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From Dr. J. A. Green  
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## MEETING OF THE CLASS.

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In June, 1859, a Circular, signed by A. HUNTINGTON, J. H. LATHROP, and W. W. TURNER, was sent to the surviving members of the Class of 1819, inviting them to meet at New Haven, at the ensuing Commencement of Yale College, to commemorate their FORTIETH CLASS ANNIVERSARY.

In answer to this call, six of the survivors of the Class met at the New Haven Hotel, on the 27th of July, viz: MESSRS. BOOTH, EDWARDS, HUNTINGTON, LATHROP, STRONG, and TURNER, and organized by appointing the Hon. ASAHEL HUNTINGTON, Chairman, and the Rev. WILLIAM W. TURNER, Secretary.

Letters were received and read from Messrs. ABRELL, E. CHAPIN, J. COIT, LIVINGSTON, MILLER, PARSONS, PAYSON, and SHURLDON, expressing regret at their inability to attend the meeting, and tendering their kind salutations to those who should be present.

The meeting was continued by adjournment until Thursday, and the time was occupied in reviewing the history of those who were present; in statements respecting those who were absent or deceased; and in reminiscences of college life and events, which had not been forgotten during the forty years of separation.

The gathering proved to be an event of deep interest; and the pleasure it afforded was only alloyed by the fact, that owing to distance, and sickness, and death, not more than six out of a class of thirty-nine, could be present.

Before their final adjournment, the following resolutions were adopted:—

*Resolved*, That another class meeting be held at New Haven, on the day preceding Commencement, in the year 1864; and that all the then survivors of the Class be earnestly invited to attend said meeting.

*Resolved*, That the call for the class meeting in 1864 be published in a New York and Boston paper, and also be sent by mail to each surviving member of the Class, by the Chairman or Secretary.

*Resolved*, That a biographical sketch of each member of the class be prepared and published, for the use of the friends and survivors of the Class.

*Resolved*, That as a token of respect and gratitude to our Alma Mater, we will make a *Class* effort to aid Yale College, by raising a sum, not less than one thousand dollars, which, when paid, shall be placed in the hands of the Corporation of the College, *on condition* that they shall allow said sum to accumulate, by adding the principal to the interest, from year to year, until it shall amount to the sum of thirty-nine thousand dollars; and that the sum so increased shall then be considered the gift of the Class of 1819 to the College, to be used in such manner as shall then be deemed by the Corporation best calculated to promote the interests of the College.

The following Sketches have been prepared in compliance with a vote of the Class. They are compiled from the best data available to the writer; but from the difficulty in ascertaining facts, where many of the parties are deceased, and others widely scattered over the country, they are necessarily imperfect.

J. E.

TROR, *June*, 1861.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTICES.

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JAMES ABELL, of Lisbon, Conn., was born in Norwich, Conn., in the year 1792. He was the son of James Abell. His mother's maiden name was Smith. He pursued his preparatory studies under the instruction of the Rev. Andrew Lee, D.D., of Lisbon, and the Rev. Ezra Witter, of Wilbraham, Mass. After leaving college he studied theology at the Seminary at Andover, Mass., and finished his course of study in the autumn of 1823. In September, 1824, he was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian church in Oswego, N. Y., where he remained eight years. He was then invited to the Presbyterian church in Oxford, Chenango Co., was settled there as pastor seven years, and was then called to the pastorate of the Reformed Dutch church at Chittenango, N. Y., where he continued nearly nineteen years, and until he resigned his charge in 1857. Since that time he has not resumed any stated pastoral duty. Mr. Abell was married on the 5th day of March, 1828, to Miss L. G. Bogue, of Clinton, N. Y. He has had three children, two sons and a daughter, all of whom are living. His wife died on the 4th September, 1852. Mr. Abell has always sustained the character of an independent, conservative, christian Pastor, and has secured the respect and confidence of his people. He was, for several years, a member of the Board of Trustees of Hamilton College. He is at present residing with one of his sons at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

NOYES BILLINGS, of New London, son of Coddington Billings, was born at Stonington, Conn., in the year 1800. He was fitted for college under the instruction of the late Prof. Denison Olmsted, who then taught a school at New