermon is really, though covertly, against the manufacture and sale of intoxicants.


The sermon occupies pp. 1-20.
23. Angelic Ministrations.—A Sermon [from Ps. civ, 4] preached in Hollis Street Church, in Boston, Sunday, April 16, 1837, the spire of the Church having been struck by lightning, on Saturday 8th of the month. Boston, 1837. 8°, pp. 17.

On the duty of right moral feeling and action.

The purpose of the discourse is to apply the rule named to the question of slavery.


27. Letters to the Proprietors of Hollis Street Meeting House, September, 1838, September and October, 1839; Reply to the charges of the Committee, October, 1839; A Voice from the House of Correction, March, 1838; Suffolk County Memorial. In Proceedings in the Controversy between a part of the Proprietors and the Pastor of Hollis Street Church, Boston, 1838 and 1839. [Including, with separate title-page, Proceedings of a Meeting of Friends of Rev. John Pierpont, and his Reply to the charges of the Committee, of Hollis Street Society.—October 26th, 1839.] Boston. 8°, pp. 7-10, 30-39, 49-53; pt. 2, pp. 9-48, 51-60.

28. The Reformer and the Conservative.—A Discourse [from I Thess. v, 21] delivered in Hollis Street Church, Sunday, 24th November, 1839. Boston, 1840. 8°, pp. 15.
A plea for the combination of the two types.

29. National Humiliation.—A Sermon [from II Chron. xxviii, 10], preached in Hollis Street Church, Fast Day Morning, April 2, 1840. Boston, 1840. 8°, pp. 16.


32. Correspondence between a Committee and the Pastor of Hollis Street Society, upon the subject of a Second Ecclesiastical Council.—From Oct. 26 to Nov. 12, 1840. Boston, 1840. 8°, pp. 23.

33. Remonstrance against the Action of the Ex-parte Council, with his offer of a mutual council; the Committee's Reply. Feb. 15-17th, 1841. Boston, 1841. 8°, pp. 23.

34. Sermon. "I have lost my children, and am desolate." 1841.

35. A Letter from the Pastor of Hollis Street Society, to his parochial friends, with their Reply to the same,—October and November, 1841. Boston, 1841. 8°, pp. 23.


38. A Discourse [from Matth. xvi, 15] on the Covenant with Judas, preached in Hollis-Street Church, Nov. 6, 1842. Boston, 1842. 8°, pp. 39.

40. Sermon. Man dieth and wasteth away. 1843.

41. Charge, delivered at the Ordination of John Pierpont, Jr. October 11, 1843.

With the Sermon, by Caleb Stetson.


A friendly but frankly outspoken Reply to a Letter of fraternal farewell from the ministers who had mainly withdrawn from fellowship with him during his trials.


46. Sermon. Despise not the little ones. 1850.

47. Poem, delivered at Litchfield, Conn., on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration, 1851. Hartford, 1851. 8°, pp. 32.


50. The simplicity of liberal Christianity. Albany, 1860. 12°, pp. 10. [B. Publ.]

From volume 2 of Tracts for the Times.

He delivered a poem before the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Yale College in July, 1852, on The Life of the Scholar; but it was not printed.
DAVID PLANT, the only son of Solomon and Sarah (Bennett) Plant, of Stratford, Connecticut, and grandson of James and Bathsheba (Page) Plant, of Stratford, was born on March 29, 1783. He was prepared for College at the Episcopal Academy in Cheshire, and entered after the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he studied law in the Litchfield Law School, and then settled for practice in his native town.

He entered early into politics, and represented Stratford in the Lower House of the General Assembly in May, 1814, and in all the sessions of 1817, 1818, 1819, and 1820. He was then a State Senator in 1821 and 1822, and for the four next years Lieutenant Governor. His active career closed with his service as a Member of Congress for one term, 1827–29. In later years he continued to be a staunch Whig. In these years he also gave much attention to the investigation of historical questions, and made considerable acquisitions in that line of study. In all the relations of life he was esteemed and honored.

After a few days of slight indisposition, he fell dead in the street, in Stratford, from disease of the heart, on October 18, 1851, in his 69th year.

He married on December 5, 1810, Catharine, only daughter of Dr. William A. and Phebe (Lewis) Tomlinson, of Stratford, who died on June 2, 1835, in her 48th year. Their children were three sons and two daughters.

AUTHORITIES.

Orcutt, Hist. of Stratford, ii, 1271; Tomlinson Genealogy, 83.
GEORGE PLUMMER, son of Isaac Plummer, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, was born in Glastonbury on December 7, 1785. His mother was Abigail Elizabeth, sister of Judge Isaac Mills (Yale 1786). After being trained at the Academy in Glastonbury, he had a brief period of study preparatory to College in Huntington, Connecticut, under the Rev. Dr. David Ely (Yale 1769), whose wife was his maternal aunt.

After graduation he studied law with his uncle, Judge Mills in New Haven, until he was admitted to the bar in March, 1807.

He then returned home, to settle in the practice of his profession; and on May 7 was married to Anne, the eldest daughter of his pastor, the Rev. William Lockwood (Yale 1774).

He continued in practice until April, 1812, when his father died, leaving him a farm of about one hundred acres in excellent condition. He soon found that he must abandon either the farm or his practice, and was not long in deciding to give up the law.

During the summer of 1814, as Brigade Major in the militia, he was called into the service of the United States; his brigade was stationed at New London, and his position was one of much labor and responsibility.

The Democratic party being dominant in Glastonbury, and his views being opposed to that party, he was not often called to public office. He did, however, hold the office of Town Treasurer for about thirty years, until he declined further service, in 1864. In 1844 and again in 1851 he was elected by the Whigs to the State Senate; and during both years he was an ex-officio member of the Yale Corporation.

He was elected a Deacon of the Congregational Church in Glastonbury in 1827, and held that office until his death.

His wife died on December 25, 1859, and his death occurred on June 2, 1872, in his 87th year.
His children were two daughters, both of whom died in early married life, and a son (Yale 1832). The elder daughter married the Rev. Samuel Rockwell (Yale 1825).

AUTHORITIES.
Chapin, Glastenbury Centennial, February, 1865. 215-16.  G. Plummer, MS. Letter,

Horace Potter, the elder son of General Daniel Potter (Yale 1780), of Thomaston, then part of Watertown, Connecticut, was born in Thomaston on December 10, 1781.

After graduation he studied medicine in Philadelphia, and settled in 1805 in New Lisbon, now Lisbon, Columbiana County, Ohio, where he practiced his profession through life.

He died in Lisbon on November 15, 1841, aged nearly 60 years.

He was twice married:—first, to Nancy Stoughton, by whom he had one daughter; and secondly to Abrilla Quimby, of Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio, by whom he had six daughters and three sons. A son and a daughter by the second marriage are still living.

AUTHORITIES.

Thomas Punderson, the elder son of Captain Thomas and Hannah (Booth) Punderson, of New Haven, and grandson of Thomas and Mary (Miles) Punderson, of New Haven, was born on December 28, 1783. His father was a first cousin of Cyrus and Ebenezer Punderson (Yale 1755). He united with the College Church at the end of his Sophomore year.

After graduation he studied theology with the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789), of Goshen, and was licensed to preach by the Litchfield North Association on June 11,
1806. For a part of the summer of 1807 he served as a missionary in northwestern New York.

On August 22, 1809, he was invited to the pastorate of the Congregational Church formed on that day by secession from the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, on account of dissatisfaction with the political course of the pastor, the Rev. Thomas Allen. Having accepted the call, he was ordained and installed there on October 26. The sermon on this occasion by the Rev. Moses Stuart (Yale 1799) was afterwards published.

Mr. Allen died a few months later; and the causes of the separation having passed away, the pastors of the two churches resigned simultaneously in February, 1817, and the breach was healed. During his brief ministry in Pittsfield Mr. Punderson had admitted 56 persons to his church.

On November 18, 1818, he was installed as pastor of the Congregational Church in Huntington, Connecticut, where he continued, beloved and honored, until his resignation, which took effect on January 1, 1844. During his ministry there 214 persons were admitted to the church,—186 on profession of their faith.

His residence continued in Huntington. In September, 1847, he attended the annual meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in Buffalo, New York, and on his return was seized with an illness from which he never recovered. He died in Huntington on August 1, 1848, in his 65th year.

He was distinguished for meekness, prudence and practical wisdom. His engraved portrait is given in Orcutt’s History of Stratford, and in Hurd’s History of Fairfield County.

He married, on May 4, 1813, Betsey, youngest child of Stephen and Dimmis (Ransom) Day, of Colchester, Connecticut, and Catskill, New York. She died in New Haven on April 30, 1876, in her 85th year.

One son and three daughters survived him.
HEUSTED REYNOLDS was a native of Greenwich, Connecticut.

He is believed to have gone to North Carolina, and to have died there.

His name is first marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of Graduates issued in 1841.

SAMUEL RICH, the eldest of thirteen children of William and Abigail Rich, of Bristol, Connecticut, and grandson of William and Mary Rich, of Bristol, was born on April 30, 1779. He united with the Congregational Church in his native place in January, 1800, and entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he studied theology under the direction of President Dwight, and he was licensed to preach by the Hartford South Association in June, 1805.

In 1806 he was ordained and installed as pastor of a Congregational Church in Sangerfield, Oneida County, New York, where he remained until his dismission in 1816.

In May, 1818, he was installed over the Congregational Church in Columbia Society, now Prospect, Connecticut, which he left in May, 1824, having become so deaf as to be incapacitated for further pastoral duty. After this he preached only occasionally.

He removed his residence about 1825 to West Haven, and thence to New Haven in 1832.

From 1835 he was partially insane, and a large portion of his time was spent at the Insane Retreats in Hartford, Connecticut, and Brattleboro, Vermont. He was not, however, so much affected as to require close confinement for much of the time, but went about the town freely, hav-
ing pledged his word to take no advantage of the liberty granted him, which obligation he would rigidly observe.

He died in New Haven on September 11, 1845, in his 67th year.

He married, on May 7, 1806, Angelina, eldest child of Thomas and Hannah (Candee) Painter, of West Haven, who died in New Haven on July 24, 1856, aged 72 years.

One son and four daughters survived them,—two other children having died in infancy. Henry W. Merwin, a graduate of the Sheffield Scientific School in 1895, is a great-grandson.

AUTHORITIES.

William Robinson, the only child of the Rev. William Robinson (Yale 1773), of Southington, Connecticut, by his second wife, Sophia Mosely, was born in Southington on August 31, 1784, and was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Calvin Chapin (Yale 1788), of Rocky Hill. His health was delicate from early life, and he entered the Class after the opening of the Freshman year.

In the spring of 1804 he was compelled to leave College by his feebleness, and with a friend took a journey into Massachusetts for higher air and medical treatment.

Though not actually present at the time of graduation, his rank and character were such that he received a regular diploma. He died in Southington, of pulmonary consumption, on November 14, 1804, in his 21st year.

He was intending to enter the ministry, and President Dwight wrote of him: "He was possessed of fine endowments and an excellent disposition. Few youths have at the same age advanced further in literature and in amiableness of life."

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Robinson, Memoir of Rev. W. story of Southington, 498-99, ccxxii. Robinson, 120-21, 186. Timlow, His-
NEWTON SKINNER, the only child of Roswell Skinner, of Turkey Hills Society in East Granby, Connecticut, and grandson of Azariah and Rizpah (Mitchelson) Skinner, of Windsor, was born on October 2, 1782, and was baptized on August 24, 1783. His mother was Mary, youngest daughter of Richard and Lydia (King) Gay, of East Granby. He entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he studied theology with his mother's first cousin, the Rev. Ebenezer Gay (Yale 1787), of Suffield.

In the summer of 1808 he labored as a missionary of the Hampshire (Massachusetts) Missionary Society in Northern Vermont. In the next year he declined invitations to settle in Brimfield, Massachusetts (in April, 1808), and Woodbridge, Connecticut.

In December, 1809, he received a call to New Britain Society, then part of Berlin, Connecticut, as colleague pastor with the Rev. Dr. John Smalley (Yale 1756), which he accepted on the 10th of January. He was ordained and installed on February 14, the sermon preached on the occasion by Mr. Gay being afterwards published.

The senior pastor continued to preach occasionally until September, 1813, but did not die until June, 1820.

Mr. Skinner continued in office until his sudden death, after four days' illness, on March 31, 1825, in his 43d year. He left an estate of about $10,000.

He married, on May 10, 1815, Ursula, third daughter of Samuel and Jerusha (Wolcott) Wolcott, of East, now South Windsor. One of her sisters married James Wadsworth (Yale 1787), and another married Martin Ellsworth (Yale 1801).

Their children were two daughters and one son. The son was graduated at Yale in 1842. The younger daughter married the Rev. Sylvester Hine (Yale 1843), and the elder daughter was the mother of Charles H. Levermore (Yale 1879).
Mr. Skinner published:

A Sermon [from I Chron. xxix, 13-14], delivered at the Dedication of the new Congregational Meeting-House, in Berlin, Society of New-Britain, January 22, 1823. Hartford, 1823. 8°, pp. 24. [Y. C.]

After his death the following article by him was published in the Christian Spectator for July, 1825, volume 7, pp. 337-42:
Biographical Sketch of the late Dr. Smalley.

Mr. Skinner was an earnest, business-like man, remarkable for firmness and independence, unattractive in manner, but having a vigorous and active mind and performing an almost incredible amount of ministerial labor. His sermons were devoid of illustration or ornament, but logical and forcible. He was a warm advocate of missions, and did much to raise the standard of the schools in the town. About three hundred persons joined the church during his ministry.

AUTHORITIES.

CHARLES BLAIR SNOWDEN, son of Charles Snowden, a merchant of Charleston, South Carolina, and Ann Lawrence, his wife, was born in that city on November 27, 1785. He was prepared for College at the Associated Academy in Charleston, and entered after the opening of the Freshman year.

After graduation he studied law at home in the office of John Julius Pringle, and was admitted to the bar in 1808. He soon, however, gave up the law for the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church; and in 1809 began to officiate as lay reader in the vacant parish of St. Stephen's, including Pineville, in Berkeley County, about forty miles north of Charleston. He was ordained a deacon in the
Protestant Episcopal Church by Bishop White, on April 11, 1811, and was then elected minister of the Parish which he had been serving. He had three congregations under his care, with his residence in Pineville.

On April 16, 1812, he married Maria Lois, daughter of Charles C. and Lois (Lequex) Drake.

He resigned his charge in 1817, but continued to reside there, engaged in part in teaching, until his death, on November 11, 1825, at the age of 40.

He had an active and vigorous mind, and a well-grounded faith in the Gospel. He was fond of retirement, but abounded in practical sympathy with the distressed and in generosity to his friends.

His wife died at her home in Pineville in May, 1885, in her 92d year. They had nine children. Professor Yates Snowden, of the University of South Carolina, is a grandson; and owns a miniature of his grandfather painted in his Senior year. Many members of the Class indulged in similar miniatures, at an expense of one hundred dollars apiece.

AUTHORITIES.


MICAH STERLING, the eighth son of Captain William Sterling, of Hamburg Society in North Lyme, Connecticut, and a brother of General Elisha Sterling (Yale 1787), was born in North Lyme on November 5, 1784.

He began the study of law in the Litchfield Law School, and completed it with Judge Nathan Williams, of Utica, New York.

After his admission to the bar he practiced for a year in Adams, Jefferson County, New York, but in 1809 settled in Watertown in the same county, where he spent the rest of his life.
He early won distinction as a lawyer, and also entered political life as a Federalist. He was sent to Congress for one session, 1821–23; but in the subsequent development of Jackson's policy he forsook his old party friends, and was sent to the State Senate for four terms, 1836–39, as a Democrat.

He suffered heavy pecuniary losses in the financial crisis of 1837, and was embarrassed in consequence for the remainder of his days. Through life he enjoyed the respect of his fellow-townsmen as a true gentleman, of high moral worth.

He died of scarlet fever, in Watertown, on April 11, 1844, in his 60th year.

He married on September 7, 1813, Betsey, daughter of the Hon. Ethel and Hepzibah (Hopkins) Bronson, of Rutland, in the suburbs of Watertown, by whom he had one daughter and six sons. The daughter married Nathaniel P. Wardwell (Union Coll. 1837).

Mr. Sterling married, secondly, on August 6, 1833, Ruth, younger daughter of Uriah and Phebe (Marvin) Benedict, of Albany, by whom he had one son.

AUTHORITIES.


WILLIAM STODDARD, the eldest child of Samson Stoddard, of Watertown, Connecticut, by his second wife, Amy Goodwin, and grandson of John and Mary (Atwood) Stoddard, of Watertown, was born on September 29, 1781. His mother was the eldest child of Thomas and Anna (Kilbourn) Goodwin, of Litchfield South Farms, now Morris. Dr. Abiram Stoddard (Yale 1800) was a half-brother. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

He studied medicine, and settled as a practicing physician in Mobile, Alabama, where he died, of typhus fever, on December 22, 1818, in his 38th year.
He married Lavinia Stone, who survived him with their two children, both daughters.

AUTHORITIES.


HENRY RANDOLPH STORRS, the eldest son of Colonel Lemuel Storrs, of Middletown, Connecticut, and a grandson of Lemuel and Hannah (Gillett) Storrs, of Mansfield, was born in Middletown, on September 3, 1787, and was thus the youngest member of his Class. He entered after the opening of the Freshman year. His mother was Elizabeth (or Betsey), daughter of Colonel Henry and Deborah (Brainard) Champion, of Westchester Parish in Colchester. A brother was graduated here in 1814, and a sister married Governor Joseph Trumbull (Yale 1801).

He began the study of law after graduation in Champion, Jefferson County, New York, where his father owned much land; but soon removed to Whitestown in Oneida County, where he pursued his studies under Thomas R. Gold (Yale 1786), and was admitted to the bar in 1807.

On September 21, 1810, he married Esther, only daughter of Colonel Daniel C. and Esther (Paine) White, of Whitestown.

He was a brilliant advocate, with the advantage of a commanding person and a wonderfully rich and flexible voice. The charm of his oratory brought him into such prominence in State politics that he was sent to the United States Congress (as a Federalist) in 1817, and served for two terms. In 1820 he advocated strenuously the Missouri Compromise, but his unexpected vacillation so offended his constituents that he was not renominated, though acknowledged to be one of the ablest men in the House.
In 1822 he was again elected in competition with Ezekiel Bacon (Yale 1794), by a combination of the Democrats opposed to DeWitt Clinton with the old Federalists; and he held his seat through four Congresses (1823–31), during which he maintained his reputation as a debater of the first rank. In the meantime he served with distinction as Presiding Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for Oneida County from March, 1825, to December, 1829.

At the close of his Congressional term he removed to New York City, where he won high distinction at the bar. In the summer of 1837 he came to New Haven for the benefit of the health of his only daughter; and died of heart-disease at the Pavilion Hotel, on July 29, in his 50th year. His daughter died here about a month later.

Mrs. Storrs spent the closing years of her life with an early friend, in New Hartford, New York, where she died on August 15, 1882, in her 98th year.

They had four sons, of whom the eldest was graduated at Union College in 1833, and the third at Princeton in 1837.

Judge Storrs bequeathed valuable manuscript collections to the Buffalo Historical Society.

He published:


2. Speech on the proposition to amend the Constitution of the U. States, respecting the Election of President & Vice President. Delivered in the House of Representatives, February 17, 1826. Washington, 1826. 8°, pp. 28.


The same. 1833. 12°.

[M. H. S. N. Y. Publ.]

3. Substance of Mr. Storrs' Remarks, at the Meeting of the Friends of the Administration, held at Whitesboro', July Fourth, 1828, for the purpose of nominating an Elector of President, and Vice-President, for the County of Oneida. Utica. 12°, pp. 28.

[A. C. A. Harv. Y. C.]

A defence of President J. Q. Adams's administration, and of Clay as opposed to Jackson.

A protest against the unjust treatment of the Indians.

AUTHORITIES.


ELIPHALET SWIFT, son of Charles and Deborah (Clark) Swift, of Lebanon, Connecticut, and grandson of Silas and Abigail (Tupper) Swift, of Sandwich, Massachusetts, was born in Lebanon on July 6, 1780. Judge Zephaniah Swift (Yale 1778) was a second cousin. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year, and united with the church on profession of his faith at the end of Sophomore year.

He studied law after graduation, and began practice in 1806 in Norwalk, Connecticut, in the village of Saugatuck, in the present township of Westport. He married, on January 13, 1806, Abigail, third daughter of Dr. Ebenezer Jesup (Yale 1760), of Greens Farms, Fairfield.

He had a long and useful career in Saugatuck, only relinquishing his business on account of increasing infirmities a few years before his death.

He represented Westport in the General Assembly in 1839-41, and 1844-45. He was also Judge of the Westport Probate District from 1844 to 1849.

He died in Westport on September 21, 1857, in his 78th year.

After the death of his first wife he married, on July 15, 1820, Esther, daughter of David and Esther Judah, of Saugatuck, and widow of Edward Jesup (who died in 1814), a brother of the first Mrs. Swift. She died of consumption on July 8, 1821.
In 1835 he married Mrs. Maria (Church) Eldridge, who died in Morristown, New Jersey, on January 19, 1881.

By his first marriage he had two sons and a daughter. Everett M. Swift, a grandson, was graduated here in 1873.

AUTHORITIES.
Jessup Genealogy, 139-42.

HENRY SWIFT, son of Seth Swift, of Amenia, Duchess County, New York, and grandson of Judah and Elizabeth (Morton) Swift, of Falmouth, Massachusetts, and Amenia, was born on February 5, 1784. His mother was Mary Wells, of Franklin, Connecticut. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

He studied law in the office of Judge William W. Van Ness, of Poughkeepsie, was admitted to the bar in 1807, and at once entered upon a large practice in his native county. He soon acquired a leading position in his profession, which he maintained until 1852, when, in the full tide of health and prosperity, he retired to the enjoyment of his farm and garden and books. He had always declined public office.

He died at his residence in Poughkeepsie, on November 5, 1866, in his 83d year.

He married, on July 23, 1807, Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Warner, of Long Island. Two sons were graduated at Yale, in 1836 and 1840 respectively.

AUTHORITIES.

AGUR TOMLINSON, the second son of David and Ruth (Hawkins) Tomlinson, of Derby, Connecticut, and grandson of Agur and Sarah (Bowers) Tomlinson, of Derby, was probably born in 1780. His parents both died before
he entered College. In May of his Sophomore year he united with the College Church on profession of his faith. He was deranged during a large part of his life after graduation. His name is first marked as deceased in the Triennial Catalogue of Graduates issued in 1838.

AUTHORITIES.
Tomlinson Genealogy, 71.

BENNET TYLER, the youngest child of James Tyler, of Middlebury, then part of Woodbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Daniel Tyler, of Branford and Middlebury, was born on July 10, 1783. His mother was Anne Hungerford, of Watertown.

He was prepared for College by his pastor, the Rev. Ira Hart (Yale 1797). He united with the College Church on profession of his faith while an undergraduate. His father died in the spring of his Sophomore year.

The year after graduation he spent in teaching the Academy in Weston; and in the fall of 1805 he began theological studies under the instruction of the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789), of Goshen. He was licensed to preach on September 30, 1806, by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers. His health for the next year was infirm, and he was obliged to decline several calls which he received.

In the fall of 1807 he was invited to supply the pulpit in South Britain, a parish in the westerly part of Southbury, which had been without regular preaching for four or five years. He continued there during the winter, and in the spring received a unanimous call to become the pastor of this church, of thirty-three members, upon a salary of $450.

He accepted the call, and was ordained and installed there on June 1, 1808.
He had already been married, on November 12, 1807, to Esther, the eldest child of Deacon John and Esther (Stow) Stone, of Middlebury.

For fourteen years he labored quietly and effectually in South Britain, while over one hundred members were added to the church on profession of their faith, and his annual salary was increased to $600. During this period he received into his family a succession of boys to be prepared for College and young men for the study of theology.

The presidency of Dartmouth College became vacant in May, 1821, by the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Daniel Dana (Dartmouth 1788); and Mr. Tyler, greatly to his surprise, was invited during the following winter to accept the position. He had no special friends among the Trustees, but had been recommended by the Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Porter, of the Andover Theological Seminary, and by others; and after some deliberation he yielded to the advice of friends and accepted the election.

He was dismissed from his parish on March 6, 1822, was inaugurated at Dartmouth in the same month, and entered on the duties of his new office in June.

In 1823 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Middlebury College.

He retained the Presidency for six years, and had the satisfaction of leaving the institution in a more prosperous condition than that in which he found it. He was successful in raising a fund of $10,000 for the aid of students seeking an education for the ministry; and his influence on the religious tone of the College was considerable. The Professor of Divinity was laid aside by illness in the summer of 1825, and Dr. Tyler preached regularly from that time; a memorable revival of religion occurred in 1826.

In May, 1828, he received very unexpectedly a unanimous call from the Second Congregational Church in Portland, Maine, of which the late Dr. Edward Payson had been pastor; and although his situation at Hanover was
pleasant, he had never become as much at home as in the duties of the ministry, and he yielded willingly to the superior attractions of a cultivated parish.

He accordingly left Dartmouth at the close of the academic year, and was installed at Portland on September 17,—the sermon by the Rev. Dr. Lyman Beecher (Yale 1797) being afterwards published.

Soon after his settlement, Dr. Tyler became more widely known by his publications as a champion of the old-school New-England Calvinism; and when in September, 1833, a new theological seminary was established in Connecticut, to combat the doctrines taught in the Yale Divinity School, he was unanimously elected to fill the office of President and Professor of Theology.

After deliberation and wide consultation, Dr. Tyler decided that it was his duty, though at a pecuniary sacrifice, to accept the appointment, and accordingly resigned his pastoral charge on April 22, 1834. The corner-stone of the first seminary building was laid, in that part of East Windsor which is now South Windsor, on May 13, and Dr. Tyler was inducted into office on the same day.

For twenty-three years he fulfilled the duties of this station. In July, 1853, on reaching the age of seventy, he tendered his resignation to the Trustees, but they unanimously declined to accept it. Four years later, in July, 1857, in accordance with the advice of trusted friends, and admonished by his age and infirmities, he resigned his office, though retaining the pastorate of the church connected with the Seminary. He continued in good health and vigor, and preached nearly one third of the time during the following winter. He thus continued, happily and usefully employed, until the 14th of May, 1858; on the morning of that day he was seized with a severe neuralgic attack, from which he expired, in South Windsor, the same evening, in his 75th year.

His wife had been in feeble health for many years, and on the day after Dr. Tyler's funeral she sank under an
attack of neuralgia, which ended her life on May 25, in her 73d year.

Their children were six daughters and six sons, of whom two daughters and one son died in infancy. The eldest son was graduated at Dartmouth College in 1831, and the fourth son at Amherst in 1845; both became ministers, and the latter a missionary to the Zulus. The eldest daughter married the Rev. Professor Calvin E. Stowe (Bowdoin Coll. 1824); the third daughter married the Rev. John Goddard (Bowdoin 1833); and the fourth married the Rev. Dr. Nahum Gale (Amherst Coll. 1837).

Dr. Tyler's part in the controversy between the adherents of what were commonly known as "Taylorism" and "Tylerism," was what brought him most into prominence; if not logically so powerful as Dr. Taylor, he was decided in his views and fearless in their expression, but not personally rancorous; and his naturally amiable disposition made him beloved wherever known.

His engraved portrait is given in the Congregational Quarterly, volume 2, and elsewhere.

He published:

1. A Sermon [from Hebr. x, 36], preached at Litchfield, before the Foreign Mission Society, of Litchfield County, at their annual meeting, February 10, 1813. New-Haven, 1813. 8°, pp. 20.


3. The Doctrine of the Saints' Perseverance, vindicated and established. A Sermon [from Phil. i, 6]. New-Haven, 1817. 8°, pp. 24.

   The same [with Sermon by J. Leland, etc.]. New-York, 1820. 8°, pp. 44.
   [B. Publ. U. T. S. Y. C.]
   Mr. Tyler's sermon occupies pp. 1–21.

4. The Doctrine of the Saints' Perseverance, further vindicated: in Reply to the Animadversions of Mr. Rayner and Mr. Thorp . .
To which is added an Appendix, in which the remarks of Mr. Rayner upon Calvinism in general, are considered. New-Haven, 1818. 8°, pp. 51.

5. General Reasons for believing the Doctrines of Grace. [No. 1 of Tracts, designed to illustrate and enforce the most important Doctrines of the Gospel.] [New-Haven, 1818.] 12°, pp. 12.

Anonymous.


Anonymous.

7. A Serious Call to those who are without the Pale of the Episcopal Church.—By a Consistent Churchman. ... [New-Haven, 1819.] 12°, pp. 24.

[B. Ath. B. Publ. Harv. Y. C.

The imputation of authorship on the title-page is an impudent fiction, as the object of the tract is to hold up the claims of the Episcopal Church to ridicule. An anonymous answer, entitled A Sober Appeal to the Christian Public, now known to have been written by the Rev. Harry Croswell, of New Haven, appeared the same year; and two anonymous replies to Mr. Croswell were also issued.

8. Review of Methodist Error ... By a Wesleyan Methodist. In the Christian Spectator, volume 2 (June, 1820), pp. 300–06.

Anonymous.

9. Religious Principle, the foundation of personal safety, and social happiness.—A Sermon [from Gen. xx, 11], preached at Concord, on the day of the Anniversary Election, in the State of New-Hampshire, June 3, 1824. Concord, 1824. 8°, pp. 31.


10. A Sermon [from Isa. lviii, 1], preached at Woodstock, Vt. November 28, 1827, at the Ordination of the Rev. John Richards, as Pastor ... Woodstock, 1827. 8°, pp. 17.

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[A. C. A. M. H. S. U. T. S. Y. C.]


16. A Letter to the Editor of the Spirit of the Pilgrims. To which are added Remarks on a recent Letter of Dr. Taylor in the Christian Spectator. Portland, 1833. 8°, pp. 40.


Dr. Tyler's Address occupies pp. 13-28; it was also published in the Evangelical Magazine for July, 1834, volume 2, pp. 23-35.

18. An Appeal to the Public, in behalf of the Theological Institute of Connecticut, [1834.] 8°, pp. 8.

[Y. C.

This was acknowledged to be the composition of Dr. Tyler.


[A. C. A. B. Publ. U. T. S. Y. C.

A connected account of the controversy with Dr. Taylor; acknowledged to be written by Dr. Tyler to the Rev. Dr. John Witherspoon, of South Carolina.

Arguing that President Day's positions are opposed to the New Haven theology.

[A. C. A.]

On Divine indignation at a corrupt nation.


[A. C. A. U. T. S.]

The book reviewed was by George Griffin (Yale 1797).


27. [Letter to the Rev. Dr. Bushnell, on his "Discourses on Christian Nurture." ] [Hartford, 1847.] 8°, pp. 22. No title page.  


[A. C. A. Y. C.]

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Replied to, with criticism, by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Harvey (Yale 1808), one of the prominent founders of the Theological Institute of Connecticut.


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Replied to, with criticism, by the Rev. Ira Case (Amherst Coll. 1848), a former student at the Theological Institute.

These painful attacks on Dr. Tyler's doctrinal position were mainly due to his conservative use of terms, which were otherwise discarded.

32. An Address, to the Alumni of the Theological Institute of Connecticut, delivered July 15, 1857, on the occasion of the Author's resigning his office of President and Professor of Christian Theology. Hartford, 1857. 8°, pp. 24.


After his death appeared:


[A. C. A. Harv. U. T. S. Y. C.]

The Memoir (pp. 1-149) was also published separately.


[B. Publ.]

Includes twenty sermons, of which two had been before published (Nos. 11, 32, above).

He was the author, over the signature T. B., of many articles in the Christian Sentinel, a monthly periodical conducted by the officers of the Theological Institute, in 1845-47.

To volume 2 of Dr. Sprague's Annals of the American Pulpit he contributed brief notices of Dr. Azel Backus (pp. 283-86) and Dr. Caleb J. Tenney (pp. 474-75).


Three of his Sermons appeared in the (American) National Preacher:
Free Salvation, from Rev. xxii, 17, volume 2, pp. 161-69, April, 1828;
Persuasives to immediate repentance, from Acts xxiv, 25, volume 5, pp. 88-96, November, 1830;
Human and Divine Agency united in the salvation of the soul, from Phil. ii, 12-13, volume 7, pp. 17-24, July, 1832.

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STEPHEN UPSON, the only son of Captain Benjamin Upson, a farmer of Waterbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Benjamin and Mary (Blakeslee) Upson, of Waterbury, was born on June 12, 1783. His mother was Mary, widow of Thomas Clark, and second daughter of Daniel and Mary (Brownson) Hine, of New Milford. His preparatory studies were pursued under the Rev. Israel B. Woodward (Yale 1789), of Wolcott, and Thomas Lewis (Yale 1798), of Salem Society in Waterbury, now Naugatuck.

During his Junior year he became a convert to Republican (that is, Democratic) opinions—an unusual course for students under the domination of President Dwight.

Upon graduation he began the study of law with Judge Charles Chauncey, of New Haven; but feeling the necessity of making his own way, he left home in March, 1805, and went to Virginia, and in April began an engagement for six months as teacher in the family of General Guer rant, a few miles north of Richmond. When this period had expired he entered the family of Nathaniel Pope, an able lawyer of Hanover, about fifteen miles north of Richmond, as a teacher for one year, with the advantage of instruction in law. Before the year had expired, Mr. Pope was killed in a duel, and Upson then, at the solicitation of his friend, Addin Lewis (Yale 1803), went to Georgia. He entered the law office of the Hon. William
H. Crawford, in Lexington, Oglethorpe County, and after his admission to the bar became Mr. Crawford's partner. The latter was sent to the United States Senate in 1807, and continued to fill an eminent place in the public life for many years; so that this connection gave immediate and full scope for Mr. Upson's talents.

He soon interested himself in State politics, and in 1808 wrote a notable series of articles, entitled An Enquiry into the constitutionality, the necessity, the justice, and policy of the Embargo lately laid upon Law in this State, relating to the Stay Laws just enacted, which was published in the Georgia Express and also in the Savannah Advertiser.

Later in life, having accumulated considerable property, he purchased a plantation and was intending to raise cotton. He was also a member of the State Legislature, and when Mr. Crawford was nominated for the Presidency in February, 1824, he gave him active support. He had by his political addresses so won the confidence of the Democratic party in the State that he was, at the time of his death, regarded as sure of the next election to the United States Senate. He had acquired more reputation, perhaps, as an advocate than any contemporary in the State. He was an elegant and persuasive speaker, of very agreeable manners, and a high-minded, honorable man.

He died in Lexington on August 3, 1824, in his 42d year.

He married, on November 12, 1813, Hannah, the youngest of six daughters of the Rev. Dr. Francis Cummins, a distinguished Presbyterian minister of Georgia, and Sarah (Davis) Cummins. She next married Elijah Boardman, of New York, and after his death returned to the South.

Mr. Upson's children, three sons and two daughters, all survived him. The eldest son was graduated at Union College in 1832, and attended the Yale Law School; and the youngest son was graduated at Yale College in 1841.

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Anderson, Hist. of Waterbury, i, Waterbury, 443-46.
Appendix, 141. Bronson, Hist. of
JEREMIAH VANDERBILT, the only son of Jan and Hannah (Polhemus) Vanderbilt, of New York City, and grandson of Jeremias and Abigail (Vanderbilt) Vanderbilt, was born in New York on April 16, 1786.

After graduation he entered on a mercantile career in New York. He served in the State militia during the war of 1812, attaining the rank of Major in the artillery. The family tradition represents him as a fine horseman, and kind and genial in his private relations. He is said to have had some official position in regard to the City institutions on Blackwell's Island.

He married Hannah Lockwood, only daughter of Samuel and Ruhamah (Lockwood) Read, of Redding, Connecticut, and Woodbridge, New Jersey.

In 1850 or early in 1851 he removed to Rahway, New Jersey, where he died on August 29, 1851, in his 65th year. His widow died on July 12, 1865, aged 78 years.

They were members of the Second Presbyterian Church in Rahway, and were buried in the burial-ground of the First Presbyterian Church in Woodbridge. Of their eight children, only two married daughters and a son grew to maturity and survived their parents.

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Mrs. Edward W. Ball, M.S. Letters, 1911.

JACOB ADRIEN VANHEUVEL, the son of John C. and Justina H. F. Vandenheuvel, was born in Maestricht, Holland, on January 14, 1787. His father settled in New York City as a merchant in 1792, having resided for a few years previously in the Dutch Colony of Demerara, Guiana, of which he was Governor. A sister married the Hon. Ralph I. Ingersoll (Yale 1808). He united with the College Church in August, 1802.

After graduation he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in New York in 1808, but never practiced.
Soon after this date he removed to Ogdensburg, in St. Lawrence County, New York. In 1820 he purchased large tracts of land in the village of Fordsburg, about seven miles south of Ogdensburg, and in that immediate vicinity. In recognition of his proprietorship and of his lavish expenditure for the benefit of his tenants (which resulted disastrously for his own estate), the name of the village was changed to Heuvelton.

In February, 1832, he was authorized by an Act of the State Legislature to change his name from Vandenheuvel to VanHeuvel.

He resided in Ogdensburg or Heuvelton, indulging his literary tastes, until about 1865, when he removed to Oneida County, and subsequently to Syracuse, and lived in that neighborhood until his death, in Syracuse, on May 3, 1874, in his 88th year,—the last survivor of his Class.

He was never married.

He published:

1. An Oration, delivered at Ogdensburgh, New-York, on the Fourth of July 1827. . . . Ogdensburgh, 1827. 8°, pp. 27.
   [B. Publ. U. S. Y. C.

2. El Dorado; being a Narrative of the circumstances which gave rise to reports, in the sixteenth century, of the existence of a Rich and Splendid City in South America, to which that name was given . . ; including a Defence of Sir Walter Raleigh, in regard to the relations made by him respecting it, and a Nation of Female Warriors, in the Vicinity of the Amazon . . New-York. [Copyrighted 1844.] 8°, pp. viii, 166 + map.

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Hough, Gazetteer of N. Y., 583; Counties, 417. Hon. C. R. Ingersoll, Hist. of St. Lawrence and Franklin M.S. Letter, Febr., 1875.

JOHN CARRINGTON WARNER, the eldest child of Colonel Reuben Warner, of New Milford, Connecticut, and grandson of Oliver and Lois (Ruggles) Warner, of New Milford, was born on February 18, 1782. His mother was
Eunice, second daughter of Dr. John and Susanna (Noble) Carrington, of New Milford. He entered College just after the opening of the Sophomore year.

After graduation he pursued the study of medicine in Columbia College, and was admitted to the Medical Society of the City and County of New York in March, 1808.

He then settled in practice in Wilmington, Delaware, and on May 17, 1809, married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Howell, of Philadelphia. He probably removed to Philadelphia about 1811 or 1812, and thence about 1815 to a farm called "Deer Park," in Haddonfield, New Jersey, about ten miles from Philadelphia, on a tract of land originally taken up by Mordecai Howell, his wife's grandfather. Here he practiced for the rest of his life, mixing his own medicines, among which was one of some note, called "Warner's Gout Cordial."

He died at Deer Park on February 17, 1829, aged 47 years, and was buried in the Friends' burying ground in Haddonfield. His widow died on August 16, 1867. Their children were four daughters and two sons; the sons died in infancy.

Authorities.

Orcutt, Hist. of New Milford, 793. December, 1910.
Dr. J. R. Stevenson, MS. Letter,

Charles Henry Wetmore, the youngest of twelve children of the Rev. Isaiahiah Wetmore (Yale 1748), of Trumbull, Connecticut, was born in Trumbull (then part of Stratford) on May 12, 1783. His father died in 1798, and he was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Blatchford, of Bridgeport.

In 1805 he began the study of medicine with Dr. Henry, of Lansingburg, New York, at the same time teaching in the Academy, of which his former instructor, Dr. Blatchford, was now the head. During 1806–08 he continued his medical studies under Dr. Eli Burritt (Williams Coll.
1800), of Troy. Having also attended lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, he obtained a license from the censors of the Rensselaer County Medical Society, and began to practice in Troy in 1809; but removed in 1810 to Waterford in Saratoga County.

In 1814 he was commissioned by Governor Tompkins as Surgeon of the 144th Regiment of Militia.

On June 1, 1814, he married Eliza, fifth daughter of John and Eunice (Wells) Rathbone, of New York, and in 1816 he removed to New York, where he was quite successful in building up a practice.

His father-in-law had extensive landed property in central Ohio, and Dr. Wetmore was induced to remove thither in November, 1818, in order to assist in the management of these interests. He settled on a farm which he named Locust Grove, near the village of Worthington, just north of Columbus, where for many years he divided his time between the practice of his profession and agricultural pursuits, until infirm health compelled him to retire from active business. In later years his residence was in Columbus.

His wife died in Columbus in February, 1853, in her 62d year. He died after a brief illness at Locust Grove, then the residence of his youngest son, on October 10, 1868, in his 86th year.

His children were five sons and six daughters, of whom three sons and two daughters survived him. The eldest son was graduated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1843.

AUTHORITIES.


647. C. J. Wetmore, MS. Letter,

Amos Hawley Wheeler came to College from Brookfield, Connecticut.
He settled in Trumbull, Connecticut, as a lawyer, and represented the town in the General Assembly in May, 1814, and October, 1816. He appears to have withdrawn from practice (or removed?) about 1825.

In March, 1810, he is on record as withdrawing from the Congregational and joining the Episcopal Church.

He is reported as having died in 1841; no administration of his estate is found in the Bridgeport Probate District, of which Trumbull was a part at that date.

AUTHORITIES.
Orcutt, Hist. of Stratford, ii, 1030, 1047.

Amos Whitehead entered College from Waynesboro, Burke County, Georgia, after the opening of the Freshman year.

He returned to his native place after graduation, and is said to have died (from the results of dissipation) in 1808.

AUTHORITIES.

Francis Bayard Winthrop, the second son of Francis Bayard Winthrop, of Boston, and grandson of John Still Winthrop (Yale 1737), of New London, Connecticut, was born in Boston on March 20, 1787. His mother was Elsie, eldest child of Thomas and Cornelia (Lispenard) Marston, of New York. In his childhood his father removed to New London, and thence, before his sons entered College, to New York City, where he was a merchant.

He returned to New York after graduation, and entered into mercantile business. He was married at Stamford, Connecticut, by the Rev. Salmon Wheaton (Yale 1805), on August 14, 1808, to Julia Ann, youngest daughter of Moses and Sarah (Woolsey) Rogers, of New York, who died in New York, on April 21, 1814, in her 26th year.
He next married, on January 29, 1816, Elizabeth, second daughter of William W. and Elizabeth (Dwight) Woolsey, of New York, and sister of President Woolsey. Her father was a half-brother of the mother of Mr. Winthrop's first wife.

In the spring of 1823 he removed to New Haven, where he died suddenly on March 21, 1841, at the age of 54.

He was for some years a vestryman of Trinity Church, New Haven.

His widow died in West New Brighton, Staten Island, on October 28, 1863, aged 69 years.

By his first wife he had one daughter, who died in infancy, and two sons, who were graduated at Yale in 1831 and 1832, respectively.

By his second wife he had four sons and four daughters. The two elder sons died early; the third son, the gifted Theodore Winthrop, was graduated here in 1848, and the fourth in 1851. The second daughter married a son of William Johnson (Yale 1788), and the youngest married Theodore Weston (Yale 1853).

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Dwight Family, i, 253-54; ii, 1097-98. N. Y. Geneal. and Biogr. Record, iv, 151, 154. James Rogers and his

JOHN STILL WINTHROP, older brother of the preceding graduate, was born in Lyme, Connecticut, on February 14, 1785. A half-brother was graduated in 1809.

He spent his life as a merchant in New York City.

He was married, on August 14, 1808, at the same time and place with his brother, to Harriet, daughter of Fitch and Hannah (Bell) Rogers, and a first cousin of his brother's wife. Mr. Rogers was a descendant of Governor Thomas Fitch (Yale 1721), who settled in St. John, New Brunswick, after the American Revolution, but later returned to Stamford, Connecticut. Mrs. Winthrop died
in Stamford on March 2, 1835, aged 48. Their children were five sons and five daughters, of whom one son was graduated at Yale in 1830.

He died at the residence of another son, Charles E. R. Winthrop, in Perry County, Illinois, on September 6, 1855, in his 71st year.

**AUTHORITIES.**


JOSEPH WRIGHT, the second child of James and Lucy (Hale) Wright, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, and grandson of James and Lois (Loomis) Wright, of Wethersfield, was born on September 2, 1785. His preparation for College was begun at the Academy in Glastonbury, and was completed under the Rev. Dr. David Ely (Yale 1769), of Huntington. His father died in his infancy.

For two or three years after graduation he had the charge of the Academy in his native place, and was a successful teacher. He then engaged in agricultural pursuits on his paternal estate, where he continued to reside through life, a worthy, highly respected, and useful citizen.

In 1827 he was chosen a Deacon of the First Congregational Church, and he performed the duties of this office until his death.

He married, on November 24, 1808, Sarah, second daughter of his pastor, the Rev. William Lockwood (Yale 1774), by whom he had four sons and two daughters, all of whom grew to maturity. Two sons were graduated at Yale, in 1832 and 1839, respectively.

Mr. Wright and his classmate Plummer were warm personal friends, and their lives presented a striking parallelism.

**AUTHORITIES.**

In April, 1805, Professor Silliman sailed for Europe, with a commission to expend the sum of nine thousand dollars for replenishing the Library and the Philosophical and Chemical apparatus.

An alarm lest yellow fever should spread in New Haven, led to the discharge of the students in July, 1805; but as the alarm proved unnecessary, Commencement exercises were held as usual, in September.

At this date, Tutor Davis having definitely declined the offer of the Professorship of Divinity, which President Dwight had been filling by temporary arrangement, the President was now formally elected to the vacant chair, and accepted the appointment.

At this date, also, Tutor James L. Kingsley (Yale 1799) was appointed Professor of Languages and Ecclesiastical History. He was also made Librarian,—the duties of that office having been hitherto assumed by the Senior Tutor for the time being.

With this appointment the permanent Faculty of the College was now constituted as it was to remain unchanged until the President’s death in 1817; and the settlement of the College authority in the hands of this remarkable group of men, consisting of President Dwight, and Professors Day, Silliman, and Kingsley, marks the commencement of a distinct and important era, with which this volume may well close.
Sketches, Class of 1805

*Carolus Atwater, A.M. *1825
*Samuel Badger, A.M. *1866
*Samuel Bellamy Beach *1866
*Nehemias Beach Beardsley *1868
*Sheldonus Wales Candee, A.M. *1821
*Henricus Chapman *1823
*Simon Couch *1826
*Leonardus Cowles, A.M. *1861
*Johannes Austin Crocker, 1806 *1816
*Rodolphus Dickinson *1863
*Ziba Foot *1806
*Nathanael Freeman, A.M. *1854
*Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, A.M., LL.D. Res. Occ. 1851, Tutor *1851
*Johannes M'Kinnie Gilmour *1807
*Timotheus Goodwin, A.M. *1818
*Ebenezer Gray *1844
*Edvardus Hooker, A.M. et Mediob. et Carol. Austr., Tutor *1846
*Robertus Jacobus Houstoun, A.M. *1818
*Aaron Herveius Kelsey *1863
*Gualterus King, A.M. *1852
*Jacobus McBride *1817
*Johannes Morin Scott McKnight, 1846, A.M. 1846 *1848
*Allen McLean, A.M. *1861
*Fredericus Marsh, A.M. *1873
*Robertus Moore *1854
*Georgius Olcott, A.M. *1864
*Joel Page *1832
*Johannes Owen Pettibone, A.M. *1876
*Thomas Ruggles *1836
*Guilielmus Mather Smith, A.M. *1864
*Elihu Spencer *1819
*Gardiner Spring, A.M., S.T.D. Hamilt. 1819, L.L.D. Lafayett. 1853 *1873
*Samuel Stevens, et Neo-Caes. 1805, A.M. *1844
*Earl Swift, M.D. 1830 *1869
*Zacharias Tomlinson *1838
*Guilielmus Welch *1811
*Salmon Wheaton, A.M., S.T.D. Trin. 1835 *1844
*Johannes Milton Whiton, S.T.D. Neo-Caes. 1848 *1856
*Josua Lewis Williams, A.M. *1832

CHARLES ATWATER, the youngest son of Jeremiah and Lois (Hurd) Atwater, of New Haven, and a brother of the Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Atwater (Yale 1793), was born in New Haven on August 18, 1786. He united with the College Church in July of his Freshman year, during which year he had entered College.

After graduation he studied theology with President Dwight, and was licensed to preach by the New Haven West Association of Ministers on September 30, 1806.

On March 1, 1809, he was ordained and installed by the New Haven East Association as pastor of the Congregational Church in North Branford; and on October 4, 1809, he was married by the Rev. Bezaleel Pinneo to Mary, daughter of Miles Merwin, of Milford, and sister of the Rev. Samuel Merwin (Yale 1802).
Mr. Atwater was a man of sincere piety, devoted to his work, and acceptable and successful as a preacher. He was erect and portly in figure, with a clear, powerful voice. Ninety-six persons were added to the church under his ministry.

He died in office, in North Branford, on February 21, 1825, in his 39th year, and is buried among his people.

He had four sons, the eldest of whom died in childhood. The third son was graduated at Yale in 1839.

His widow married, on June 22, 1827, Abijah Fisher, of New York City, and died on October 13, 1879, in her 95th year.

AUTHORITIES.

Atwater Family, 150, 204. Wood, North Branford, 18.
History of Congregational Church,

SAMUEL BADGER, the youngest child of Edmund Badger, of Windham, Connecticut, and a grandson of Samuel and Abigail (Bingham) Badger, of Windham, was born on December 6, 1786. His mother was Lucretia, sister of Shubael Abbe (Yale 1764).

He married, in the year of his graduation, Olivia Ann, the eldest of eight daughters of Joel and Eleanor (Strong) Root, of New Haven, who died in Philadelphia, on January 22, 1827, in her 39th year.

After graduation he read law in the office of Jared Ingersoll (Yale 1766), of Philadelphia, and was admitted to the bar in September, 1809.

When only 27 years old, in April, 1814, he received from Governor Snyder the appointment of Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; but this position he resigned in July, 1815, on accepting from the same source the appointment to the important office of Alderman, with the duties of a civil magistrate, which he held for twenty-five years, or until in 1840 the office was made elective, when he declined to be a candidate.
After that date he confined himself mainly to the ordinary duties of a Notary Public.

In the latter portion of his life he suffered from serious financial embarrassment.

He died in Philadelphia, after a lingering illness, on March 14, 1866, in his 80th year.

By his first marriage he had twelve children. One daughter married Dr. N. Beers Ives (Yale 1825).

He married, secondly, on September 28, 1829, Lucretia Brown Watson, third daughter of Captain George and Deborah (Sturges) Hoyt, of Bridgeport, Connecticut, who died in Philadelphia on August 24, 1832, aged 28 years.

He married, thirdly, on June 17, 1834, in Philadelphia, Rosina L. C. Bradley, of Providence, Rhode Island, who survived him.

In early life Mr. Badger contributed a series of well-written sketches of members of the Philadelphia bar to the Democratic Press, a daily newspaper of that city.

He was for some years one of the Trustees of the Jefferson Medical College.

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_Dwight, Strong Family, 4, 82. Hoyt Family, 505._ Loomis Female Genealogy, i, 236. National Gazette, Philadelphıa, Jan. 25, 1827. _Timlow, Hist. of Southington, ccxx._ _Weaver, Hist. of Windham, 20, 64._

SAMPSON HEMBURY BEECH, the only son of Ashbel Beach, of Litchfield, Connecticut, and grandson of Samuel and Rachel (Strong) Beach, of Litchfield, was born (probably) in 1784. His mother, Anne Bellamy, was descended from the Bellamys of Cheshire, Connecticut. In his infancy the family removed to Whitestown, in Oneida County, New York, where they cleared a farm. He entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year, and his scholarship is shown by the fact that he gave the Salutatory Oration at graduation.

In March, 1809, he appears in Easton, on the eastern shore of Maryland, as the editor and ostensible owner of
a weekly paper, called *The People's Monitor*. A Republican paper was already established there, and the new venture was in the interest of Federalism; but Mr. Beach's connection with the enterprise lasted for only little over a year. From the fact that he named a son for Governor Goldsborough, it has been thought that he was at one time a tutor in the Governor's family, in Dorchester County, on the Eastern Shore.

Either before or after his Maryland experience, he engaged in business as a merchant in Oswego. He also studied law, and settled in practice in Oswego as early as 1817. In February, 1821, he was appointed District Attorney of Oswego County, but did not long continue in office. He is next heard of in Mount Clemens, Michigan Territory, where he was a successful school-teacher.

In 1828 he was settled in Albany as one of the publishers of the (daily) *Morning Chronicle* and (semi-weekly) *Albany Chronicle*.

After this date he was long a resident of Oneonta, in Otsego County, and was identified with many public improvements there. He abandoned the profession of law, and in December, 1838, in company with Cyrenus Noble, he began the manufacture of shaving and fancy soaps in Oneonta; but the partnership was soon dissolved.

During VanBuren's presidency (1837-41) he was appointed to a clerkship in the United States Post Office Department, which he held until 1862.

His residence continued in Oneonta, and he was one of the projectors of the Albany & Susquehanna Railroad, as a connecting link between the Erie Railroad at Binghamton and Albany.

He died in Oneonta on July 31, 1866, aged 82 years, having been confined to the house for more than a year previously.

He married, about 1815, Mrs. Ann (Porter) Taylor; and after her death, about 1834, Martha M., daughter of Samuel Bates, of Morris, Otsego County, who died in June,
1867. By his second marriage he had five sons and four daughters; three sons and two daughters died in infancy.

He published:

1. Considerations against continuing the Great Canal West of the Seneca: Addressed to the Members-Elect of the Legislature of the State of New-York; by Peter Ploughshare. Utica, 1819. 8°, pp. 29.

Opposing the completion of the Erie Canal between the Seneca River and Lake Erie; dated Jefferson County, N. Y., July 20, 1819.


A poem in five cantos, describing the extermination by the Indians of a Scandinavian colony of mound-builders, near the junction of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers.

AUTHORITIES.


81. S. A. Harrison, MS. Hist. of

NEHEMIAH BEACH BEARDSLEY, son of John Beardsley, of Stratford, Connecticut, and grandson of Abraham and Bethia (Curtis) Beardsley, of Stratford, was born on June 20, 1780. His mother was Jerusha, eldest daughter of Nehemiah and Sarah (Middlebrook) Beach, of North Stratford, now Trumbull. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Dr. David Ely (Yale 1769), of Huntington.

After graduation he studied divinity with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lathrop (Yale 1754), of West Springfield, Massachusetts, and was licensed to preach by the Hampshire South Association of Ministers in October, 1806. He had already married, on September 18, 1805, Achsah, daughter of Joseph and Experience Morgan, of that part of West Springfield which is now Holyoke, and widow of Samuel D. Chapin, of Somers, Connecticut. Later he served for several years as a home missionary in Maine.
Late in 1815 he was invited, with considerable unanimity, to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Chester, then part of Saybrook, Connecticut; and he was ordained and installed there on January 3, 1816.

For five years the church dwindled under his ministry; but in 1821 a revival of religion occurred, as the result of which twenty-six were added to the church-membership, while only three had been previously received by him.

His relation to his people had become somewhat uncomfortable, and the Middlesex Consociation on being consulted advised his dismissal, which took place on February 27, 1822.

In February, 1824, he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational Church in Union, Tolland County, Connecticut, on a salary of $350, and was installed there on April 14. His ministry was terminated by his dismissal on April 18, 1831.

After this ill health somewhat disabled him, and he removed to Somers, in the same county, where he remained until his death. He was able to supply for brief periods, from six months to a year, at different times, vacant congregations in Tolland and Windsor, Massachusetts, and elsewhere in the vicinity. He died in Somers, on February 28, 1868, in his 88th year. His wife, a woman of most excellent character, died thirteen days before him, aged 93.

Their children were two daughters and two sons.

AUTHORITIES.


SHELDON [WALES] CANDEE, the second son and child of Deacon Justus Candee, of Oxford, then part of Derby, Connecticut, and grandson of Caleb and Lois (Mallory) Candee, of Oxford, was born on July 15, 1781. His mother was Eunice Norton, of Washington, Connecticut.
He assumed a middle name after leaving College. He entered the Class after the opening of the Sophomore year.

He settled as a lawyer in Hartford, and there married, on April 10, 1810, Julia Ann, eldest child of Jesse and Rebecca (Fish) Root, who died in Hartford, on April 2, 1820, in her 31st year.

In December, 1819, he left home for a warmer climate, in consequence of his declining state of health. He sank rapidly under a fatal disease of the lungs, and died at the home of a friend in St. George's, British Guiana, on February 8, 1821, in his 40th year.

His children were two sons and two daughters.

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American Ancestry, viii, 115. Can-
dee Genealogy, 28, 53-54. Conn. Courant, June 12, 1821. Root Gene-

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HENRY CHAPMAN, the eldest child of Simon Chapman, of Tolland, Connecticut, by his second wife, Lydia Carlton, and grandson of Captain Samuel and Hannah (Strong) Chapman, of Windsor and Tolland, was born on July 23, 1777. He became a Christian during a revival at Vernon, in 1800, and then decided to enter College with a view to the ministry.

After graduation he studied theology, and was licensed to preach by the Hartford North Association of Ministers on June 3, 1806.

He probably went soon on missionary service to New York State; and spent his whole ministerial life there. His last pastoral charge was with the Congregational Church in Hartwick, Otsego County, where he died very suddenly on August 30, 1823, at the age of 46.

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AUTHORITIES.

SIMON COUCH, the youngest child of Simon Couch, of Green’s Farms in Westport, then part of Fairfield, Connecticut, was born on November 9, 1788. His mother was Abigail (or Nabby), third daughter of Dennie and Desire (Lovel) Chapman, of Green’s Farms.

In November, 1806, he was married in Westport by the Rev. Dr. Hezekiah Ripley (Yale 1763), of Green’s Farms, to Elizabeth Hyde.

His history has not been traced further, but he is believed to have left Westport after 1815 and to have settled in Louisville, Kentucky.

He has been sometimes confused with another Simon [A.] Couch, six years younger, a brother of Jesup Nash Couch (Yale 1802), from Redding, who was a physician in Marion, Ohio.

AUTHORITIES.
Chapman Family, 206.

LEONARD [H.] COWLES, the youngest son of Gamaliel Cowles, a shoemaker of Southington, Connecticut, and grandson of Josiah and Jemima (Dickinson) Cowles, of Southington, was born on January 16, 1784. His mother was Anna, fifth daughter of Abel and Mary (Coach) Carter, of Southington. The Rev. Pitkin Cowles (Yale 1800) was a first cousin.

He studied law in New Haven after graduation, and settled in 1814 in Delaware, in central Ohio. He soon married a daughter of Colonel Moses and Elizabeth (Egleston) Byxbe, of Delaware, and in conjunction with his father-in-law, who was the leading citizen of the town, was prominent in all public matters.

He served as a representative in the General Assembly from 1822 to 1824.

He died in Delaware on December 29, 1861, aged nearly 78 years.
Biographical Sketches, 1805

AUTHORITIES.

Hist. of Delaware County, Ohio, Southington, lxvii. 319, 329, 331. Timlow, History of

John Austin Crocker was a son of the Rev. Daniel Crocker (Yale 1782) and Ann (Austin) Crocker, of New Haven. He entered after the opening of Freshman year, and did not complete the work of Senior year in College with his Class, but received his degree in 1806.

In 1809 his father settled in the ministry in Redding, Connecticut, and the son found employment there as a teacher.

He died in Redding in 1816.

Rodolphus Dickinson, the third son and sixth child of Colonel Thomas Wells Dickinson, a farmer of Deerfield, Massachusetts, and grandson of Captain Thomas and Prudence (Smith) Dickinson, of Hatfield and Deerfield, was born on June 27, 1786. His mother was Thankful, third daughter of Colonel David and Thankful (Taylor) Field, of Deerfield. An elder sister married Pliny Arms (Yale 1798). He spent the first two years of the course in Williams College.

He studied law after graduation in Northampton with Major John Taylor (Harvard 1786), and was admitted to the bar of Hampshire County in 1808.

He married, on November 9, 1809, Nancy, third daughter of Captain David and Elizabeth (Bull) Hoyt, of Deerfield.

On the organization of Franklin County in 1811 he was appointed Clerk of the Courts, and retained that office until 1819. Meantime he was in very embarrassed circumstances. From 1816 to 1819 he was in partnership with his wife's brother-in-law, Colonel John Wilson, in a printing and publishing house in Deerfield, which did considerable business, circulating its publications by book-
agents. Mr. Dickinson was the author of several of these works.

On September 17, 1819, he was ordained Deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church by Bishop Griswold, after which he removed to the northwestern part of South Carolina, where he was instrumental in the formation of two parishes, about twenty-five miles apart—Greenville and Pendleton. During the first eighteen months of his alternate service there, he traveled upwards of seven thousand miles on horseback. He was advanced to the priesthood by Bishop Bowen on February 20, 1822.

He returned to Deerfield in 1832, and made that place his residence for the rest of his life. From 1832 to 1838 he officiated in Trinity Church, in the adjoining town of Montague, to a small congregation, made up of Episcopalians and Unitarians.

He was a Jeffersonian Democrat in politics, and was a candidate for Congress in 1839.

Mr. Dickinson was transparently honest, and simple as a child; but visionary and over-sanguine. His schemes often miscarried, but he bore adversity with patience and cheerfulness, and was unflagging in industry.

During the later part of his life his mental powers were partially clouded. He died at his residence (built by his own hands) on Pine Hill in Deerfield, on October 29, 1863, in his 78th year.

His widow died on April 11, 1870, in her 82d year.

Their children were two daughters, and a son who died in infancy.

He published:

1. A Digest of the Powers and Duties of Sheriffs, Coroners, Constables and Collectors of Taxes. Springfield, 1810. 8º, pp. iii, 232.

2. A Compilation of the Laws of Massachusetts, comprising the Titles of Assessors, Auctioneers, Clerks, Commissioners of Sewers, Districts, Engines and Engine Men, Fences and Fence Viewers, Ferries and Ferry Men, Field Drivers, Fire and Fire Wards, Health
Committees or Officers, Hog Reeves, Measurers of Wood and Bark, Militia, Moderators, Overseers of the Poor, Parishes and Precincts, Plantations, Proprietors of Common and General Fields, Proprietors of Common and Undivided Real Estate, Proprietors of Social Libraries, Sealers of Weights and Measures, Selectmen, Surveyors of Highways, Surveyors of Lumber, Surveyors of Private Ways, Towns, Treasurers, and Tythingmen.... Boston, 1811. 8°, pp. viii, 280.

[A. A. S. B. Ath. B. Publ. M. H. S.]

3. Elements of Geography, or, an extensive Abridgment thereof. Illustrated with maps. Accompanied with a new and extensive Introduction, comprising the astronomical and other subjects preliminary to the Study of Geography:—By Epaphras Hoyt. Boston, 1813. 8°, pp. 360 + 2 maps.


General Hoyt was an uncle of Mrs. Dickinson.


5. A Compendium of the religious doctrines, religious and moral precepts, historical and descriptive beauties of the Bible; with a separate moral selection for the Apocrypha: intended for the use of Families, but more particularly as a Reading Book for Schools. Greenfield, 1814. 18°, pp. 250.

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[B. Publ.]


[B. Ath.

7. A Geographical, Statistical and Historical View of the Town of Deerfield, in the County of Franklin, and State of Massachusetts;
intended as an exhibition of the plan and execution of a contemplated Gazetteer of Massachusetts Proper. Deerfield, 1815. 8°, pp. 29 + i. [B. Ath. B. Publ.]

8. A Description of Deerfield, in Franklin County, intended as an exhibition of the plan of a contemplated Gazetteer of Massachusetts Proper. Deerfield, 1817. 8°, pp. 8.
[A. A. S. B. Publ. N. Y. H. S.]
The same. Greenfield, 1818. 8°, pp. 8. [A. C. A. B. Publ.]

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11. A Description of Northfield and Lexington, intended as an exhibition of the plan of a contemplated Gazetteer of Massachusetts Proper. Greenfield (Deerfield), 1818. 8°, pp. 15. [A. C. A.]

12. The Christian and Miscellaneous Portfolio, an original work. Philadelphia, 1823. 12°, pp. 179. [B. Ath.]

13. A new and corrected version of the New Testament; or, a minute revision, and professed translation of the original Histories, Memoirs, Letters, Prophecies, and other productions of the Evangelists and Apostles; to which are subjoined, a few, generally brief, critical, explanatory, and practical notes. Boston, 1833. 8°, pp. 500 + pl.
A work of labor, but highly unsatisfactory. An engraved portrait of Mr. Dickinson is prefixed.

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Harvey Elliott, the youngest child of Timothy Elliott, a farmer of North Guilford, Connecticut, and grandson of Abial and Mary (Leete) Eliot, of Guilford, was born on November 23, 1784. His mother was Rebekah, daughter of Jacob Rose, of North Branford. He was prepared for College by his second cousin, the Rev. Dr. John Elliott (Yale 1786), of East Guilford, now Madison.

For six months after graduation he taught school in New Rochelle, New York, and then began to study medicine in the office of Dr. David Rogers, of that place.

He received a New Jersey State license in 1808, and began to practice in Harlem, New York.

He received the degree of M.D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1817.

He continued in Harlem until his death there, on February 3, 1824, in his 40th year, having become the leading physician in that vicinity. He was buried in Harlem, but his remains were removed to Guilford in 1867. The inscription on his monument states that he "enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a large and respectable community, by whom his death is deeply regretted."

He was unmarried. His library and instruments were inherited by his nephew, Dr. Ellsworth Eliot (Yale 1849).

Authorities.

Descendants of John Eliot, 2d ed., 84. Steiner, Hist. of Guilford, 505.

Ziba Foot, the fourth son of Edward Foot, of Newtown, Connecticut, and grandson of George and Catharine (Burrit) Foot, of Newtown, was born on July 20, 1785. His mother was Anna, second daughter of Jehoshaphat and Hannah (Basten) Prindle, of Newtown. His early habits of study led to his beginning to teach a public school before he was sixteen years of age. By this means he earned enough to justify, in 1802, his beginning to prepare for Yale, which he entered at the opening of the Senior year.
At the end of the course he was successful in winning a Berkeley Scholarship. He was a warm friend of David Sanford (Yale 1803), and following his example, immediately after the close of the Senior examinations, without delaying for Commencement, he started for Cincinnati, to seek employment as a land-surveyor from Colonel Jared Mansfield (Yale 1777), the Surveyor-General of the United States. His journey (in August) was a trying one, but after securing the desired appointment, he spent the winter in Cincinnati. He started on a surveying tour on March 4, 1806, and met with a succession of exposures and accidents which brought on illness and hastened his untimely end. After various misfortunes and sufferings he was accidentally drowned, while engaged in surveying, in a small lake or pond in the southwest corner of what is now Gibson County, in southwestern Indiana, on April 30, 1806, in his 21st year. His body was recovered, and subsequently buried in Bedford, Indiana.

He was the first of the Class to die. While in Cincinnati he had become engaged to be married to Harriet Sisson, a niece of Mrs. Mansfield, who married in December, 1807, Dr. Daniel Drake, the distinguished physician of Cincinnati.

AUTHORITIES.

NATHANIEL FREEMAN, son of Thomas Freeman, of Mansfield and Lebanon, Connecticut, and grandson of Stephen and Hannah (Jenkins) Freeman, of Mansfield, was born in 1778. His mother, Sarah Southworth, of Ashford, was probably a daughter of John and Sarah (Higgins) Southworth. He united with the College Church in July of his Freshman year.
He remained in New Haven after graduation, holding for two years the office of College Butler, and serving at the same time as Rector of the Hopkins Grammar School. He was also studying theology, and was licensed to preach by the New Haven East Association of Ministers on August 6, 1807.

After having supplied the pulpit there for at least a year, he was ordained and installed as pastor of the Congregational Church in Oxford, Connecticut, in May, 1811, but continued for only three years longer, or until July, 1814. The baptisms or births of two daughters and a son are recorded in Oxford.

His next regular settlement was in the present township of Easton, then included in Weston, where he was installed over the Congregational Church in February, 1819.

He remained here until his discharge in April, 1832. A year later, in April, 1833, he began to supply the church on Greenfield Hill, in Fairfield, where he continued for nearly nine years. During that period he lost his wife and seven children.

His last years were spent in Easton, where he died on June 18, 1854, aged 76. He was buried by the side of his wife, on Greenfield Hill.

He married, on November 20, 1810, Mary B. Fox, who died at Greenfield Hill on December 27, 1837, aged 52.

AUTHORITIES.


THOMAS HOPKINS GALLAUFET, the eldest of a family of twelve children of Peter Wallace Gallaudet, a merchant of Philadelphia, and grandson of Thomas and Catharine (Edgar) Gallaudet, of New York, was born in Philadelph on December 10, 1787. His mother was Jane, or Jennett, daughter of Captain Thomas and Alice (Howard) Hopkins, of Hartford, Connecticut. A brother was grad-
Yale College

uated here in 1815. The progenitor of the family fled from France soon after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

Mr. Gallaudet’s father removed to Hartford in 1800, and his preparation for the Sophomore Class at Yale was completed in the Hartford Grammar School.

Although among the youngest members of the Class, his rank in College was among the highest, and he excelled especially in English composition.

In the fall of 1805 he entered on the study of law in the office of the Hon. Chauncey Goodrich (Yale 1776), of Hartford, but the state of his health compelled him a year later to suspend his legal studies, which he never resumed.

For the next two years he devoted himself largely to the study of English literature and the practice of English composition; and he then filled the office of Tutor in Yale College for two years. At Commencement in 1808 he delivered a Master’s Oration on the Use of Ambition as a Motive in the Education of Youth.

His health now required a more active life; and he accepted a commission from a commercial house in New York to travel through Ohio and Kentucky. The journey greatly improved his physical condition, and on his return he entered the employ of the firm for which he had been traveling as clerk, with the intention of engaging permanently in business.

But his convictions of duty soon reasserted themselves; and in January, 1812, he joined the Andover Theological Seminary, where he was graduated in September, 1814. He was licensed to preach by the Ministers’ Association of Salem and vicinity on June 14, 1814, and at once received several flattering invitations to become a candidate for settlement,—among them one from the North Parish of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

In the interest of his health, which was still delicate, he thought it best to return to Hartford and preach only occasionally for the ensuing winter.
He had already shown a great interest in the case of a young daughter of Dr. Mason F. Cogswell (Yale 1780), of Hartford, who was a deaf-mute; and as a result of this interest he was invited, in April, 1815, by Dr. Cogswell and a group of his friends among the wealthy and public-spirited citizens of Hartford, to undertake the headship of a school for the instruction of deaf-mute children in that place, and to prepare himself in Europe for the task.

He accepted the invitation, and sailed for England in May. The British schools for the deaf being private monopolies, he found it impossible to get there the training which he needed; finally, in March, 1816, he went to Paris, where the Abbé Sicard, of the Royal School for Deaf-Mutes, granted him every facility for accomplishing his purpose. He was able to return to America in the following summer, and then devoted his time to the enlistment of public sympathy and patronage for the new enterprise.

The Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb was opened in April, 1817, and Mr. Gallaudet remained at its head for thirteen years.

On August 29, 1821, he was married to one of his pupils in the Asylum, Sophia, younger daughter of Minor and Rachel (Hall) Fowler, of Guilford.

His duties as Principal engrossed so much of his time and so broke down his health that he felt obliged, in January, 1830, to request relief from the burden of daily instruction; and when he found that this relief was thought unnecessary by the other teachers, he felt obliged to hand in his resignation, in April, 1830, taking effect in the latter part of October.

This was reluctantly accepted, though as a life-director he continued, by the desire of the Board, to exercise an important influence in the management of the institution.

He made use of his leisure mainly in the preparation of elementary school-books, and in helping forward the cause of moral and religious education; but he had many invitations, of a tempting nature, to other fields of useful-
ness. Thus, in 1830, he was urgently solicited to become the agent for New England of the Colonization Society; the Trustees of the Asylum for the Blind in Boston requested him to become the first Principal; and the New York University offered him the chair of the Philosophy of Education.

Many other offers followed in the succeeding years, but he preferred not to leave his Hartford home. In 1837 a new prison was erected in Hartford, and in the absence of any means at the disposal of the County Commissioners for hiring a chaplain, Mr. Gallaudet volunteered to discharge the duties without pay (having been ordained in Hartford, on September 23, 1834); and he continued to perform religious service every Sunday morning, and to visit the prison from time to time during each week, from December, 1837, to March, 1844, when a chronic affection of the throat and lungs obliged him to give up the duty.

In July, 1838, he also undertook the office of Chaplain to the Retreat for the Insane in Hartford, which involved one preaching service on Sunday afternoon, daily prayers through the week, and pastoral duty as seemed advisable, with an annual salary of $750.

His health began sensibly to fail in the spring of 1851, and the extreme heat in the first week in July led to a severe attack of dysentery from which he was unable to rally. He died at his home in Hartford on September 10, in his 64th year.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on him by Western Reserve College a few weeks before his death.

Mrs. Gallaudet died on May 13, 1877, in her 80th year. Their children were four sons and four daughters. The eldest son was graduated at Trinity College in 1842, and became an Episcopal clergyman, especially devoted to work among deaf-mutes. The youngest son became the President of the National Deaf-Mute College, later the Gallaudet College for the Deaf, in Washington. One daughter
married the Rev. Dr. H. Clay Trumbull (honorary M.A. Yale 1866). Two grandsons were graduated at Yale College in 1893, and one in 1898.

A Tribute to Dr. Gallaudet was published at Hartford in 1852 (pp. 268, 8°), containing a Discourse at a memorial service by the Hon. Henry Barnard (Yale 1830), and other papers. The Life and Labors of Dr. Gallaudet, by his classmate, Dr. Humphrey, appeared in 1857 (pp. 440, 12°), with an engraved portrait; and another Life, by his youngest son, with an engraving from another portrait, was issued in 1888 (pp. viii, 339).

His character commanded the respect and love of the community. His pioneer work for the deaf deserves the very highest praise, and was crowned with signal success; while the breadth and discrimination of his interest in education and the moral reforms of the age were strikingly suggestive and fruitful.

A monument was erected in 1854 on the grounds of the Hartford Asylum, with bas-reliefs representing him and his work; and a bronze statue was placed on the grounds of the National Deaf-Mute College in 1889.

He published:

1. A Sermon [from Isa. xxxv, 5-6] delivered at the Opening of the Connecticut Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb persons, at the request of the Directors, on Sunday Evening, April 20th, 1817, in the Brick Church in Hartford. Hartford, 1817. 8°, pp. 15.

Reprinted in Barnard's Eulogy and Humphrey's Life.

2. Discourses on various points of Christian Faith and Practice; most of which were delivered in the Chapel of the Oratoire, in Paris, in the Spring of 1816. New-York, 1818. 8°, pp. vii, 239.

Republished in London, 1818. Containing sixteen Discourses, one being the Sermon mentioned under the last head. Dedicated to Hannah More.

Anonymous articles, signed G.

5. An Address, delivered at a Meeting for Prayer, with reference to the Sandwich Mission, in the Brick Church in Hartford, October 11, 1819... Hartford, 1819. 8°, pp. 15.

At this meeting the Rev. Hiram Bingham's marriage was performed.

6. A Discourse [from I Cor. i, 27–28], delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Hartford Evangelical Tract Society in the Baptist Meeting-House, in Hartford, January 5, 1820. Hartford, 1820. 12°, pp. 11.
[A. C. A. C. H. S.]

7. A Discourse [from II Cor. vi, 1], delivered at the Dedication of the American Asylum, for the Education of Deaf and Dumb persons, May 22d, 1821. Hartford, 1821. 8°, pp. 15.

Republished in Barnard's *Tribute*, and Humphrey's *Life*.


The same. Concord, 1824. 8°, pp. 20.

This is sometimes referred to as *A Plea in behalf of the Deaf and Dumb*.


Originally published in the *Connecticut Observer*, a Hartford newspaper, in 1825, with the title, *Letters of a Father*.


11. An Address on Female Education, delivered, Nov. 21st, 1827, at the Opening of the Edifice erected for the accommodation of the Hartford Female Seminary. Hartford, 1828. 8°, pp. 34.


12. A Statement with regard to the Moorish Prince, Abduhl Rahhahman.—Published by order of the Committee appointed to solicit Subscriptions in New-York, to aid in redeeming the Family of the Prince from Slavery. New-York, 1828. 8°, pp. 8.

[A. C. A. B. Ath. Harv. Y. C.]

13. A Summary of an Address delivered at a Public Meeting, held on the Evening of October 21st, in the Middle Dutch Church, to aid the operations of the American Colonization Society. In the Proceedings of the Meeting, New York, 1829. 8°, pp. 5-13.

14. The Child's Picture Defining and Reading Book. Hartford, 1830. 12°, pp. 52. [B. Publ.]

Originally prepared for deaf-mutes. Several editions.


In many editions and translations.

17. The Youth's Book of Natural Theology, illustrated in Familiar Dialogues, with numerous engravings. Hartford, 1832. 12°, pp. 248 + 16 pl.


Many editions and translations.

Also, revised, 1835, with title, The Class-Book of Natural Theology, for Common Schools, and Academies; with . . . a copious list of Questions.

18. Lecture on the Principles of Association, as giving dignity to the Christian Character.


20. The Child's Book, on Repentance; designed, also, for older persons. Hartford, 1834. 12°, pp. 147 + pl.


25. Public Schools, Public Blessings. Published by the Executive Committee of the New York Public School Society, 1837.


An excellent manual.


Several editions.


He contributed largely to other periodicals. For example, to the American Annals of Education the following articles:

In volume 1, for 1831: Methods of Teaching to Read (pp. 49-51); Philosophy of Language (pp. 70-77, 117-23, being a revision of four articles in the United States Literary Gazette, volume 4, Boston, April-June, 1826); Language of Infancy (pp. 99-102, 321-23, and volume 2, for 1832, pp. 185-90). In volume 7, for 1837: Family and School Discipline (pp. 451-54, 510-14, 550-54). In volume 8, for 1838: Recollections of the Deaf and Dumb, to
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illustrate the principles of Family and School Discipline (pp. 1-11; and reprinted in the American Annals of the Deaf and Dumb, volume 2, pp. 54-59, October, 1848). In volume 9, 1839: On Attention (pp. 173-76).

Mention should also be made of his contributions to the Connecticut Common School Journal, 1838-40, and the Mothers' Magazine, 1838-51; and of the Annual Reports which he wrote of the American Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb from 1817 to 1830, and other Reports from his pen, as some of those of the Connecticut Colonization Society and the Hartford County Auxiliary Foreign Mission Society.


After his death were published:


Starting in life; or, Hints addressed to an elder scholar, to which is added "Going Apprentice." Philadelphia, American Sunday-School Union. [1862.] 12°, pp. 54 + pl.

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John McKinnie Gilmour came to College from Halifax, on the Roanoke River, in the northeastern part of North Carolina. He entered after the opening of the Sophomore year.

He returned to his native place after graduation, and died there in the earlier part of the year 1807, leaving a widow and an infant daughter.

One of his classmates contributed an Elegy, in prose, on his death to The Balance, a newspaper published in
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Catskill, New York; from the phraseology used in reference to his wife, it may perhaps be inferred that she was a native of Norwich, Connecticut, or the vicinity.

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AUTHORITIES.
The Balance, Sept. 8, 1807.

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TIMOTHY GOODWIN, the youngest of twelve children of Joseph Goodwin, of Bloomfield, then called Wintonbury Parish, in Windsor, Connecticut, and a nephew of Hezekiah Goodwin (Yale 1761), was born in Bloomfield on April 4, 1783. His mother was Rosanna, daughter of Captain Jonathan and Anna (Hubbard) Gillet, of Bloomfield.

For some years after graduation he was occupied in teaching.

On December 10, 1811, he married Beulah, third daughter of Deacon Nathaniel and Elizabeth (Raynolds) Ely, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts; and at his marriage his father gave him a farm in Bloomfield, on which he settled.

He died in Bloomfield on July 28, 1818, in his 36th year.

His widow died in Hartford on December 1, 1838, in her 47th year. Their children were two sons, the younger of whom died in infancy, and three daughters.

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AUTHORITIES.
Descendants of Nathaniel Ely, 44. Longmeadow Centennial, pt. 2, 60.
100. Goodwin Family, 475, 490-91.

EBENEZER GRAY, the eldest child of Colonel Ebenezer Gray (Yale 1763), of Windham, Connecticut, was born in Windham on May 16, 1787. His father died when he was eight years old.

He joined the United States Army in May, 1812, with the rank of First Lieutenant of the 11th Infantry, but resigned two months later.
He was occupied for longer or shorter periods in his life as a teacher in the vicinity of Windham. He died in Windham in 1844, at the age of 57. He was never married.

AUTHORITIES.

Heitman, Hist. Register of U. S. Army, i, 471.

Edward Hooker, the youngest of eleven children of Colonel Noahiah Hooker, of Farmington, Connecticut, and a brother of John Hooker (Yale 1796), was born in Farmington on April 27, 1785. His scholarship in College was high, and he delivered at Commencement an Oration on the influence of foreign manners and opinions.

Immediately on graduation he joined his brother John, in Columbia, South Carolina, for the study of law, intending to practice in the South. Later, he taught a school in what is now Cambridge, nearly sixty miles west of Columbia, from February, 1806, until March, 1807; and served as Tutor in South Carolina College, in Columbia, from March, 1807, to November, 1808. He then, just as he was ready for admission to the bar, returned to Connecticut, to accept a tutorship at Yale, where he remained for three years.

While in this position he became engaged to Elisabeth, second daughter of Captain Henry Daggett (Yale 1771), of New Haven; and in preparation for his marriage he resigned his office in the College, returned to Farmington, assumed the charge of his aged father's farm and other business affairs, and built a home for himself.

He was married on May 24, 1812.

His mother died in November, 1816, and he then took his father to his own house and fitted up the old home as a school for the preparation of boys, especially from the South, for College.

The school became quite noted, but after a few years a movement was undertaken for the establishment of an
Academy in Farmington, and Mr. Hooker closed his own school to further this plan.

He then settled down to literary work, active participation in the public affairs of the town, and scientific farming. He filled the offices of Town Clerk (1828–33), Justice of the Peace, and Judge of Probate (1834–36). He represented Farmington in the General Assembly in 1835, 1837, and 1838. From 1822 to 1834 he served as Deacon in the Congregational Church.

His intelligence and probity rendered him a most useful citizen, and he discharged all the duties of public office with wisdom and unblemished integrity.

He died in Farmington, after four days’ illness, from exhaustion and disease contracted by attendance on a dying brother, on May 5, 1846, at the age of 61.

His widow died in Hartford on August 2, 1869, at the age of 83.

Their children were two daughters and three sons. One daughter and one son died in infancy. The elder daughter married the Hon. Francis Gillette (Yale 1829). The elder son was graduated here in 1837, and the youngest became a Commander in the Navy.

Portions of Mr. Hooker’s very interesting manuscript Diary, from September, 1805, to December, 1808, were printed in the Annual Report for 1896 of the American Historical Association, volume 1, pp. 842–929.

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ROBERT JAMES HOUSTOUN, the youngest son of Sir George Houstoun, Baronet, of Savannah, Georgia, and grandson of Sir Patrick Houstoun, who came to Georgia in 1735, and Lady Priscilla Dunbar, was born in Savannah in 1784. His mother was Ann, daughter of Thomas Moodie, Deputy Secretary of the Province.
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He returned home after graduation, and there married Sarah, daughter of Major Alexander and Elizabeth (Fuller) McQueen.

He died at his residence in Savannah, after a long and distressing illness, on February 22, 1818, in his 34th year. His life had been an exemplification of sincere piety.

His only child was the mother of Brigadier General Robert H. Anderson, of the Confederate service.

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HEMAN HUMPHREY, the eldest of thirteen children of Solomon Humphrey, a substantial farmer of West Simsbury, now Canton, Connecticut, by his second wife, Hannah Brown, and grandson of Solomon and Naomi (Higley) Humphrey, of West Simsbury, was born on March 26, 1779. His mother was the eldest child of Captain John and Hannah (Owen) Brown, of West Simsbury, and an aunt of John Brown of Harper's Ferry. A brother was graduated at Middlebury College in 1813.

When he was about six years old the family removed to Burlington, then a parish in Bristol. He began school-teaching during the winters when in his 17th year; and this led finally to his preparation (while teaching in Harwinton, from 1800 to 1803), under the Rev. Joshua Williams (Yale 1780), for admission to the Junior Class at Yale. His diligence was such that he received a speaking appointment on graduation, delivering an Oration on the dangerous tendency in the prevailing neglect in the education of children.

On leaving College he at once began his theological studies under President Dwight's direction; and in the spring of 1806 removed to Goshen, where he continued his work under the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789).
September 30, 1806, he was licensed to preach by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers.

In October he received an invitation to preach as a candidate in Fairfield. He went there early in November, and remained for three months. Very soon after the close of this engagement, he received a unanimous call from the Fairfield church and congregation, which he thought it his duty to accept.

He was ordained and installed on April 16, 1807, the sermon on the occasion by Mr. Humphrey's pastor at Burlington, the Rev. Jonathan Miller (Yale 1781), being afterwards printed.

On April 20, 1808, he was married to Sophia, only daughter of Deacon Noah Porter, of Farmington, by her brother, the Rev. Noah Porter, Junior (Yale 1803).

The Fairfield pastorate continued for ten years. But the salary ($600) proved inadequate for a growing family, and Mr. Humphrey's health flagged under the pressure of circumstances. Finally with reluctance, and to the lasting regret of his people, he was dismissed in May, 1817.

He then preached for a few weeks in Hartford, where there was some prospect of his being called to the First Church. In the meantime he received an urgent invitation, in September, 1817, to the First Church in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where after a period of separation into two churches the breach had recently been healed. He accepted the call and was installed on November 27.

Six years of a very happy and useful pastorate, over one of the largest and most desirable congregations in the State, followed, during which an extensive revival of religion added about 170 members to the church.

In July, 1823, he was elected to the presidency of the Collegiate Institution in Amherst, Massachusetts, and a few weeks later he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Middlebury College.

Though ardently attached to his people, who were equally attached to him, and eminently successful in the
pastoral office, he felt it to be his duty to call a council of the neighboring ministers and churches for advice as to the offer made him; and in accordance with their advice he was dismissed on September 23.

He was inducted into the presidency on October 15, and for twenty-two years labored incessantly to build up the new institution. His first duties included the securing of a College charter from the Legislature (in February, 1825) and of funds for the endowment.

His duties of instruction, including the sole charge of the Senior Class, were onerous, and in addition when a College Church was formed in March, 1826, he was installed as the pastor. The influence of his character and example was a constant inspiration to the students, and his earnestness and consecration were visibly impressed on the life of the institution, while his tact and equanimity were invaluable qualities in his dealings with individuals.

He had the satisfaction of seeing the feeble College grow into an assured position; but as in the course of years the income fell below the expenses, there was manifested an impatience on the part of some of the Alumni for an infusion of new blood, to which he responded promptly by offering his resignation, in January, 1844, which was accepted to take effect in April, 1845.

For the most of the ensuing year he made his home with his son-in-law, the Rev. Henry Neill, in Hatfield, occupying his leisure largely by the supply of vacant congregations in the neighborhood.

He then settled in his old parish of Pittsfield, where with gradually lessening activity he awaited the end serenely and peacefully.

He died in Pittsfield, after a month's illness, on April 3, 1861, aged 82 years. The sermon preached at his funeral by his successor in the pastorate, the Rev. Dr. John Todd (Yale 1822), was afterwards published; the preacher emphasizes Dr. Humphrey's remarkably well-balanced character, and his great practical wisdom, integrity, sim-
plicity, magnanimity, benevolence, humility, and devoted piety.

His widow died in Pittsfield, after a week’s illness, from severe bronchitis, on December 13, 1868, aged 83 years.

Their children were five sons and five daughters, of whom two sons and two daughters survived them. Four sons were graduates of Amherst, in 1828, 1831, 1835, and 1843, respectively; three of these became clergymen, and the fourth was a lawyer and Member of Congress. Of the other sons, one died in infancy, and one in his Sophomore year in College.

The second daughter married the Rev. Dr. Henry Neill (Amherst 1834), and the third married the Rev. Dr. David Torrey (Amherst 1843).

An engraving from a portrait presented by the Alumni of Amherst to the College soon after his resignation, is given in Tyler’s History; and an engraving from another portrait in possession of the family is given in the Humphreys Family.

He published:

1. With the Rev. Roswell R. Swan (Yale 1802) and the Rev. William Bonney: Intemperance.—An Address, to the Churches and Congregations of the Western District of Fairfield County. New-Haven, 1813. 8°, pp. 31. [Y. C.


On ministerial support.

5. A Sermon [from Matth. ix, 35-38], preached at Lenox, at a meeting called for the purpose of forming a County Education Society, auxiliary to the American Society for educating pious youth for the Gospel Ministry, July 6, 1818. Pittsfield. 8°, pp. 32.


The Appendix, pp. 34-40, contains a brief historical sketch of the Church and Town of Pittsfield.

7. The character and sufferings of the Pilgrims.—A Sermon [from Ps. xlv, 1-3], delivered at Pittsfield, (Mass.) December 22, 1820. With an Appendix. Pittsfield, 1821. 8°, pp. 40.

The subject is Education, physical, mental, and moral; and the address is one of the author’s best efforts.

9. The good Pastor.—A Sermon [from Eph. iv, 11], preached in the City of Boston before the Pastoral Association of Massachusetts. May 31, 1826. Amherst, 1826. 8°, pp. 32.


Subject, The Lord our Help.


[A. C. A. B. Publ. U. T. S.

The same. London. [1830.] 16°, pp. 72. [Y. C.


Several editions. Occasioned by the forcible expulsion of the Indians from Georgia.


[A. C. A. Br. Mus. Y. C.


19. Letter to the Editor of the Literary and Theological Review. In volume 1, pp. 31-42 (January, 1834), of that periodical; an introduction to the work of the Review.


[A. C. A. B. Publ. Y. C.


Including Nos. 2, 4, 7-10, 13, 16, 18, with extracts from 1.
22. A Glorious Enterprise. A Discourse [from I John, iii, 8], delivered in the College Chapel, Amherst, Mass. June 29, 1834. Amherst, 1834. 8°, pp. 20.

[A. C. A. Br. Mus. C. H. S. U. T. S.]
A plea for warfare in Christ's service.


[A. C. A. C. H. S. Harv. U. T. S.]

A compilation and abridgment of the lives of ten British Christians.


[A. C. A. B. Publ. C. H. S. Y. C.

Against dueling.


28. A Sermon [from Ps. cii, 13-15], preached at Portland, Maine, Sept. 12, 1838, before the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, at their twenty-ninth annual meeting. Boston, 1838. 8°, pp. 32.


On Education.

Originally published in the New-York Observer in 1839 as Thoughts on Education.


A manual of pastoral duty; addressed to his eldest son.

33. The Bible in Common Schools, an introductory Lecture before the American Institute of Instruction. In the Lectures delivered at Pittsfield, August, 1843. Boston, 1844. 12°, pp. 1-30. [B. Ath. Y. C.]

34. The Woman that feareth the Lord.—A Discourse [from Prov. xxxi, 10, 30] delivered at the Funeral of Mrs. D. W. V. Fiske, February 21, 1844. Amherst, 1844. 16°, pp. 48. [B. Publ.]


Originally contributed to the New England Puritan, in 1844.

37. Mr. Webster’s Plea in the Case of the Girard Will. In the New Englander, volume 3, pp. 89-105, January, 1845.


Mrs. Williston was the wife of Payson Williston (Yale 1783).
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In his capacity as a member of the State Board of Education.


The Memoir occupies pp. 1-96.


46. Old Age.—A Discourse [from Ps. xc, 10], delivered at the Funeral of the Rev. Ebenezer Jennings of Dalton, Feb. 8, 1859. Pittsfield, 1859. 8°, pp. 19. [U. T. S. Y. C.]
Mr. Jennings was graduated at Williams College in 1800.


After his death the following was issued:


Printed from a manuscript in Amherst College Library.

He furnished Dr. Sprague with several sketches, which were printed in his Annals of the American Pulpit: in volume 2, of William Robinson (pp. 135-36), Dr. Alvan Hyde (pp. 303-05), Asahel Hooker (pp. 320-21), Dr. Giles H. Cowles (p. 331), and Dr. John Brown (pp. 590-91); and of Bishop Griswold, in volume 5 (pp. 420-21).

He printed six sermons in the National Preacher, as follows:

A dreadful meeting [from Isa. xlvi, 3], and Solemn Responsibility [from I Thess. v, 22], volume 4, pp. 269-84, November, 1829; Time measured by Eternity [from James iv, 14], volume 8, pp. 289-96, December, 1833; Wisdom and Folly [from Prov. i], volume 18, pp. 145-51, July, 1844; Waiting for a Revival [from Hab. ii, 3], volume 21, pp. 142-48, June, 1847; True and False Religion [from II Kings, x, 15], volume 26, pp. 97-110, May, 1852.

He also wrote much for various other periodicals, such as the New York Observer, the Panoplist, and the (Monthly) Christian Spectator.

He edited a selection from the Sermons of his third son, the Rev. John Humphrey (New York, 1856. 8°).

AUTHORITIES.


SAMUEL FARMAR JARVIS, the only surviving child of the Rt. Rev. Abraham Jarvis (Yale 1761), was born in Middletown, Connecticut, where his father was then Rector, on January 20, 1786. His father became Bishop of Connecticut in 1797, and in 1799 removed to Cheshire, where his son was already a student in the Episcopal Academy. The son entered the Sophomore Class in College in 1802.
His scholarship was distinguished, and he delivered on graduation an Oration on Religious Enthusiasm.

On taking the Master's degree in 1808, he delivered an Oration on the Origin and Progress of Romance.

He was ordained a Deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church by his father, in Trinity Church, New Haven, on March 18, 1810, and was advanced to the priesthood on April 5, 1811.

On July 3, 1810, he was married by his father to Sarah, the eldest child of Captain Elisha and Jeannette (McCurdy) Hart, of Saybrook, Connecticut, a lady of great personal beauty. They resided in his father's family in New Haven until March, 1811, when he accepted the rectorship of St. Michael's Church, in Bloomingdale, to the north of New York City. From the first it was expected that he should also assume the rectorship of St. James's Church, which had been built to accommodate the wealthy New Yorkers who had built summer homes on or near the East River and found St. Michael's Church too far away; but the adjustment of the proportions of the rector's salary to be paid by the two churches was not settled until October, 1813, after which he was instituted at St. James's.

He soon became a prominent factor in the diocese of New York, serving for two years (1818-20) on the Standing Committee, and officiating on Sunday afternoons in the winter of 1817-18 in Trinity Church during the absence of one of the assistant ministers. He took a leading part in the movement for the establishment of the General Theological Seminary, and in May, 1819, resigned his pastoral charge to devote himself to the duties of the Professorship of Biblical Learning in the Seminary, where he had apparently already for over a year been giving instruction. In the summer of 1819 the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by the University of Pennsylvania.

But hardly was he settled in his new chair, when he received a call (in March, 1820) to be the first Rector of
St. Paul's Church, Boston, whither he removed in June. He began his ministry there under highly favorable auspices, but a coolness gradually sprang up between the Rector and the leading laymen in the Church, due in part on the one hand to a failure to pay the promised salary ($2,500), and on the other to a disappointment in the drawing qualities of the minister, and a surmise that he was too eager for his own pecuniary interest. Doubtless there was some fault on both sides; but no one can read his correspondence with the wardens and vestry without a conviction of his integrity and his devotion to his sacred calling.

He resigned his charge on October 7, 1825, and in July, 1826, went to Europe with his family (he had then four children living), with a view of qualifying himself more perfectly for certain works which he had projected, bearing on the history of the Church.

During this absence he visited the most important European libraries, and collected a library of his own of remarkable value. He officiated in public services and pastoral work in different places, as he had opportunity. The most of his time was spent in Italy, where he gained an especially intimate knowledge of the practical workings of the Roman Church.

He returned to America in February, 1835, to accept the position of Professor of Oriental Literature in Trinity College, in Hartford, where he remained, however, for only two years. During this time he was continuing his careful preparation for his proposed historical work; and he resigned in order to have greater leisure for this purpose. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Trinity College in 1837.

He then accepted the rectorship of Christ Church in his native town, and in October, 1838, was appointed by the General Convention "Historiographer of the Church with a view to his preparing, from the most original sources now extant, a faithful Ecclesiastical History reaching from
the Apostles' times to the formation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States.” He had, while at Trinity College, taken the charge of two or three students in theology; and from the time of his removal to Middletown until his death he was regularly occupied with the instruction of a few candidates for the ministry. One great service of his to the Church was the training in theology of Bishop Williams of Connecticut. Meantime for many years, in fact since leaving Boston, he had been harassed by domestic troubles; and in May, 1839, Mrs. Jarvis presented a petition for a divorce, on grounds of cruelty and unbecoming conduct, to the State Legislature, which resulted in a trial before a Committee of the General Assembly, who refused to grant the petition. The distress caused by these charges and the publicity attending the trial led ultimately to the resignation of his rectorship in April, 1842; but he devoted himself during the rest of his life from April, 1843, to building up a small congregation in the adjoining town of Haddam.

He was able to publish an Introduction to his proposed History (in 1845), and volume 1 of the work itself (in 1850); but in the fall of the latter year symptoms of disease began to manifest themselves, and he died in Middletown on March 26, 1851, in his 66th year. He was buried in the vault of his mother's family in Trinity churchyard, New York City.

Dr. Jarvis had the advantage of ample fortune; was distinguished by courtly bearing and bland manner. His written style is almost faultlessly pure. He was transparently guileless in character and sincere in his Christian faith.

An engraving from an early portrait is given in the Jarvis Family, and in the Annals of St. Michael's.

He was a Trustee of Trinity College (1841-51) and of the General Theological Seminary; and filled various posts of honor and influence in the diocese of Connecticut.

His children were three sons, one of whom died in infancy, and three daughters. The youngest son was edu-
icated at Trinity College (Class of 1845), and became a clergyman of the Church. The eldest daughter married Osbert B. Loomis (Yale 1835).

Mrs. Jarvis died on December 28, 1863, in her 77th year. His valuable library, of about 10,000 volumes, chiefly in ecclesiastical history and antiquities, was sold by auction in New York in November, 1851. Many of the books had belonged to the historian Gibbon.

His collection of paintings was sold in the same month.

He published:

1. Want of Patronage the Principal Cause of the Slow Progress of American Literature.—An Oration, delivered before the Society of Phi Beta Kappa, upon the Anniversary of that Institution, December 5th, 1806. New-Haven, 1806. 8°, pp. 22.

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The edition was never published.

3. An Address, delivered in the City of New Haven, at the Laying of the Corner-Stone of Trinity Church, May 17th, 1814; together with the Form of Prayer composed for that occasion. New-Haven, 1814. 8°, pp. 15.


Also, a modern reprint.


Mrs. Hart was the mother of the preacher’s wife.

5. The duty of offering unto God Thanksgiving.—A Sermon [from Ps. 1, 14] preached in St. Michael’s Church, Bloomingdale, on the second Thursday in April, A.D. 1815; the day appointed by the President of the United States as a Day of Thanksgiving for the restoration of the blessings of Peace. New-York, 1815. 8°, pp. 16.


7. A Letter to the Chiefs of the Onondaga Indians, to convert them to Christianity. 1817.


9. The Conversation of our Saviour with Nicodemus illustrated.—A Sermon [from John iii, 9], preached in St. Paul's Church, Dedham, Wednesday, June 20, 1821, before the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the State of Massachusetts. With notes, and an Appendix, in which the Subject of Regeneration is more largely considered. Boston, 1822. 8°, pp. 76.


12. A Narrative of events connected with the Acceptance and Resignation of the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Boston. [Boston, 1825.] 8°, pp. 108.


13. A Sermon [from John iv, 31], preached in Christ Church, Hartford, before the Church Scholarship Society, Wed. Eve. August 5th, 1835; and by request, at an adjourned meeting of the Society,
in Christ Church, Middletown, before the Annual Convention of
the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Connecticut,

[Y. C.]

The same. 2d edition. Annexed to Extracts from the Journal

[M. H. S. Trinity Coll. U. T. S. Y. C.]

The subject is, the Necessity of providing Labourers for the
ingathering of God's Harvest.

14. Catalogue of the Pictures, which formed the Collection of
Joseph Capece Latro, ancient Archbishop of Taranto, &c. in the
Kingdom of Naples. Now exhibited in the New-York Dispensary
in White Street, for the benefit of that Charitable Institution.
New York, 1835. 8°, pp. 40.

[Preface signed S. F. J. The pictures belonged to Dr. Jarvis.

15. An Address to the Citizens of Hartford, on the Birth-Day
of Linneaus: May 24th, 1836. On behalf of the objects of the
Natural History Society. In the Transactions of the Society,
Hartford, 1836. 8°, pp. 64.

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16. Christian Unity necessary for the Conversion of the World:
a Sermon [from John xvii, 20-21], preached in St. Thomas's
Church, New-York, Sunday Evening, June 26, 1836, before the
Bishops, Clergy, and Laity, constituting the Board of Missions of
the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America.
New York, 1837. 8°, pp. 50.

Trinity Coll. U. T. S.]

17. The first Annual Address of a Rector to his Parishioners,
delivered in Christ Church, Middletown, Connecticut, on Easter
Monday, April 16, 1838. Middletown, 1838. 8°, pp. 28.


18. The long home of man: a Sermon [from Eccl. xii, 5],
preached in St. Stephen's Church, East Haddam; on Tuesday, the
16th day of January, 1838, at the Funeral of the Rev. Stephen

U. T. S. Y. C.]

On the doctrine of the intermediate state. Originally composed
in 1816.
19. An Address to the Inhabitants of Middletown, at their request, on the 17th of April, 1841, occasioned by the death of William Henry Harrison, late President of the United States of America. Middletown, 1841. 8°, pp. 27.


20. Two Discourses [from II Pet. i, 19-21, and II Thess. ii, 1-2]: with an Appendix in which Mr. Miller's scheme, concerning our Lord's second advent, is considered and refuted. New York, 1843. 12°, pp. 183.


21. No Union with Rome.—An Address to the Members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the United States of America, occasioned by the unjust accusation of a tendency in our communion towards the errors of the present Church of Rome. Hartford, 1843. 12°, pp. 44.


22. Worldly and Christian Education compared. A Sermon [from I Cor. viii, 1], preached in St. John's Church, South Hackney, on the first Sunday after Easter, April 14, 1844, in aid of the Parochial Schools. ... London, 1844. 8°, pp. 19.


23. The Holy of Holies seen through the Sanctuary. A Sermon [from Hebr. x, 24-25], preached in the Church of All Souls, St. Mary-le-Bone, the first Sunday after Trinity, 9th June, 1844, being the day appointed by the Lord Bishop of London for a general devotion of the offertory within his Lordship's Diocese, to the increase of churches in the Metropolis. London, 1844. 12°, pp. 31.

[Berkeley Div. School.]


The same. New-York, 1845. 8°, pp. xvi, 618.


Severely criticised by Professor James L. Kingsley (Yale 1799), in the New Englander for April, 1847.
25. A Synoptical Table of Egyptian and Sacred History. 1846.

   Anonymous.

   Treating of Christians as citizens, or rather colonists, of Heaven. In the Appendix, the Concordat between the churches of Scotland and Connecticut, in 1784, was printed for the first time.

28. The Promise to You and your Children. A Sermon [from Acts ii, 39] preached in Grace Church, Saybrook, after having baptized the infant son of the Rector, the Rev. Junius M. Willey, on the eighteenth Sunday after Trinity, October 11, 1846, P.M.
   Hartford, 1846. 8°, pp. 20.

29. The Presence of God in His Church.—A Sermon [from II Cor. iii, 5–6] preached in St. John's Church, Hartford, on Trinity Sunday May 30, 1847, ... at the Admission to the Order of Priests of the Rev. A. Jackson ...—To which is prefixed the Author's Vindication of his Chronology from the Aspersions of Professor Kingsley, in the last April number of the New Englander. Hartford, 1847. 8°, pp. 32.
   Answered by Professor Kingsley in the *New Englander* for October, 1847.


32. Vindication, of his Chronology from the aspersions of Prof. Kingsley ... In the *Church Review*, volume 1, pp. 82–103, April, 1848.
Answered by Professor Kingsley, in the New Englander for July, 1848. In this protracted controversy Professor Kingsley showed superior scholarship, as well as keener skill in argument.


34. A Voice from Connecticut; occasioned by the late Pastoral Letter of the Bishop of North Carolina, to the Clergy and Laity of his Diocese. Hartford, 1849. 8°, pp. 43.


On Priestly Absolution.

35. Egyptian Antiquities. In the Church Review, volume 3, pp. 1–27, April, 1850.


While in Boston he was one of the editors of The Gospel Advocate, a monthly periodical in the interest of the Episcopal Church.

In 1844 he edited the following:

Mariolatry: or, Facts and Evidences demonstrating the Worship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by the Church of Rome. By Thomas Hartwell Horne. Hartford. 12°, pp. 98.

AUTHORITIES.


AARON HERVEY KELSEY, son of Captain Aaron Kelsey, a soldier of the Revolution, was born in (North) Killingworth, Connecticut, on October 2, 1783.

He studied law after graduation in the office of Levi H. Clarke (Yale 1802), of Haddam, and was admitted to the bar, but never entered upon practice.
Shortly after his admission he went to Genesee County, New York, and remained there two years. He then returned to his native parish, where he spent the rest of his life. He had good intellectual powers and a retentive memory; but fell into intemperate habits, and was obliged to earn his support as a farm-laborer, and finally to become dependent on the town.

He died in Killingworth on July 4, 1863, in his 80th year. He was never married.

WALTER KING, a son of the Rev. Walter King (Yale 1782) by his first wife, Sarah Austin, was born in New Haven, on January 6, and was baptized on February 19, 1786. In his infancy his father was settled in the ministry in Norwich, Connecticut.

Soon after graduation he began a course of law studies in the office of Erastus Clark, of Utica, New York; and after his admission to the bar in 1809 became Mr. Clark's partner, until his death in November, 1825. He continued in practice for about seven years longer, for a part of the time in connection with James Dean. He was a good office-lawyer, but in 1832, as his health required more active employment, he purchased a small farm in Marcy, about ten miles northwest of Utica, where he continued for twenty years. Owing to his infirmities he then sold his farm, and was returning from a visit to friends in Dunkirk, and intending to settle again in Utica, when he died suddenly on board a canal-boat on the Genesee Valley Canal, on July 16, 1852, aged 66½ years.

He had long been a humble, devout, earnest Christian, and while residing in Utica was a trusted Elder in the Presbyterian Church and a favorite teacher in a Bible Class connected with that church.
He was married, in Windham, Connecticut, on November 13, 1809, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Hon. Jabez and Anne (Elderkin) Clark, of Windham, and a niece of his partner, Mr. Clark. She died on September 19, 1812, in her 23d year, leaving one daughter.

He next married, in October, 1815, Electa, daughter of Elias and Elizabeth (Baldwin) Jones, of Adams, Massachusetts, who survived him with one son,—a daughter having died in infancy.

He published:


AUTHORITIES.

Bagg, Pioneers of Utica, 263-64. Geneal. & Biogr. Record, xlii, 42.
Baldwin Genealogy, ii, 621. N. Y.

James McBride was born in Williamsburg County, South Carolina, on April 17, 1784, and entered College in the Junior year from Salem, in the northern part of Sumter County. He was early left an orphan, with small means, and secured his education by indefatigable industry and perseverance.

He studied medicine after graduation, and settled as a physician in the neighborhood of Pineville, in Berkeley County. Late in life he removed to Charleston, where he died, during an epidemic of yellow fever, on September 21, 1817.

Much of his leisure was devoted to his favorite study of botany, to which he made valuable contributions. The second volume (Charleston, 1824) of Dr. Stephen Elliott's Sketch of the Botany of South Carolina and Georgia is inscribed to his memory, in evidence of his valuable aid. Dr. Elliott adds to his acknowledgments:

Profoundly skilled in his profession and high in the confidence of his fellow citizens, he fell a victim to the fatigues and exposure
of an extensive practice. In the midst of a brilliant career, with prospects of increasing usefulness and extended reputation, he died at the age of 33.

Of his publications the following only have been noticed:

On the Power of Sarracenia adunca to entrap Insects;

Some Account of the Lycoperdon solidum of the Flora Virginica, the Lycoperdon cervinum of Walter.


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Elliott, Sketch of Botany of S. C. ñedia of Amer. Biography, xi, 203.
and Ga., ii, vii-viii. National Cyclo-

JOHN MORIN SCOTT MCKNIGHT, the only son of Dr. Charles McKnight (Princeton Coll. 1771), a distinguished surgeon of New York City, who was also Professor of Anatomy in Columbia College, and grandson of the Rev. Charles McKnight, of Cranberry, New Jersey, was born in New York on April 20, and baptized on May 9, 1784. His mother was Mary, only daughter of General John Morin Scott (Yale 1746), of New York. His father died in 1791, and his mother in 1796.

He left College during his Junior year, but was admitted to his degree with his Class in 1846.

He studied medicine with Dr. Wright Post, of New York, and was admitted to practice in April, 1808.

On November 21, 1821, he married Maria, eldest daughter of William and Isabella (White) Edgar, of New York.

Dr. McKnight was at one time eminent in his profession, and ranked as high as any of the practitioners of his generation; but after his marriage, being in the enjoyment of ample pecuniary means, he retired in a great measure from practice, and pursued his profession merely as a source of occupation to himself, and as a means of charity to the poor. He was connected with several hospitals, was one of the founders of the St. Nicholas Society, and a member of the Society of the Cincinnati.
He died in New York on May 8, 1848, aged 64 years. His widow died on March 9, 1871, in her 84th year. Their only child was a son who left descendants.

He was of stout build, about six feet in height, and of rather dark complexion. Two portraits of him are in the possession of the family.

**AUTHORITIES.**

*D. Theodorus Bailey, MS.* Letters, February, 1911. Duyckinck and

**ALLEN McLEAN,** the youngest son of Captain Alexander McLean, of (North) Bolton, now Vernon, Connecticut, and grandson of Allen and Mary (Loomis) McLean, of Vernon, was born on June 20, 1781. His mother was Joanna, eldest child of Jonathan and Miriam (Spalding) Smith, of Bolton. A sister married Elijah F. Reed, M.D. (honorary Yale 1822).

He studied theology after graduation, and was licensed to preach by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers on September 29, 1807.

In February, 1809, he was called, on a salary of $450, to the Congregational Church in Simsbury. He continued to preach there through the following summer, accepting the call on July 20, and on August 16 he was ordained and installed as pastor.

In 1846 his eyesight began to fail, and in 1848 he suddenly became totally blind. A colleague pastor was settled in May, 1850, but Mr. McLean continued in office until his death, in Simsbury, on March 19, 1861, in his 80th year. At his funeral a discourse was read which had been written, by Mr. McLean's request, many years before, by the Rev. Jairus Burt (Amherst Coll. 1824), of the neighboring parish of Canton, who died in 1857.

Mr. McLean married, on January 21, 1810, Sally, third daughter of Timothy and Sarah (Olmsted) Pratt, of East Hartford, who died on October 27, 1831, in her 51st year.
He next married, on January 28, 1833, Nancy, second daughter of Captain Lot and Keziah (Cleveland) Morgan, of Plainfield, who died on September 22, 1860, in her 66th year.

By his first marriage he had four sons and a daughter. The third son was graduated here in 1836, and became a minister; two grandsons have also received Yale degrees, B.A. 1865, and M.D. 1871, respectively.

He published:


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FREDERICK MARSH, the eldest of eight children of Jonathan Marsh, a farmer and carpenter of New Hartford, Connecticut, and grandson of Jonathan and Theodosia (Kellogg) Marsh, of New Hartford, was born on September 18, 1780. His mother was Damaris, second daughter of Caleb and Damaris (Porter) Pitkin, of New Hartford. He was prepared for College by the Rev. Ammi R. Robbins (Yale 1760), of Norfolk, and joined the College Church on profession of his faith in July of his Freshman year.

After graduation he studied theology with the Rev. Asahel Hooker (Yale 1789), of Goshen, and was licensed as a preacher by the Litchfield North Association of Ministers on September 30, 1806. He spent the following year in preaching in North Goshen and New Preston, and in
Newark, New Jersey. He then in the course of another year declined calls to Simsbury and Branford, on account of ill health.

In January, 1808, he began to supply the pulpit in Winchester, Connecticut; and after some months of travel, and having once declined a call to the pastorate, he accepted (on December 30, 1808) a second unanimous call, on a salary of $430, and was ordained and installed on February 1, 1809.

He married, on May 22, 1809, Parnal, daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Flower) Merrill, of New Hartford.

On February 1, 1846, he relinquished his salary, and asked for a colleague, who was settled in August, 1846; and on October 2, 1851, both pastors were dismissed at their own request.

For the next ten years, until his eyesight failed, “Father Marsh,” as he was affectionately called, preached more or less for neighboring churches as occasion arose.

He continued to reside in the house which had been his home since 1809, and died there on February 6, 1873, in his 93d year, being then the oldest Congregational minister in the State. The Discourse delivered at his funeral by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Eldridge (Yale 1829), of Norfolk, was afterwards published. Father Marsh is described as “an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile.”

He was a Trustee of the Theological Institute of Connecticut from 1836 to 1870. His children were three daughters (one of whom died in infancy) and five sons. The second daughter married the Rev. George Carrington (Yale 1822).

A portrait is given in the History of Winchester, and elsewhere.

He published:

1. A Sermon [from Zech. i, 5–6] delivered to the First Society in Winchester, November 10, 1822; being the day which completed Half a Century from the ordination of their first minister. Hartford, 1823. 8°, pp. 23. [B. Publ.]
Robert Moore was born in that part of Stratford, Connecticut, which afterwards became Huntington, on October 21, 1781. He was probably a son of Captain Robert Moore, by his wife Phebe, daughter of Captain Joseph and Elizabeth (Curtiss) Tomlinson.

After graduation he studied law, and was admitted to practice in Auburn, in Central New York. He soon removed to Wyoming County, in the western part of the State, at first settling in Warsaw, and finally in 1818 in Perry, some five miles distant.

Here he practiced his profession, and filled various local offices, such as Justice of the Peace (from 1829), Supervisor, and School Inspector. After about 1835, on account of his health, he did not engage much in business. He accumulated a handsome property.

He died in Perry on February 22, 1854, in his 73d year. He was married, in Leroy, Genesee County, on January 15, 1827, and left a large family of children.

George Olcott, the second and elder surviving son of the Hon. Simeon Olcott (Yale 1761), of Charlestown, New Hampshire, was born in Charlestown on November 22, 1785. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.
On leaving College he began at once the study of law in the office of the Hon. Benjamin West (Harvard 1768), of Charlestown, and was admitted to the bar in 1808. From 1810 he practiced his profession successfully in his native village until August, 1824, when he was appointed Cashier of the first bank chartered in Charlestown, called the Connecticut River Bank. He held that office until his death, when he was probably the oldest Cashier in the United States.

He filled also various town offices, including that of Treasurer from 1837. Though frequently urged he would never consent to become a candidate for the Legislature, nor for any office that would take him away for any considerable time from his duties in connection with the bank.

He died in Charlestown on February 4, 1864, in his 79th year.

One who knew him well, wrote of him the day after his death:

An entire want of selfishness was one of his most prominent characteristics. In social life he was noted for his courteous manners, his genial disposition, and his ready sympathy ..., and in his official life for the faithful discharge of his public duties; yet it was said of him in the village where he had always lived, when his death was announced, that "he never had an enemy." As a citizen he was generous, public-spirited, and always lent his influence and used his means in the right direction. Educated in the Federal school of politics, in his more mature years he remained a firm and most ardent disciple of that faith.

He married in 1831 Charity, sixth daughter of Deacon Timothy and Lois (Hammond) West, of Charlestown, and widow of her first cousin, Deacon Benjamin West, of Boston. She died on May 24, 1836, in her 54th year, leaving no children.

He next married, in August, 1837, Emily Ann, eldest daughter of Isaac and Susan (Claxton) Silsby, of Charlestown, who survived him with their children, three sons.

A photograph, taken in advanced life, is given in the History of Charlestown.
JOEL PAGE was born in Conway, Franklin County, Massachusetts, on October 31, 1784, the son of Theophilus and Mabel Page, of Conway. He entered College after the opening of the Sophomore year.

He is reported to have lived in Easton, Maryland, and to have died there in 1832, at the age of 48.

JOHN OWEN PETTIBONE, the fourth son of Colonel Jonathan Pettibone, of Simsbury, Connecticut, and grandson of Colonel Jonathan and Martha (Humphrey) Pettibone, of Simsbury, was born on October 22, 1787. His mother was Hannah, daughter of John and Esther (Humphrey) Owen, of Simsbury. He entered College after the opening of the Freshman year.

He spent his life in his native place, highly respected and honored. In 1822 and 1828 he was a member of the State Legislature, and in 1834 of the State Senate.

He outlived all his classmates, and died in Simsbury on August 19, 1876, in his 89th year. He never married.

THOMAS RUGGLES, the youngest child of Dr. Nathaniel Ruggles, Jr. (Yale 1758), of Guilford, Connecticut, was born in Guilford on August 17, 1777. His father died in 1793. He united with the College Church on profession of his faith at the end of Freshman year.

After graduation he studied theology, and he was licensed to preach by the New Haven West Association of Ministers on September 30, 1806.
Biographical Sketches, 1805

He was called to settle over the Congregational Church in Derby, in March, 1809; but owing to divisions in the parish he asked, in May, the advice of the New Haven West Association as to his acceptance; and was advised to defer his answer for a few months. He was ordained and installed as pastor in Derby on August 31, 1809, the sermon on the occasion by the Rev. Aaron Dutton (Yale 1803), the Guilford pastor, being afterwards published.

On April 9, 1812, an ecclesiastical council was called to take action on charges against Mr. Ruggles. He was ready to resign, on the score of health; but other reasons led the council to dismiss him from his charge, and virtually if not actually to depose him from the ministry.

His wife, Hannah, daughter of Elisha and Abigail (Hawley) Shelton, of Huntington, an adjacent town, died on October 2, 1814, in her 27th year; and before the close of that year he married Lucinda, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Atwater) Hull, of Wallingford. He then removed to Wallingford, and is said to have conducted for a time the Union Academy in that town.

His wife's father died in May, 1819, and as she inherited a considerable estate, he then gave up teaching.

He died, insolvent, in Wallingford, on November 29, 1836, in his 60th year; his widow died on April 11, 1853, in her 74th year. A daughter by his first wife died shortly after him. Several illegitimate children survived him.

AUTHORITIES.


William Mather Smith, the only child of the Hon. John Cotton Smith (Yale 1783), of Sharon, Connecticut, was born in Sharon on August 18, 1787, and was baptized by his grandfather, the Rev. Cotton Mather Smith (Yale 1751), on February 6, 1791. He united with the College Church at the end of Freshman year.
After graduation he began the study of law with his maternal uncle, Nicholas Evertson (Yale 1787), of New York City, who died of a malignant fever in April, 1807. Mr. Smith contracted the disease, with the result that his constitution was so shattered as to change all his plans of life. He retired to Sharon, and devoted himself for nearly forty years to the comfort of his parents.

He was married on February 19, 1809, to Helen, daughter of Gilbert Robert and Martha (Kane) Livingston, of Rhinebeck, New York.

He inherited the graceful and dignified traits of his father and grandfather, and was a man of devoted piety, who spent his life literally in doing good. As early as 1818 he entered warmly into the duty of sustaining and advancing the interests of Sunday Schools, and the business of instructing youth through that medium was his chosen and beloved employment for the rest of his days. For more than forty-five years he was the Superintendent of the Sunday School in Sharon, and his happy method of exposition was remarkably adapted to interest the pupils and to attach them warmly to himself.

In September, 1828, he was chosen to the office of a Deacon in the Congregational Church, which he greatly honored and held until his death.

He died in Sharon, after a brief illness, in great peace of mind, on March 19, 1864, in his 77th year; and his widow in May, 1867.

Of their three sons, the eldest was graduated at Yale in 1830; the second was graduated at the Berkshire Medical School in 1833; the third was graduated at Rutgers College in 1832, and died just as he was entering on the work of the ministry.

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ELIHU SPENCER, son of the Hon. Isaac Spencer, of Millington Parish, in East Haddam, Connecticut, Treasurer of the State of Connecticut from 1818 to 1835, and grandson of Major General Joseph Spencer, of Millington, was born in 1783. The Rev. Dr. Elihu Spencer (Yale 1746) was his great-uncle. His mother was Lucretia, eldest daughter of Harris and Elizabeth (Turner) Colt, of Lyme. He united with the College Church near the close of his Freshman year.

He studied law, and settled in practice in Durham, Greene County, New York, thence removing to Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio.

He died in Warren, on July 21, 1819, aged 36 years.

He married, while in Durham, about the 1st of February, 1812, Sally Lyman, of Durham, Connecticut.

GARDINER SPRING, the eldest surviving son of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Spring (Princeton 1771), the able and influential minister of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and grandson of Colonel and Deacon John and Sarah (Read) Spring, of Northbridge, Massachusetts, was born in Newburyport on February 24, 1785. His mother was Hannah, second daughter of the Rev. Dr. Samuel Hopkins (Yale 1749), of Hadley, Massachusetts. Two of his brothers were graduates of Yale,—in the Classes of 1811 and 1819, respectively. His preparation for College was mainly gained in the Newburyport Grammar School. He entered Yale in 1800, but on the failure of his health withdrew at the close of Freshman year, and a year later joined the next College Class. He was chosen to give the Valedictory Oration at graduation.

He then entered at once the law office of Judge David Daggett (Yale 1783), in New Haven, supporting himself mainly by serving as precentor in the First Church and
by conducting a large singing-school. Meantime he accepted an invitation to go to Bermuda as a teacher, and remained there from the early part of 1806 until the middle of September, 1807. During his first vacation he returned to New Haven, and on May 25, 1806, he was married by the Rev. Moses Stuart (Yale 1799) to Susan, daughter of Captain Hanover and Phebe (Wolcott) Barney, of New Haven, who had been a pupil in his singing-school.

While in Bermuda he pursued his legal studies under the advice of Chief Justice John C. Esten (Yale 1792); and on his return to New Haven he entered the office of the Hon. Nathan Smith (honorary M.A. Yale 1808).

At the Commencement in 1808 he delivered a Master's Oration, on the Patriot; and on the next day listened to a powerful sermon by the Rev. Dr. John M. Mason, of New York, on the duty of preaching the Gospel, which had a lasting effect on his life.

He was admitted to the bar in New Haven on December 15, 1808, and at once opened an office for practice. On April 24, 1809, he united with the First Church, and began an active Christian life; and during the following summer closed up his legal business and made arrangements to enter the Theological Seminary just opened at Andover, Massachusetts, in September.

He remained at Andover for only eight months, and having secured a license to preach he left there in May, 1810, to attend the meeting of the Presbyterian General Assembly in Philadelphia.

On his way thither he preached an evening lecture in New York; and on his return was invited to supply the pulpit of the Brick Presbyterian Church, on the triangular plot now bounded by Beekman and Nassau streets and Park Row, for three Sundays. His appearance on June 3, the first of these Sundays, gave so great satisfaction that he was voted the next day a unanimous call to the pastorate, with a salary of $2,500. His acceptance of this call
was sent from Andover on July 6, and his ordination and installation followed on August 8.

The position was a conspicuous and exacting one, especially for a minister with such limited training and experience; but the man responded to the call, and maintained himself with dignity and credit. In 1819, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Hamilton College, and in the same year his salary was increased to $3,250; it remained at this figure until 1854, when it was raised to $5,000. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was given him by Lafayette College in 1853.

He was repeatedly called to other responsible stations (as, during his early ministry to the Presidencies of Dartmouth and Hamilton Colleges, and later to a professorship in Princeton Theological Seminary), but he remained faithful to his people; and they remained faithful to him.

As early as 1848 his increasing years rendered a considerable amount of pulpit assistance necessary; and in October, 1855, Dr. Spring, especially in view of failing eyesight, asked for further help, evidently preferring the appointment of a colleague. The matter was temporarily put aside, in consequence of the project for a removal up-town. In 1856 a lot of land was purchased on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Thirty-seventh Street, and the new church was opened in October, 1858. A colleague-pastor was installed in May, 1859, and Dr. Spring was relieved of all duty.

After two years of invalidism, Mrs. Spring died on August 7, 1860, in her 73rd year.

On August 14, 1861, Dr. Spring was again married, to Abba Grosvenor, the only surviving child of Elisha Williams, a distinguished lawyer of Hudson, New York, and Lucia (Grosvenor) Williams. She died shortly before Dr. Spring. Dr. and Mrs. Spring were second cousins, though the relationship was not discovered until after their marriage.
After a further period of gentle decay, Dr. Spring died in New York City on August 18, 1873, aged 88½ years.

A Discourse delivered later by his colleague, the Rev. Dr. Murray, with the addresses at the funeral, was subsequently published.

By his first wife he had seven sons and eight daughters: of these, seven children survived him.

Copies of two portraits, one in early and one in later life, are given in his great-grandson’s History of the Brick Church.

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SAMUEL STEVENS, the eldest of four sons of General Ebenezer Stevens, of New York City, who were graduated at Yale (in 1805, 1807, 1811, and 1813, respectively), and grandson of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Weld) Stevens, of Boston, was born in New York on March 14, 1785. His mother was Lucretia, daughter of John and Mary (Austin, Ellery) Ledyard, of Hartford, Connecticut, and widow of Richardson Sands, of Sands' Point, Long Island. He entered Yale after the opening of the Sophomore year, and received an ad eundem degree at Princeton in 1805.

After graduation he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1809. He practiced his profession in New York, and maintained a highly honorable standing. He was an alderman of the city, and the Anti-masonic candidate for Lieutenant Governor in 1830 and 1831. He died in New York on November 24, 1844, in his 60th year. He was never married.

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EARL SWIFT, the third son of Barzillai and Sarah (Fear-ing) Swift, of Mansfield, Connecticut, and grandson of Rowland and Mary (Dexter) Swift, of Sandwich, Massachusetts, was born in Mansfield on April 8, 1784. His father was a well-to-do farmer, and he remained on the farm until he was sixteen. He was then prepared for the Sophomore Class by his pastor, John Sherman (Yale 1792).

Soon after graduation he began the study of medicine with his brother-in-law, Dr. Jabez Adams, of Mansfield, and continued it with Dr. Joseph Palmer, of Ashford. He also attended a course of lectures in the Harvard Medical School, and was licensed to practice in May, 1808, and in the same year established himself in Windham. On April 18, 1810, he married Laura, youngest daughter of Captain Ralph and Eunice (Huntington) Ripley, of Windham.
In 1812 he removed to Wethersfield, where he practiced for two years, and then returned to (South) Mansfield, and continued there during the remainder of his life. He had a large practice, and was very skilful and successful as a physician, and beloved and respected as a man of sound and discriminating judgment.

He received the honorary degree of M.D. from Yale in 1830.

He relinquished practice only about a year before his death, which occurred in Mansfield on June 14, 1869, in his 86th year.

His wife died on April 17, 1870, in her 78th year.

His children were six sons and four daughters, of whom all but two sons survived him.

ZACHARIAH TOMLINSON, the youngest son of Josiah Tomlinson, a farmer of Newtown, Connecticut, and a nephew of Zachariah Tomlinson (Yale 1788), was born in Newtown on May 5, 1784. His mother was Anna, youngest daughter of Samuel and Abigail (Nichols) Shelton, of Huntington, and a first cousin of her husband's mother.

His residence remained in Newtown, but he died, of phthisis, in Trumbull, on January 27, 1838, in his 54th year.

He was probably unmarried.

WILLIAM WELCH, the eldest child of John Welch (Yale 1778), and Rosetta (Peebles) Welch, and grandson of
Major David and Irene (Marsh) Welch, of Litchfield, Connecticut, was born in Litchfield on August 6, 1785.

In June, 1808, he received a commission as First Lieutenant of the 4th Infantry in the Army of the United States, and in June, 1810, he was promoted to the rank of Captain; but he died, in Newport, Kentucky, on August 25, 1811, having just entered on his 27th year.

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Salmon Wheaton, son of Orange Wheaton, of Marbledale, in Washington, Connecticut, and grandson of Joseph and Lydia (Kent) Wheaton, was born in 1782. The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel S. Wheaton (Yale 1814) was his first cousin. He did not enter College until 1804.

In January, 1806, he began his studies for the Episcopal ministry with Bishop Jarvis, in New Haven, at the same time residing in the Bishop’s family, and he was ordained Deacon by the Bishop on September 1, 1807. He officiated in Stamford from the 1st of October until his advancement to the priesthood by Bishop Jarvis on September 4, 1808. Soon after that date, at the request of the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Bela Hubbard (Yale 1758), he was engaged as Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, New Haven, where he remained until his acceptance of a call to the rectorship of Trinity Church, Newport, Rhode Island, in October, 1810.

His predecessor at Newport was the Rev. Dr. Theodore Dehon (Harvard 1795), who was afterwards Bishop of South Carolina; and Mr. Wheaton was married in Trinity Church, Boston, on September 24, 1812, by the Rev. Dr. John S. J. Gardiner, to Ann, sister of Dr. Dehon, and daughter of Theodore Dehon, of Boston.

During his long ministry in Newport he raised a permanent fund of $10,000 for the parish. He was for twenty
years the President of the Standing Committee of the
diocese and a deputy to the General Convention.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was con-
ferred on him by Trinity College in 1835.

He resigned his charge in April, 1840, and removed to
Johnstown, Fulton County, New York, where he served
as Rector of St. Michael's Church.

At Easter, 1843, he was taken ill during service in
church, and after suffering acutely for nineteen months,
his death there followed on December 24, 1844, at the age
of 62. He was buried in a tomb under St. Paul's Church,
Boston, as was also his widow, who died on December 8,
1855, aged 73 years.

A tablet inscribed to their memory was erected in Trinity
Church, Newport, by their daughters. One daughter mar-
rried Dr. David King (Brown Univ. 1796).

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JOHN MILTON WHITON, son of Dr. Israel Whiton, of
Ashford, Connecticut, and Winchendon, Massachusetts,
was born in Winchendon on August 1, 1785. His mother
was Dorothy, second daughter of Samuel and Azubah
(Howe) Crosby, of Winchendon. He was prepared for
College at the Leicester (Massachusetts) Academy, and
entered Dartmouth College in 1801. By his father's
desire he left Dartmouth in 1804, and spent his Senior year
at Yale. He was distinguished for scholarship, and espe-
cially for his proficiency in the classical languages.

He then spent one year as an assistant of James Morris
(Yale 1775), in his Academy in Litchfield South Farms,
now Morris, Connecticut, where he formed the acquaint-
ance of Mr. Morris's eldest child, Abby, to whom he was
married on October 18, 1808.
In the fall of 1806 he returned to Dartmouth College to attend medical lectures, supposing that his voice was not sufficient for public speaking. But on arriving in Hanover, after some mental struggle, he concluded to begin theological studies under the direction of Professor Roswell Shurtleff (Dartmouth 1799). He completed his studies with the Rev. Dr. Samuel Austin (Yale 1783), of Worcester, Massachusetts, and in July, 1807, began to supply the Presbyterian Church in Antrim, Hillsboro County, New Hampshire. A call was voted him by the town in September; but after a month or two he declined it, perhaps from lack of unanimity, or from consciousness of incomplete preparation, and went away. In May, 1808, the call was renewed, with a salary of $450, and on his acceptance, notwithstanding some opposition, he was ordained and installed there on September 28, 1808.

By his prudence and charity he soon gained the hearts of the community; but in 1826 a new meeting-house was built, and much opposition was developed in reference to its location. Happily, however, a powerful revival of religion, which brought nearly one hundred persons into the church, swept aside the opposers.

After other periods of like progress, a special revival was enjoyed in 1851, and Dr. Whiton (the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity having been conferred on him by Princeton in 1848) with characteristic prudence took advantage of this time to announce, in May, 1852, his intended resignation of the pastorate, on account of the burden of advanced age, and the arduousness of his work in the large and hilly territory comprising the parish. He preached his farewell sermon on the last Sunday of December, 1852, and after a few weeks spent elsewhere, removed to the adjoining village of Bennington, where without resuming the pastoral relation, he served as acting pastor of the small Congregational Church (of only forty members) until his death, on September 27, 1856, in his 72d year.
His widow died on April 10, 1865, in her 82d year.

His children, two sons and four daughters, all survived him. The eldest daughter married the Rev. Josiah Ballard (Yale 1833), and the second daughter married Cyrus S. Richards (Dartmouth 1835); the Rev. Dr. James Morris Whiton (Yale 1853) and the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Richards (Yale 1860) are grandsons.

An engraved portrait of Dr. Whiton is given in the History of Antrim.

In his ministry he was distinguished for his retiring and unostentatious character, as also for his eminent wisdom and sound practical sense, and the faculty of expressing a great deal in a few words. These qualities gave him an extensive influence in the region of his residence. His ministry was a successful one, and his church a shining example of healthy growth and internal peace.

Besides his proper ministerial work, he took a deep interest in education, and served as chairman of the school-committee of the town for nearly forty years. About eighty young men studied under his care in preparation for admission to College or for the ministry.

Two likenesses of Dr. Whiton are reproduced in the Commemorative pamphlet published by his descendants in 1908.

He published:


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Mr. O. C. Whiton was a brother of the preacher.


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He left in manuscript a History of Presbyterianism in New Hampshire; and also four lectures on the history of his native town to 1820, which were incorporated in the later history prepared by the Rev. A. P. Marvin.

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JOSHUA LEWIS WILLIAMS, son of the Rev. Joshua Williams (Yale 1780), of Southampton, Long Island, was baptized by his father on March 6, 1785. In his infancy his father removed to Harwinton, Connecticut. He united with the College Church near the close of his Freshman year.

He studied theology, and was ordained and installed on June 14, 1809, as pastor of the Congregational Church in Middletown Upper Houses, now Cromwell, where he remained until his much lamented death, on December 29, 1832, aged nearly 48 years.

He was a judicious, devoted, and useful minister; and apart from his pastoral work was especially faithful in his oversight of the schools in his parish, besides teaching lads in his own house. Two hundred and thirty-one members were added to the church under his ministry, there being especially large accessions in 1818 and 1827.

He married Catharine, fourth daughter of Judge John Mix (Yale 1775), of Farmington, who survived him, dying on October 23, 1863, in her 76th year.

They had one son and two daughters who grew to maturity.

He published:


Mr. Wilcox was a parishioner of the author.

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APPENDIX

The graduates commemorated in the present volume are 540 in number.

The places of their nativity, so far as known, are as follows:—Connecticut, 403 (New Haven County, 88; Hartford County, 70; Litchfield County, 62; Fairfield County, 54; New London County, 44; Windham County, 41; Middlesex County, 26; Tolland County, 18); Massachusetts, 55; New York, 33; South Carolina, 16; Georgia, 9; New Hampshire, 3; Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, 2, each; Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, 1, each; outside of the United States, 4.

In their latest or principal places of residence they may be classified as follows:—Connecticut, 210; New York, 142; Massachusetts, 45; Ohio, 23; South Carolina, 22; Georgia, 13; Pennsylvania and Vermont, 12, each; North Carolina, 6; Maine and New Hampshire, 5, each; etc.

As to their occupations, 182 were lawyers; 109, ministers; 87, in business; 40, teachers; 37, physicians; 27, farmers and planters.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Page 318, line 6 from bottom. A JOHN AKIN, possibly the graduate, was married in Poughkeepsie, by the Rev. Philander Chase, early in 1803, to Belphane Cook, and had a daughter and son, born 1803-05; she was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Breested) Cook, of Poughkeepsie, born in 1776.

Page 330, line 10 from bottom, for 1810, read 1801.

Page 628, line 11 from bottom. JOHN H. BEACH died on August 8, 1839, aged 54 years. He had also been for years President of the Auburn Bank.
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