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CLASS OF 1790.


He was the son of Solomon Stoddard, (Y. C. 1756,) and was born in Northampton, Mass., Feb. 18, 1771.

After completing his Collegiate course, he entered as a law student the office of the late Governor Strong of Massachu-
setts. On admission to the bar he practised law for a year and a half in Williamstown, Mass., and then settled for life in his native town. Here he continued the active duties of his pro-
fession till 1810, when he was chosen register of deeds for the county of Hampshire. In 1821 he was appointed clerk of the courts of the same county, which office he resigned in 1837. Several times he was sent by the town as representative to the Legislature of the State, and he filled moreover with great fidelity many offices of trust in the region of his residence. At the age of 67 he retired from public life.

In 1799 he married Miss Sarah Tappan, who died in 1852. Their children were seven sons and one daughter. Two of the sons have deceased; the eldest, Professor Solomon Stoddard, (Y. C. 1820,) and the youngest, Rev. David Tappan Stoddard, (Y. C. 1838,)
1793.

PERLEE BRUSH died in Warren, Trumbull Co. Ohio, August 4, 1860, aged 90.

He was, as is supposed, born in the State of New York.

For many years after graduation he was engaged in teaching, in Ohio, and several young men were fitted for College under him. At an early day he purchased a farm in Coitsville, Mahoning County, (formerly Trumbull Co.) Ohio, and there resided most of the rest of his days, living with his tenant. A few of his later years were passed in Hubbard, Trumbull Co., Ohio.

JOSEPH RUSSELL died in Ellington, Conn., January 8, 1861, aged 85.

He was the son of Noadiah (Y. C. 1750) and Esther (Talcott) Russell, and was born in Thompson, Conn.

He studied theology and was settled as pastor of a church in Princeton, Mass. Compelled by severe and protracted illness to leave the work of a parish minister, he engaged in mercantile life in Troy, N. Y., and after several years thus employed he retired to Milford, Conn. The latter part of his life was spent in Ellington.

HENRY MEIGS died in New York City, May 20, 1861, aged 78.

He was the son of Professor Josiah Meigs (Y. C. 1778) and was born in New Haven, Conn., October 28, 1782.

He studied law and resided in New York City engaged in practice more than fifty years. He was much in public life. From 1819 to 1821 he was a Representative in Congress from New York City. In 1832-3 he was President of the Board of Aldermen of New York, and he was also Representative of that city in the State Legislature. He was likewise Judge of one of the Courts in New York City, and was afterwards Clerk of the Court of General Sessions. In 1845 he was elected Recording Secretary of the American Institute and he was also Secretary of the Farmers' Club, and discharged the duties of these stations with great activity to the last year of his life. The printed Transactions of the Institute contain many valuable papers from his pen.
GILES CROUCH KELLOGG died in Hadley, Mass., June 19, 1861, aged 80.

He was son of Dr. Giles C. (Harv. Coll. 1751) and Mary (Catlin) Kellogg, and was born in Hadley, Mass., August 12, 1781.

He studied law with Jonathan E. Porter, Esq., was admitted to the bar in Hampshire County, Mass., opened an office in his native place and here spent his life. He was honored by his townsmen with many private and public trusts. For many years he was town clerk and treasurer, and for thirteen years Register of Deeds for Hampshire County. He was often representative to the General Court of the State, and was a member of the Constitutional Convention of 1853. In the war of 1812 he served as an adjutant in one of the Massachusetts regiments. For several years he taught successfully in the Hopkins Academy in Hadley.

Ralph Isaacs Bush died in New York City, August 4, 1860, aged 80.

He was the son of David and Sarah Bush, and was born in Greenwich, Conn., October 29, 1779.

He pursued the study of medicine, first in his native town, and then with Dr. Rush in Philadelphia, where he received the degree of M. D. He practiced this profession many years in Rockland County, N. Y., and then removed to New York City, where he continued his practice, engaging also in the sale of drugs and medicine. At the age of 70, he retired from active business, with the ample rewards of an industrious and useful life.

Levi Collins died in Belvidere, Ill., December 11, 1859, aged 82.

He was son of Joseph Collins, and was born in Somers, Conn., February 22, 1777. He learned the hatter's trade before he began to study for College.

Soon after graduating he studied theology with his pastor, Rev. Charles Backus, in Somers. In February 1804, he was licensed to preach by the Tolland Association, and preached in various places in New England for about two years and a half, but on account of weakness of his lungs, he declined to settle in the pastoral office. In 1807 he took charge of the academy.
in Munn, Mass., and there remained seven years. In 1814
he became agent of a cotton manufactory in Amherst, Mass.
His health improving, he resigned the agency in January 1817,
and resumed the labors of a preacher and instructor, chiefly in
Otsego and Chenango Counties, N. Y. Worn down by these
labors, he removed in 1825 to a farm in Fabius, Onondaga
County, N. Y., and thence in 1832 to Smyrna, Chenango Co.,
N. Y. Here in 1833 he was ordained as an evangelist. In
this capacity he labored as he had opportunity, until 1842,
when his health gave way. In 1846 he removed to Belvidere,
Boone County, Illinois, where he spent the remainder of his
days.

In 1818 he married Miss Allen. Their children were two
sons and three daughters.

SHELDON CLARK LEAVITT died in Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov.
4, 1860, aged 75.
He was the son of David and Lucy (Clark) Leavitt, and
was born in Bethlehem, Conn., January 7, 1785.
He remained many years in his native town, managing the
estate of his father, who died soon after the son's graduation.
In 1837 he removed to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he permanently
resided with his mother and sister. He spent his life in the
service of the family.

CHARLES HOBBY POND died in Milford, Conn., April 28,
1861, aged 80.
He was son of Charles and Martha (Miles) Pond, and was
born in Milford, Conn., April 26, 1781.
He studied law with the late Roger M. Sherman, of Fairfield,
and was admitted to the bar, but preferring mercantile life, he engaged for many years in foreign commerce. In
1819 he was appointed Sheriff of the County of New Haven,
and held that commission for many years, till he voluntarily
relinquished it and retired to his paternal homestead and farm
in Milford. In 1850 he was elected Lieutenant Governor of
the State of Connecticut, and was twice re-elected, with an in-
terval of one year in 1851 During the greater part of the
year 1853, he was the acting Governor of the State. His va-
rious public and private duties were discharged with great
fidelity, and acceptably to all.
In 1808 he married Miss Catharine Dickinson of Milford.
Their children were six daughters and one son.
1803.

William Belden died in Brooklyn, N. Y., March 20, 1861, aged 79.
He was the eldest son of Azor and Hannah Belden, and was born in Wilton, Conn., July 16, 1781.
He first studied law and was for a short time engaged in practice in Norwalk, Conn. He soon left this profession, and prepared himself for the ministry of the gospel. In October 1812 he was settled as pastor of the Congregational church in Greenfield, (in the town of Fairfield, Conn.,) where he remained until 1821, being at the same time engaged in teaching the academy which Dr. Dwight founded in that place.
On leaving Greenfield he went to Fairfield and was occupied a few years in teaching. In 1824 he went 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. These offices he continued to hold until 1853, when he resigned on account of his advancing age. From 1858 to the time of his death he resided in Brooklyn.

1804.

Joab Brace died in Pittsfield, Mass., April 20, 1861, aged 80.
He was the son of Zenas and Mary (Skinner) Brace, and was born in West Hartford, Conn., June 13, 1781.
He studied theology, was licensed to preach and on the 16th January, 1805, he was ordained and installed pastor of the congregational church in the parish of Newington, in the town of Wethersfield, Conn., and there continued until he had completed fifty years of active and useful service as pastor. On the 16th of January, 1855, he delivered a half-century discourse, reviewing the history of the church and society from the earliest times. This discourse has been printed. (Hartford 1855, pp 75, 8vo.)
In 1854 he received the degree of D D from Williams College. Still retaining a nominal connection with his parish, he removed to Pittsfield, Mass., where, in the family of his son-in-law, the Rev. J. Todd, he passed happily the last six years of his life.
He married Miss Lucy Collins, of West Hartford, Conn., January 21, 1805, and had six children.
Gerardus Clark died in New Rochelle, N. Y., August 23, 1860, aged 74.

He was the son of William and Annis (Bostwick) Clark, and was born in New Milford, January 20, 1786.

While in College he often acted as amanuensis of Dr. Dwight, who was then engaged in writing his Travels in New England and New York, a fact to which he referred with great pleasure. Soon after graduating he went to New York and began the study of law in the office of John G. Bogert, Esq. He was admitted to the bar in New York in 1813, and during a long life was engaged in an extensive and successful practice in that city. In 1850 he removed his residence to New Rochelle, N. Y., but continued in active business in the city until a few weeks previous to his death. He was at one time President of the Board of Education of the City of New York, and while in that place he wrote a celebrated paper defending the use of the Bible in Common Schools.

In 1825 he married Miss Ann Maria Bogert of New York, who, with their two children, survives him. His body was buried in his native town, near the spot where he was born.

Ezra Stiles Ely died in Philadelphia, Pa., June 17, 1861, aged 75.

He was the son of Rev. Zebulon Ely, and was born in Lebanon, Conn., June 13, 1786.

In October 1806, he was settled as pastor of the church in Colchester, (Westchester parish,) Conn. This place he left, having accepted a call to become a City Missionary in New York City. From New York he was called to the pastorate of the Pine Street Church in Philadelphia, Pa., where he continued over twenty years. About the year 1834 he embarked in the enterprise of establishing a College and Theological Seminary in Missouri. The financial reverses of 1837 frustrated the undertaking and involved him in great trouble.

In 1844 he entered on pastoral duties in the First Presbyterian Church in New London, Pa., and continued his labors until 1851, when a stroke of paralysis laid him aside.

He was a rapid thinker, a fluent speaker and a fertile writer. For several years he edited gratuitously a religious paper called the Philadelphian. He was the author of Ely's Journal, otherwise known as "Visits of Mercy," and, of "Conversations on the Science of the Human Mind," (Phil. 1819.) In 1828 he assisted in publishing a "Collateral Bible, or Key to the Holy
Scriptures," and subsequently, a memoir of his father, and other works.

He received the degree of D. D. from Washington College, in Tennessee. He was twice married and two of his children survive him.

**JOHN MYERS FELDER** died in S. Carolina, in 1859, aged 76.

He was born in Orangeburgh District, S. C., and resided through life in his native place.

After leaving College he studied law, but did not give much time to the practice of the profession, being largely and successfully engaged in the business of a manufacturer of lumber. He served several years in the legislature of South Carolina, and was active in efforts to regulate and economize the finances of that State. He was also a representative in Congress from 1831 to 1835.


He was the son of Robert and Jerusha (Doolittle) McEwen, and was born in Winchester, Conn., Feb 13, 1780.

He studied theology with Dr. Dwight, and also with Rev. Asahel Hooker of Goshen, Conn., and in October 1806 he was settled as pastor of the First Congregational church in New London, Conn. He continued here in active service until at his own request a colleague was appointed in 1854, and he resided in New London till his death.

In 1826 he was elected one of the Corporation of this College, and from 1853 inclusive he was a member of the Prudential Committee of this body. In 1846 he received the degree of D. D. from Union College. He was an able and faithful pastor and a wise counsellor. His knowledge of the theological history of New England and especially of Connecticut was thorough and minute, and has frequently been made serviceable to the public. His half-century sermon in 1856 awakened wide interest.

In 1807 he married Miss Sarah Battell of Torringford, Conn. Their children were three sons and four daughters.

**HEMAN HUMPHREY** died in Pittsfield, Mass., April 3, 1861, aged 82.

He was the son of Solomon and Hannah Humphrey, and
was born in West Salisbury, (now Canton,) Conn., March 26, 1779.

The years of his early manhood were spent in the labors of a farm, and through difficulties he made his way to College.

After his graduation he remained in New Haven till May, 1806, teaching a school and pursuing the study of theology under President Dwight. He then went to Goshen, continued his studies under Rev Asahel Hooker, and in October following was licensed to preach. In April 1807 he was settled as pastor of the church in Fairfield, Conn., where he continued ten years. In the Summer of 1817 he was invited to preach in Pittsfield, Mass., and in November of that year he was installed as pastor of the church in that place, and there labored for six years. In 1823 he received the degree of D. D. from Middlebury College. During this year he accepted an invitation to the Presidency of the Amherst Collegiate Institution, now Amherst College. He conducted this institution through its early struggles to a state of great prosperity, and after twenty-two years he resigned his office in April 1845.

Soon after this he spent several months in travelling in Great Britain and on the Continent, and published a valuable record of his tour. In the spring of 1847 he removed to Pittsfield and this was thenceforward his home. The last ten years of his life he passed in retirement, preaching occasionally, and with his pen enriching the religious literature of the country.

His contributions to the religious newspapers of his day were large and valuable. Among his separate publications, (aside from tracts, sermons and biographical works,) may be named, Prize Essays on the Sabbath, 1830—Miscellaneous Discourses and Reviews, 1834,—Domestic Education, 1840—Letters to a Son in the Ministry, 1845—Sketches of the History of Revivals, 1859.

He married Miss Sophia Porter, of Farmington, Connecticut, April 20, 1808. They had ten children, six of whom survived him.

Allen McLean died in Simsbury, Conn., March 19, 1861, aged 79.

He was son of Alexander and Joanna (Smith) McLean, and was born in North Bolton, Conn., June 20, 1781.

He studied theology and in 1809 was licensed to preach. In August of that year he was settled as pastor of the Congregational Church in Simsbury, Conn., and he continued to hold this office till his death. In 1859, his people and his towns-
men united in celebrating the semi-centennial anniversary of his settlement, on which occasion was read a sermon (since published) which he had prepared, giving a brief review of his labors. He had then been totally blind for eleven years.

At his funeral was preached a discourse written many years before, at the request of Mr. McLean, by Rev. Jairus Burt of Canton, Conn., who had now been four years dead.

He was twice married, viz: (1) to Miss Sally Pratt of East Hartford, Conn., January 21, 1810, by whom he had five children, and who died October 27, 1831, (2) to Miss Nancy Morgan of Plainfield, Conn., who died September 23, 1860.

**1806.**

ROYAL ROBBINS died in Berlin (Kensington parish) Conn., March 26, 1861, aged 72.

He was son of Elisha and Sarah (Goodrich) Robbins, and was born in Wethersfield, Conn., October 21, 1788.

On leaving College he taught school in Hadley, Mass., and in Berlin, Conn., studied law for a time with his uncle, Hon. Asher Robbins of Newport, R. I., then prepared himself for the ministry under the tuition of Rev. Dr. Porter of Catskill, N. Y., and Rev. Dr. Yates of East Hartford, was licensed in 1812 by the Hartford North Association, and was ordained June 26, 1812, colleague pastor with Rev. Dr. Upson, over the Congregational Church in Kensington. In this station he continued forty three years, until his dismissal June 26, 1859.

He was an industrious writer, and contributed many valuable papers to the Christian Spectator. He was the author of *Outlines of History for schools*, a memoir of J. G. C. Brainard, prefixed to an edition of his poems, and of an account of American Literature incorporated with Chambers' *History of English Literature*.

He was twice married and leaves a widow and six children.

**1808.**

WILLIAM HANFORD died in Tallmadge, Ohio, May 31, 1861, aged 73.

He was born in Norwalk, Conn., Nov. 11, 1787, was son of John and Mahitabel (Comstock) Hanford, and was a lineal descendant of Rev. Thomas Hanford, the first minister of that town.

He studied theology in the Seminary at Andover, Mass.
was ordained as an evangelist in October, 1813, and went to the Western Reserve in Ohio, in the service of the Connecticut Missionary Society. Here he labored nearly two years. He was then settled as pastor of the church in Hudson, Ohio, August 17, 1815, and continued in this station till September 7, 1831. He then went to Windham, Portage Co., Ohio, where he was settled as pastor, Oct. 12, 1831. After about ten years he retired to Tallmadge, Ohio, where he resided during the residue of his life.

He married a daughter of Elizur Wright, of Tallmadge, O., but left no children.

1809.

Josiah Willard Gibbs died in New Haven, Conn., March 25, 1861, aged 70.

He was son of Henry and Mercy (Prescott) Gibbs, and was born in Salem, Mass., April 30, 1790.

He was tutor in Yale College from 1811 to 1815. He also pursued a course of theological study, and was licensed to preach. He devoted himself with special zeal to the study of Hebrew, and to the literature of the Bible generally, and was one of the first in this country to make available here the fruits of German research.

In 1824 he removed from Andover, Mass., to New Haven, Conn., and from that time to his death he was connected with the Theological Institution of Yale College, first as Lecturer, and after 1826 as Professor in the department of Sacred Literature. During a part of this period he also gave instruction in Hebrew to such students in the Academical Department as desired it.

In September 1824 he was appointed Librarian of Yale College and continued in this office till he resigned it in 1843.

In September 1830, he married Miss Mary Anna Van Cleve, of Princeton, N.J. Their children were four daughters and one son. In 1853 he received the degree of LL. D. from the College of New Jersey. In biblical criticism and general linguistics he ranked among the most eminent. He contributed to the periodical publications of his time many important papers on subjects of philology and criticism. His chief separate publications are the following, viz:

Translation of Storr's Essay on the Historical Sense of the New Testament. (Bost. 1817 12°)

" of Gesenius's Hebrew Lexicon of the Old Testament. (Andover 1824. 12°.)
Manual Hebrew and English Lexicon, abridged from Gesenius. (1828 and 1832. 8°.)
- Philological Studies. (New Haven, 1857. 12°.)

A commemorative discourse by Professor George P. Fisher, appears in the New Englander for July, 1861, and also in a separate form. (8°. pp. 20.)

1813.

James Derham Johnson died in Morristown, N. J., Aug. 3, 1861, aged 72.
He was the son of Richard and Martha (Rayner) Johnson, and was born in Hanover, Morris Co., N. J., March 30, 1788.
He was engaged in the business of instruction from the time of his graduation to near the close of life; never undertaking other employment, except that during a few years he was occupied in collecting funds for the Seamen's Home Society of Norfolk, Va.
After teaching a while in private families in New Jersey, he was in May, 1814, invited to be the Principal of the Morris Academy in his native county, which position he occupied till April 1821. In December 1821 he accepted an invitation to take charge of Oxford Academy, N. C., where he remained till 1833. In October 1833 he removed to Norfolk, Va, where he taught a select classical school with much reputation and success for sixteen years, until his health began to be impaired. After journeying a year or two, he returned to his loved vocation, and in 1850 opened a select high school, which he continued till the year 1855. He then returned to his old homestead in Morristown, and in that place established a select school for ladies which he taught for about two years, when the increasing infirmities of age induced him to retire from a field of labor which he had so long and so well cultivated.

1814.

William Lucius Storrs died in Hartford, Conn, June 25, 1861, aged 66.
He was the son of Lemuel and Betsey (Champion) Storrs, and was born in Middletown, Conn., March 25, 1795.
After a course of professional study, he was admitted to the bar, commenced practice in his native town, and rapidly rose to eminence. He was soon called into public service. In
1827, 1828 and 1829, and again in 1834, he represented Middletown in the State Legislature, and in the latter year he was Speaker of the House.

He was a Representative in Congress from this State from 1829 to 1833 and again in 1839 and 1840. In June 1840 he was elected a Judge of the Supreme Court of Connecticut and in 1856 was promoted to the office of Chief Justice of the same, which he held at the time of his death. In 1846 he was appointed one of the Professors of Law in Yale College, having been chief instructor in the Law Department during the year previous. This Professorship he resigned in 1847. The duties of these various stations he discharged with eminent uprightness and ability.

1815.

THOMAS GRAY died in Norwich, Conn., August 29, 1860, aged 66.

He was the only son of Samuel (Dartm Coll. 1771,) and Charlotte (Elderkin) Gray, and was born in Windham, Conn. He studied law, and to some extent, engaged in the practice, residing most of his life in his native town. He was often elected to offices of honor and trust, and was for several years Clerk of the House of Representatives at Washington. At the time of his death, he was Clerk of the Superior Court of Connecticut for Windham County, and Judge of Probate for the district of Windham.

WOODBRIDGE STRONG died in Boston, Mass., March 31, 1861, aged 66.

He was the third son of Joseph (Y. C. 1784) and Sophia Woodbridge) Strong, and grandson of Joseph Strong, (Y. C. 1749,) and was born in Heath, Mass, August 24, 1794. He studied medicine under the late Dr Nathan Smith, in the Medical Department of Yale College, and received the degree of M. D. here in 1818. Soon afterwards he went to Boston and there continued to reside in the practice of his profession until August 1859, when he was attacked by a cerebral affection from which he never recovered. As a physician he was enthusiastic and skilful.

He married (1) in 1826. Miss Elizabeth F. Wheaton, of Norton, Mass, who died in 1834, without children (2) in 1840, Mrs. Harriett Atwood Torry, who died in 1851, leaving one daughter who died in March, 1859.
FRANCIS PARSONS died in Hartford, Conn., March 19, 1861, aged 66.
He was the son of David and Harriet (Williams) Parsons and was born in Amherst, Mass., February 16, 1795.
He studied law with his uncle Hon. Thomas S. Williams, in Hartford, was in due course admitted to the bar, and through life continued to reside in that city engaged in the practice of his profession. Although always avoiding notoriety, he was honored with many public and private trusts, and was a prominent and influential citizen. He was for a time Judge of the Hartford County Court, and declined the offer of the place of Commissioner of the School Fund. In benevolent and charitable enterprises he took a leading part, and was president of the directors of the Hartford hospital at the time of his death.
He married Miss Clarissa Brown, Dec. 23, 1829, and left one son and two daughters.

He was son of Samuel and Sarah (Boardman) Stebbins and was born in Hartland, Conn., June 13, 1794.
After graduating he taught school one year in Sherburne, N. Y., then returned to Connecticut and married. He then went to Montrose, Penn. Subsequently he taught for nine years in the academy at Pompey, N. Y., two years in Sherburne, N. Y., and two years in Syracuse, N. Y., and in 1846 he took the female academy in Florence, Alabama. In 1851 he opened a select school in Quincy, Illinois, leaving which he returned to Sherburne, where he was still occupied in teaching when overtaken by death.
He married Miss Laura Bestor of Simsbury, Conn., in 1823, and had four children.

He was born in Wethersfield, Conn., January 16, 1798, being the son of Francis Bulkley of that town, and a descendant of Rev. Peter Bulkley of Concord, Mass.
After graduating, he taught a school in Philadelphia, for about a year, and then for three years he was an instructor in Mount Airy College, in Germantown, Pa. He studied law
with Charles Châuncey, Esq., of Philadelphia, was admitted to the bar May 20, 1822, and resided in that city engaged in practice. In 1832 and 1833 he was Secretary and Treasurer of the Germantown and Norristown Railroad Co. From 1845 to 1850 he was one of the Aldermen of the city of Philadelphia. After this he resumed his professional practice and continued it till his death.

1818.

Orlando Canfield died near Columbus, Mississippi, July 14, 1860, aged 66.
He was the son of Lemuel and Sarah Canfield, and was born in Bridgewater, Conn., April 4, 1794.
Immediately after his graduation he began to teach a school at Greenville, NC, which he continued for two years, at the same time employing his leisure hours in the study of Law. He was admitted to the bar in 1821, and practised law five years, when he was compelled by impaired health to undertake a more active business. He retired to a farm near Hookerton, N. C., but devoted a part of his time to teaching and with success. In March 1837, he removed to Columbus, Mississippi, where he spent the remainder of his life, engaged in the pursuits of a cotton-planter.
He died on his plantation, seven miles from Columbus, leaving a wife and six children.

1820.

Daniel VanMatre died at Cincinnati, O., December 19, 1860, aged 60.
He was born in Martinsburgh, Va., Feb. 10, 1800. He studied law, and established himself in the practice in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he resided through life. He was for a time the City Solicitor, and from 1830 to 1835 he was State's Attorney for Hamilton County.
In 1833 he married Miss Maria A. Henderson of Cincinnati, and had three sons and four daughters.

1821.

Alfred Terry died in New Haven, Conn., December 15, 1860, aged 58.
He was son of Nathaniel (Y. C. 1786) and Catherine (Wadsworth) Terry, and was born in Hartford, Conn., Sept. 28, 1802.
He studied law in the Law School at Litchfield, Conn., was admitted to the bar, and from 1824 to 1831 resided in Hartford engaged in practice. In 1832 he removed to New Haven and was for several years engaged as a bookseller and publisher. In 1843 he was elected Clerk of the town of New Haven, and continued in this office till 1856. After that he was occupied in professional business, relating especially to the examination of titles of real estate, until his death.

In September 1825 he married Miss Clarissa Howe of New Haven. Their children were five sons and six daughters.

1822.

John Arnold Rockwell died in Washington City, D. C., Febr. 10, 1861, aged 57.

He was son of Charles and Sarah (Arnold) Rockwell, and was born in Norwich, Conn., Aug. 27, 1803.

He studied law and devoted himself to the practice of this profession in his native city. He was soon called into public life. In 1838 and 1839 he was elected to the Senate of the State, and not long after this he was chosen Judge of the Court of New London County. In 1847 he was Representative in Congress from the 3d Congressional District of this State. He served through two consecutive terms, during the last of which he was chairman of the Committee on Claims. The Court of Claims, at Washington, owes its existence chiefly to him, and since its establishment he has been one of the most prominent and successful practitioners at its bar. For the last ten years his professional labors were chiefly in that Court. In this connection he found it necessary to learn the Spanish language, and he published one or two volumes on Mexican law, which are now standard authorities.

In September 1831, he married Miss Mary W. Perkins, of Norwich, sister of Dr. Alfred E. Perkins (Y. C. 1830), the distinguished benefactor of the Library of Yale College. Their children were five, three of whom are now living.

1823.

Thorn Sell Kingsland, died on Staten Island, N. Y., in 1859, aged about 55.

He was son of Daniel Kingsland, and was born in New York City.

He studied law with David B. Ogden, Esq., in New York.
He established himself in the practice of his profession, on Staten Island, near the town of Richmond, and was at one time District Attorney for the county of Richmond.

1825.

**Chester Birge** died in Hudson, Summit Co. O., May 2, 1861, aged 64.

He was born in Bolton, Conn., September 20, 1796.

He studied theology in the Seminary of this College, completing his course in 1828. After preaching a few months in North Greenwich, Conn., he went to Ohio as a home missionary. He labored one year in New Philadelphia, and was then installed pastor of the Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in Vienna, Trumbull County, Ohio, November 17, 1830. Within five years his health gave way, so that he was compelled to ask a dismissal from his pastoral charge. After this he engaged in teaching students in his own house. He remained in Vienna till 1852, when he removed to Hudson, O., in order to educate his children and here he finished his course.

He married Mrs. Hannah C. Mead, and left three children.

**Joseph Ellsworth** died in East Windsor (Windsorville), Conn., August 25, 1860, aged 56.

He was the son of Timothy and Ann (Mather) Ellsworth, and was born July 12, 1804, in East Windsor, Conn.

In November 1831 he married Miss Mary A. Starkey of Essex, Conn., and about a year later he removed to that place, and engaged in ship-building. In 1852 he went to Brooklyn, N. Y., and was connected with an Insurance Company until 1854, when, after a short stay in Connecticut, he removed to Detroit, Michigan. In 1856 he returned to Windsorville, and there resided until his death. He was the father of eleven children.

1826.

**Eliezer Crane** died in Cornwall, Orange Co., N. Y., June 3, 1860, aged 53.

He was son of Daniel Crane, and was born in Chester, Orange Co., N. Y., November 2, 1806. He came to College from Waterbury Conn. For the last twenty years of his life he resided in Cornwall, in the quiet employments of a farmer. He was a man of singular unworldliness and simplicity of character.
GEORGE EDWIN DELAVAN died in Wyoming, Jones Co., Iowa, March 18, 1861, aged 56.

He was born in Dover, N. Y., in 1804. He studied theology at Andover and Yale. Soon after this he was offered a Professorship in Wabash College, which he declined. He was settled as pastor of the Presbyterian church in Hammondsport, N. Y., for two years, then three years in Sherburne, N. Y., where he established an academy, and then in Lafayette and in Wilson, N. Y., six years each. In the spring of 1856 he removed to Maquoketa, Iowa, and took charge of the congregational church there. About a year later he removed to Wyoming, Iowa, where he was pastor of the New School Presbyterian church until his death.


He was the son of William and Betsey Dickinson, and was born in New London, Conn., September 14, 1806. He married Miss Isham in 1829, and resided in New London through life. He was for many years, and at the time of his death, the Secretary and Treasurer of the New London, Willimantic and Palmer Railroad Co.

JOSEPH HENRY GALLUP died in Norwich, Conn., May 23, 1861, aged 52.

He was the son of Jared and Mary (Whipple) Gallup, and was born in Preston, Conn, September 14, 1808. After graduation he spent most of his time in study, and in teaching in various parts of Connecticut and Massachusetts, the latter years of his life being passed in Norwich. He was eminent for his attainments in mathematics and in general science.

He married Miss Sarah Maria Parish, of Brooklyn, Conn., Nov. 21, 1834, who died May 20, 1852. He left an only daughter.

CORTLANDT VANRENSSELAEER died in Burlington, N. J., July 25, 1860, aged 52.

He was the son of Stephen Van Rensselaer, and was born in Albany, N. Y.

He studied theology in the Seminaries of New Haven and Princeton. After entering upon the ministry, he undertook a
voluntary agency for the College of New Jersey, and raised $100,000 for its endowment. He was elected Secretary of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church, and discharged the duties of the place with great zeal and eminent ability and usefulness. He founded the Presbyterian Magazine and was a large contributor to its pages. Every year he compiled and published a volume on the Church, the Ministry, and the School, which he distributed with a liberal hand.

He received the degree of D. D. from the University of the city of New York in 1845.

A volume of his miscellaneous Sermons, Essays, and Addresses, edited by his son, has recently been published in Philadelphia, (1861, pp 569, 8vo)

1828.

Orson Cowles died in North Haven, Conn., Dec. 23, 1860, aged 60.

He was son of Aaron and Jemima (Chapman) Cowles, and was born in East Hartland, Conn., January 14, 1801.

After teaching an academy in Woodstock, Conn., for two years, he pursued a course of theological study in the Seminary of this College, and was licensed to preach. Receiving a second call from the church in North Woodstock, Conn., he entered on the labors of the place January 19, 1832 and was ordained pastor April 25th following. Here he continued until severe and protracted illness compelled him to resign in September 1837. Retiring to North Haven, Conn., he taught there a select school till April 1839. In September 1840 he entered the service of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, as District Secretary for Southern New England, and discharged the duties of this office with his characteristic earnestness and fidelity, until August, 1860, when increasing illness permitted him to work no longer.

He married Miss Eunice Foot of North Haven, November 25, 1832, and had six children.

1829.

Charles William Rogers died in Savannah, Ga., May 9, 1861, aged 52.

He was son of Doct Rogers, and was born in Savannah, Ga.

He pursued a course of theological study in the Seminary at Princeton, N. J., and was licensed as a preacher. He was however not settled as pastor of any church, but preached in various places, chiefly to the colored people in his native State.
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1830.

WILLIAM BOUTON WEE D died in Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 13, 1860, aged 49.
He was son of Daniel and Martha (Benedict) Weed, and was born in New Canaan, Conn., March 22, 1811. The five years succeeding his graduation he spent in teaching in Ohio, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Florida. In 1836 he continued the study of law with Hon. Thaddeus Betts, of Norwalk, Conn. Removing to New Haven, he became a member of the law school of this College, and prepared himself for admission to the bar. But constrained by his new convictions, he resolved to become a minister of the gospel. He pursued a course of study in the Theological Department of this College and was in two years licensed to preach. He was settled as pastor of the First Congregational Church in Stratford, Conn., Dec. 4, 1839, and continued here till May, 1855. He was then dismissed at his own request, and accepted a call from the First Congregational church in Norwalk, Conn., where he was installed June 27th following and where he remained until his death, having for many years held a high rank among the clergy of this State.
He married on the 7th July, 1840, Miss Harriet A. Miller of North Stamford. They had three children, two of whom survived him, but one has since died.
A volume containing 39 of his sermons has been published (N. Y. 1861, pp. 413, 12mo.) under the care of his classmate, Rev. S. B. S. Bissell.

1833.

He was born in Talbot Co., Maryland, studied theology three years in the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York City, was instituted Rector of a parish in Prince George's County, Maryland, in 1836 and there continued many years. He subsequently preached in other Southern States, his last parish being in Jacksonville, Florida.

1834.

JOHN MURDOCH died at Cane Mount, near Rodney, Mississippi, January 11, 1861, aged 47.
He was the son of John and Esther (Anketell) Murdoch, and was born in Concordia Parish, La., August, 1813.
He resided through life on his estates, in Jefferson Co., Mississippi, engaged in the business of a cotton planter. He was one of the chief founders and most liberal patrons of Oakland College in Mississippi, and was a frequent contributor to the public journals of his neighborhood on the social and political topics of the day.

He married Miss Frances L Bristol, of New Haven, Conn., Oct. 28, 1840. Their children were eight, of whom six survive him.

WILLIAM HENRY WASHINGTON died in North Carolina, Aug. 12, 1860, aged 46.

He came to College from Waynesboro', N. C. He studied law and practised this profession in Newbern, N. C. He was called into public life, having been a member of the Legislature of North Carolina five or six years, and having held other official stations. From 1841 to 1843 he was a Representative in Congress from his native State.

1835.

HUGH WALSH died in New York City, December 1, 1859, aged 43.

He was the son of James and Elizabeth Walsh, and was born in New York City, January 7, 1816.

Soon after graduation he pursued a course of study in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J., but afterwards preferred to enter upon the study of medicine. He received the degree of M. D from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, and resided in that city engaged in practice until 1850, when he removed to Fordham, Westchester Co., N. Y. In May 1843 he was appointed Resident Surgeon of the New York Hospital, having been assistant surgeon for two years previous. In 1844 he went to Europe, where he remained two years, attending the hospitals in London and Paris in order to improve his knowledge of the profession. During most of his residence in Fordham he held the appointment of physician and surgeon to St. John's College.

He married in New York in May, 1847, Miss Elizabeth C. Hall, who died February 4, 1855, leaving four children, three of whom died the year following. These severe bereavements were doubtless the occasion of the decline which ended in his death.
1842.

He was the son of Daniel Beeman, and was born in Warren, Conn., January 1, 1821.
He studied law with G. H. Hollister, Esq., in Litchfield, Conn., and was admitted to the bar in 1846. Thenceforward he resided in Litchfield, in the practice of his profession. In 1852 he was appointed Clerk of the Courts in Litchfield County, having been assistant Clerk of the same for seven years previous.
He married Miss Maria Hall Brisbane of Charleston, S. C., July 15, 1851, and had one child.

1843.

WILLIAM BURROUGHS died in Germantown, Penn., March 24, 1861, aged 38.
He was the son of John and Margaret (Proctor) Burroughs, and was born in Boston, Mass., February 1, 1823.
After graduating he was for one year a member of the Yale Law School. He then pursued a course of theological study in the Seminary of this College, and received license to preach, in 1846 for one year, and in 1847 for four years.
His health was too feeble to permit him to discharge the duties of a clergyman, and he resumed the study of law, in the office of Henry J. Williams, Esq. of Philadelphia. In 1853 he was admitted to the bar, and entered on the practice to a limited extent, chiefly in administering on estates and in managing private trusts. After admission to the bar, he resided in Philadelphia, except that in 1855 he travelled extensively in Europe.
In his last will he bequeathed to Yale College for the benefit of the Theological Institution, the sum of $10,000, subject for a few years to a small annuity. This generous bequest (already paid,) places him among the largest benefactors of this department of the College.

LUCIUS FRANKLIN ROBINSON died in Hartford, Conn, March 11, 1861, aged 37.
He was the son of David F. and Ann (Seymour) Robinson, and was born in Hartford, Conn., February 1, 1824.
On leaving College he entered the Yale Law School and in due course received the degree of Bachelor of Laws. Being
then ardently engaged in politics, he was for a year occupied as editor of the *Whig*, a daily paper in Hartford. He soon entered on the special business of his profession in that city, and was engaged in full and increasing practice down to the close of his life. He was for several years City Attorney and was often a member of the Common Council.

In 1850 he married the only daughter of Gov. Joseph Trumbull and leaves a widow and four daughters.

**1847.**

**William Henry Gilman** died in Exeter, N. H., June 3, 1860, aged 34.

He was born in Exeter, N. H., March 17, 1826.

He studied law in Exeter, N. H., and at the Law School in Cambridge, Mass., completing his preparatory studies in the office of Attorney General Sullivan, in Exeter, N. H.

He was admitted to the bar in Rockingham County, N. H., and in 1851 he removed to Rochester, N. Y., where he was in practice about a year. Hoping to improve his health by a change of climate, he went in 1853 to Dayton, Ohio, but after about three years of professional practice there, increasing illness compelled him to relinquish business. He returned to Exeter, and afterwards sailed in the U. S ship Merrimack, as Secretary of the Commander, Capt. John C. Long, and on this cruise visited many remote parts of the world. He came home without material benefit and gradually declined.

**Matthew Gregory Wing** died in Santa Fé, New Mexico, July 6, 1860, aged 34.

He was son of Dr. Joel A Wing, of Albany, N. Y., and was born in that city, April 10, 1826.

After his graduation he continued here some time a student in the Department of the Philosophy and the Arts. His health having from his earliest years been frail, he sought to improve it by travel. From the year 1849 to the time of his death, he was generally away on long journeys and rambles, in the West Indies, in various parts of Europe, Asia Minor, Egypt, and Western America. In the Spring of 1860 while crossing the Rocky Mountains, at an elevation of more than 6000 feet, he suffered from exposure to a pelting rain, and reached Santa Fé, on the 30th of June, in a dying condition, surviving his arrival only six days.
THEODORE WINTHROP died at Great Bethel, Va., June 10, 1861, aged 32.

He was born in New Haven, Conn., Sept. 21, 1828, and was son of Francis B. and Elizabeth (Woolsey) Winthrop, and a descendant of the distinguished colonial governors of that name in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

In the summer of 1848, during his Senior Year, he was elected to the Clark Scholarship, (for the highest rank at a special examination in all the studies of the College course,) then awarded for the first time. He remained in New Haven the next year on this foundation, engaged in a course of study. From 1849 to 1851 he was travelling in Europe. Several of the subsequent years he spent in study and in travel. His love of adventure and of out-door life was conspicuous. Among other enterprises in which he took part was the celebrated expedition of Lieut. Stain in Central America. On his return he took up his residence on Staten Island, entered on the practice of the law and the further prosecution of literary pursuits, sometimes varied by political labors and addresses in the vicinity.

When President Lincoln issued his proclamation, April 15, 1861, for volunteers, Mr. Winthrop offered himself promptly and joined the New York Seventh Regiment. The story of the hastening of this corps to the defense of Washington has been well told by him in the Atlantic Monthly. Before the return of this regiment he was released from further duty, in order to accept the position of first Lieutenant in the regular army to which he was about to be appointed. Meanwhile his love of active service led him to connect himself with the staff of General Butler, and he reported for duty to him at Fortress Monroe. He took part in the expedition against the insurgents entrenched at Great Bethel, Va., and while gallantly leading a charge on the battery there, he fell mortally wounded and died in a few minutes. His body was buried near the spot where he fell. It was subsequently disinterred, and after funeral obsequies in New York City, was brought to New Haven, where on the 28th of June, 1861, with unusual demonstrations of respect, from military, civic and academic bodies and from the people at large, it was laid to rest in the burial place of his father.
1849.

NATHAN SEYMOUR STARR died in Union, N. J., May 24, 1861, aged 31.
He was born in New York City, July 19, 1830. Soon after graduating he engaged in mercantile business in New York, and thus continued till death.
In June 1851 he married Miss Clarissa W. Warland of New Haven.

SILAS WODELL died in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Febr. 19, 1861, aged 35.
He was born in Washington, Dutchess Co., N. Y., in 1825.
The two years next after his graduation, he spent in studying law in Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He was admitted to the bar of Dutchess County, July 8, 1851, and established himself in the practice of the profession in Poughkeepsie, where he continued to reside. He was District Attorney of that County from Jan. 1, 1856 to Jan. 1, 1859.
In June 1853 he married Miss Anna Hall of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Their children were four.

1851.

WILLIAM JACKSON MALTBY died in Madrid, Spain, Dec. 31, 1860, aged 29.
He was son of Rev John (Y. C. 1822) and Margaret (Jackson) Maltby, and was born in Sutton, Mass., April 17, 1831.
Two or three years following his graduation he spent in teaching. In the winter of 1853-4, he entered the Theological Seminary in Bangor, Maine, and began the study of Hebrew. In the autumn of 1855 he went to Europe, and spent several years in travelling and in study, in various places on the continent. In 1860 he was appointed Professor of Modern Languages in Bowdoin College, Maine. At Madrid the notice of this appointment reached him, and while there engaged in study, he fell a victim to typhus fever.

1857.

HENRY PORTER McCoy died in Franklin, Delaware Co., July 25, 1860, aged 30.
He was the son of William McCoy, and was born May 7, 1830, in North Haven, Conn. In 1839 his parents removed to Franklin, N. Y. After graduating he devoted himself to
the work of teaching, and continued therein until disabled by illness.

He married Miss Clara A. Robie of Plymouth, N. H., Aug. 12, 1858

1859.

Edward Chase Sheffield died in Philadelphia, Pa., March 18, 1861, aged 22.

He was the son of William and Elizabeth (Chase) Sheffield, and was born in New Haven, Dec. 13, 1838. At the time of his death he was engaged in teaching in the city of Philadelphia.

His body was brought to New Haven, where he sleeps among his kindred.
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The four oldest surviving graduates are now

Class of 1787 JOSHUA DEWEY, aged 94; of Brooklyn, N. Y.
“ 1788 DANIEL WALDO, aged 98, of Syracuse, N. Y.
“ 1792 WILLIAM BOTSFORD, aged 88, of Westmoreland Co., New
    Brunswick.
“ 1793 DAVID SHERMAN BOARDMAN, aged 93, of New Milford, Conn.

Of the graduates ad eundem and honorary, the oldest survivor is

1792 JOSIAH QUINCY, who graduated at Harvard in 1790, and is the oldest
living graduate of that University.

Of those who graduated before 1801 there now survive 32, viz., of the class
of 1787, 1,—1788, 1,—1792, 1;—1793, 1,—1794, 4,—1795, 4;—1796, 7,—
1797, 6,—1798, 1,—1799, 2;—1800, 4.

The number of the regular graduates (A. B.) of the College to the year 1860
inclusive, is 6920, of whom 3600 are dead.

The average annual number of deaths among the academical graduates for the
five years ending with 1859 was probably about 60. Some of the deaths are of
course not ascertainable by the reporter until many years after their occurrence.
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**CORRECTIONS**

- p 21, line 2, for 80 read 79.
- 26, 1, for Salisbury read Smebury
- 29, 11, for 1861 read 1850.
- 31, 2, for 19 read 9.
- 35, 23, for 23 read 22.