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DEAR CLASSMATES:

In accordance with your request at the last meeting, your Committee have prepared the following Biographical Record, for the period of nearly twenty-seven years since our graduation. Of its defects we are well aware, but we can plead that we have used not a little care to diminish their number, and have not been in undue haste.

We have given, where we know them, the names of the parents of our Classmates. Whenever there has been a direct relationship with other graduates of the college, we thought you would be interested to have it also specially noted. At the expense of not a little repetition we have combined in this record the materials of the two of 1853 and 1860, in order to make it one complete in itself. We have omitted, however, the record of the non-graduate members, prepared by Jerome in 1855. This could not be made complete by a reasonable amount of labor, and the task was therefore not undertaken.

Very truly your Classmates and obedient servants,

A. D. W. B.	} Committee.
A. B.	
H. A. N.	
G. S. P.	

MAY, 1877.

## BIOGRAPHICAL RECORD.

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[The place given in brackets immediately after the name is that from which the member of the Class entered College.]

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\*JOHN ISAAC IRA ADAMS (New Haven, Conn.), son of John and Sarah Adams, and brother of Enoch George Adams (1849 Y. C.), was born in Edgartown, Mass., July 22, 1826, and entered Freshman from the Class of 1849. In the fall of 1850 he was engaged in teaching in Durham, N. H., in the spring of 1851 in Madbury, and from May, 1851, till Feb. 1853 in New Market, of the same state, as Principal of the High School. During this time he was also engaged in administering upon, and managing his father's estate in Durham, and was most of the time Superintendent of the schools of that town. From 1853 to 1857 he was principal of the High School in Holyoke, Mass., editing during that time the "Holyoke Independent," and "Our Little Pet," papers published in Holyoke. His health failing, he went to Lawrence, Kansas, in the spring of 1857, at which place he was correspondent of the "Boston Traveler" and the "Springfield Republican." He died of consumption in Lawrence, Oct. 16, 1857, and was buried in Durham, N. H. We have the consolation of knowing that in his last hours his mind seemed to be in peace, and in Christian hope.

He was married to Miss Nellie M. Branscombe, of New Market, N. H., May 26, 1853, and had one child, Arthur, born in 1854.

STEPHEN ADAMS (Albany, N. Y.), son of John L. Adams, was born in Fulton, Schoharie Co., N. Y., Feb. 28, 1829, and entered the Class the second term Junior year from the Class of 1849, having been absent a year.

After graduation he was teaching in Amherst Co., Virginia, till March, 1851, and the rest of the year was engineering for the James River and Kanawha Company. He then spent several months, till Sept. 1852, studying law in the office of R. J. Davis, Esq., of Lynchburg, Va., when he again engaged in teaching, first as Principal of the Elon Academy in Amherst for one year, and then for two years in the family of Anthony Lawson, Esq., Logan Co., Va. In the fall of 1855 he was admitted to the bar in Lynchburg.

For several years he practiced law in Raleigh, Logan, and the adjoining counties, in partnership with Hon. Vermont Ward. The news that the convention of his State had passed the ordinance of secession, which he had up to that time opposed with all his might, both in private and on the hustings, found him residing and practicing law at Raleigh C. H., (now) West Virginia. He enlisted as a private in one of the first volunteer regiments formed in that section for the Confederate service. Upon the organization he was elected captain, and he served in the field with the Army of Northern Virginia until the battle of Winchester, Sept. 19, 1864, when he was desperately wounded while commanding the 30th Va. battalion, and was taken prisoner. He was carried to the hospital at Frederick, and when well enough to be exchanged he returned to Lynchburg. After the war, the laws of West Virginia then excluding Confederate soldiers from its bar, he settled in Lynchburg, where he has since been engaged in the pursuit of his profession. "With a little cork skillfully inserted in my boot you would scarcely observe in me any effect of the late little unpleasantness. In conclusion, I will add that I am obeying the parting injunction of our beloved classmate, Sam Edwards in 1850: 'Steve, by all means, teach your boys to fiddle.'"



He was married April 26, 1854, to Miss Emma C. Saunders, of Lynchburg, and has had six children: (1) John Lawson, born Oct. 13, 1855; (2) Stephen, born June 9, 1860, died March 22, 1862; (3) William Saunders, born Dec. 9, 1861; (4) Peter O., born Sept. 21, 1866; (5) Benjamin Donald, born Sept. 19, 1870, died July 12, 1872; (6) Emma, born July 21, 1875.

\*GEORGE ARNOLD (Baltimore, Md.) was born in Georgetown, D. C., June 20, 1832, and entered the class Junior year.

For two years after graduation he studied law in Baltimore, and was admitted to the bar in that city in Oct. 1852. After practicing law three years he taught till 1857, and then removed to Georgetown and had charge of the Clinton Academy for several years. During the war he was Captain in the Mining Bureau, and Lieut. Col. of Engineers in the Confederate service. He received his discharge in 1864, and returned to Baltimore with his wife and two children. In the autumn of 1865 he suddenly and mysteriously disappeared, and is believed to have been murdered.

He married Miss Elizabeth M. Tilley, daughter of H. W. Tilley, Esq., of Georgetown, and had two children; viz., Paul, born Dec. 8, 1856, and another whose name has not been reported.

LEONARD WOOLSEY BACON (New Haven, Conn.), son of Rev. Leonard Bacon, D.D. (Y. C. 1820), and brother of Benjamin W. (Y. C. 1847), Francis (Y. C. 1853, m.), Theodore (Y. C. 1853), George B. (Y. C. 1856), Thomas R. (Y. C. 1872), and Alfred T. (Y. C. 1873), was born in New Haven, Jan. 1, 1830, and entered the Class the third term of Sophomore year from the Class of 1849. He left the Class Senior year, and received his first degree in 1852 as a member of the Class of 1850.

He traveled with his father in Europe and the East from Sept. 1850 to Sept. 1851; then studied theology for two

years at Andover. In 1853 and 1854 he studied theology and medicine in New Haven; was licensed to preach in 1854, and received the degree of M.D. in 1855. During the summer of 1855 he was minister of St. Peter's Church in Rochester, N. Y. In Oct. 1856, he was ordained pastor of the Congregational Church in Litchfield, Conn., where he remained till June, 1860. In 1861 was in the service of the committee on Home Evangelization of the General Association of Conn. From 1862 to 1865 he was pastor at Stamford, Conn., and on March 30, 1865, was installed pastor of the New England Congregational Church, Brooklyn (E. D.), N. Y. In 1870 he took charge of a Congregational church in Baltimore, Md., where he remained until 1872. From thence he went to Europe and resided for several months in Germany; thence he went to Geneva, Switzerland, where he has since resided, having been pastor of the American Church in that city until the fall of 1876, and at the same time editing the "Swiss Chronicle," published in English. He expects to return to this country in May of this year.

Besides articles in the "New Englander," the "Congregational Quarterly," and "Putnam's Magazine," he published, in 1861, a historical discourse on the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Hopkins Grammar School, and two elaborate reports of the Committee on Home Evangelization of the Gen. Assoc. of Conn. A tract published in 1864 on "the Mistakes and Failures of the Temperance Reformation" occasioned protracted controversy. He published the "Book of Worship," a volume of hymns and tunes, in 1865; "Fair Answers to Fair Questions," a tract in the Roman Catholic controversy in 1868; and in 1869-70, two volumes of translations of the "Discourses of Father Hyacinthe."

In Oct. 1857, he was married to Miss Susan Bacon, daughter of Nathaniel A. Bacon, of New Haven, and has had ten children: (1) Nathaniel Terry, born Aug. 16, 1858, now a member of the Sheffield Scientific School; (2) Benjamin Wisner, born Jan. 15, 1860, who with his brother Selden, expects to enter College next September;

(3) Selden, born Sept. 27, 1861; (4) Theodore Davenport, born Aug. 31, 1863; (5) Leonard Woolsey, Jr., born Feb. 24, 1865; (6) Margaret Wardell, born April 10, 1866; (7) Almira Selden, born May 16, 1869; (8) Susan Corbin, born Aug. 18, 1871, died Aug. 15, 1874; (9) Mabel Ginevra, born June 9, 1874; (10) Catharine Terry, born April 17, 1876.

ABRAHAM DEWITT BALDWIN (Milford, Conn.), son of David L. Baldwin, and grandson of Abraham Van Horn DeWitt (Y. C. 1785), was born in Milford, Conn., Oct. 15, 1828.

After graduation he entered the Yale Law School, where he remained until Jan. 1852, when he entered the law office of Philo T. Ruggles, Esq., New York City. He was admitted to the bar in Oct. 1852, and soon after entered the office of Judge Peabody, where he remained until the following May. From that time until 1859 he was in the office of Judge Bonney, studying and practicing law. May 1, 1859, he formed a law partnership with Wm. T. Farnham, our classmate, which continued until May, 1873. In July, 1867, he made a trip on professional business to Tampico, Mexico, returning by way of Vera Cruz and Havana. In Oct. 1862, he joined the famous Seventh Regiment, of New York City, and participated with it in its Maryland campaign in Jan. 1863. He is now practicing his profession at No. 4 and 6 Pine st., New York City. We are sorry to say that he is still a bachelor.

WILLIAM AUGUSTUS BALDWIN (Chester, Conn.) was born in Killingworth, Conn., Feb. 23, 1824. He studied at Bangor and Yale Theological Seminaries, and was to some extent engaged in teaching until 1852, when he was licensed to preach April 7th by the New York and Brooklyn Associations. He was preaching and teaching in Peru, Ill., till the summer of 1854, when he went to Morris, Ill., where he preached for six months. Thence he removed to Whitewater, Wis., and preached in the Congregational church until May, 1858. For about a year he