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OF THE UNION THEOLOGICAL  
SEMINARY, 1200 PARK AVENUE,  
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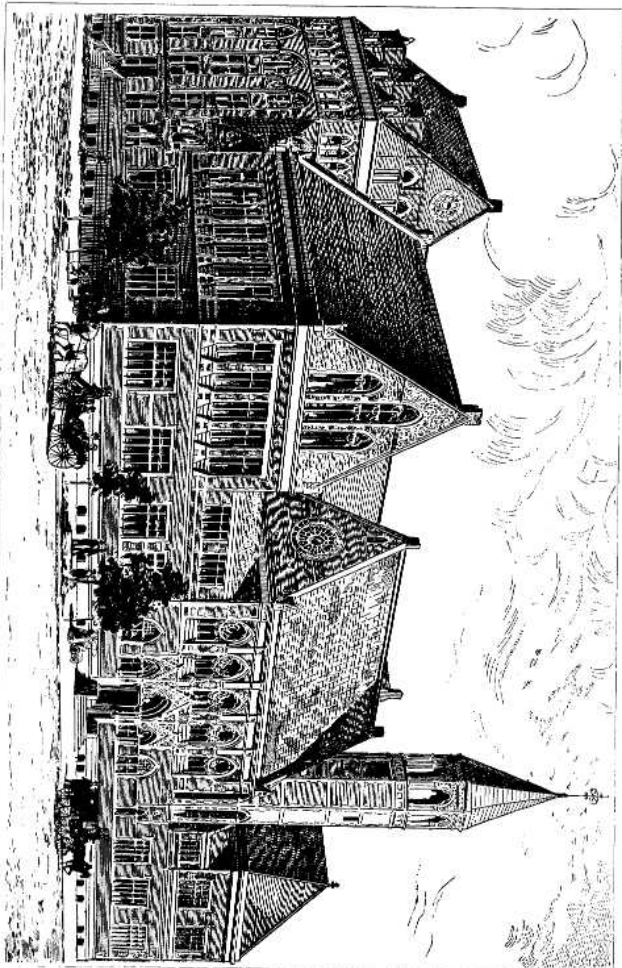
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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

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*What is now called the Union Theological Seminary was opened for instruction December 5th, 1836. Eight city lots had already (February 10th, 1836) been ordered to be purchased under a lease from the Sailors' Snug Harbor. Four of these lots fronted (100 feet) on University Place, between Seventh and Eighth Streets; and four, directly in the rear, fronted on Greene Street. The whole depth of the plot was 175 feet. The four lots on Greene Street were intended for Professors' houses. These four lots were subsequently sold, with the two houses which had been erected upon two of the lots. The Seminary Building on University Place (then Jackson Avenue) was dedicated December 12th, 1838. It was three stories high, with a frontage of sixty-five feet, and contained a Chapel, three Lecture Rooms, a Reading Room, a Library, and a few rooms for Students. In 1852 two stories were added to this Building, providing increased accommodation for Students. A corner house on Clinton Place (No. 30) was purchased in April, 1865. In March, 1866, one of the Professors' houses on Greene Street (No. 257), which had been owned and occupied for more than twenty years by Dr.*

*Edward Robinson, was purchased of his heirs. In April, 1875, another house on Greene Street (No. 263) was purchased. During the summer of that same year a new Building was erected, uniting 263 Greene Street with 30 Clinton Place; an addition was made to the old Seminary Building, partly to accommodate the Library; and the Building itself was thoroughly renovated. The question of removal, which had been raised more than once, was then thought to be settled for many years to come.*

*The new site on Lenox Hill, three miles north of the old site on University Place, was purchased in April, 1881. The original purchase was of ten lots between 69th and 70th Streets, fronting eastward on Park Avenue. The price paid was \$275,000. Two additional lots were purchased in February, 1883, a third lot in December, 1883, and a fourth lot in January, 1885. Two of these four lots are on 69th Street, and the other two are on 70th Street, in the rear of the Dormitory. The six houses which will stand upon the four lots—three on each of the two Streets, may at any time become wings of the Dormitory. The four Buildings of the Seminary—Chapel, Library, Lecture Hall, and Dormitory, surrounding a hollow square, occupy the ten lots first purchased. The four buildings have cost about \$425,000. There is no finer group of buildings in the City. The architects were William A. Potter and James Brown Lord.*

*The Building Committee consisted of Ezra M. Kingsley, Roswell D. Hitchcock, Erskine N. White, David H. McAlpin, John Crosby Brown, D. Willis James and Henry Day. The foundations were laid in January, 1882. The Buildings were substantially completed by the first of May, 1884, and occupied at the opening of the Academic year, September 17th, 1884.*

*The service of dedication, deferred till Tuesday, December 9th, 1884, was held in the Adams Chapel, and was conducted by President Hitchcock, and by the Rev. Dr. John Hall—Dr. Hall reading the Scripture and making the prayer of consecration, and the President delivering the address.*

*Luncheon having been served at one o'clock in the Gymnasium, the audience reassembled in the Chapel, at three o'clock, to listen to short addresses from distinguished scholars—guests of the Seminary, representing other Institutions.*

*In the evening, at eight o'clock, a Prayer Meeting was held in the Chapel, the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, John Crosby Brown, and D. Willis James taking part in the service.*

1200 Park Avenue,  
January 24th, 1885.