

## INTRODUCTORY NOTE TO EDITION OF 1887

In presenting this Alumni Record to the friends of the former Genesee College, the old Geneva Medical College and the later Syracuse University, the committee deem it advisable to place on record a brief review of the steps leading to this result.

The first attempt to secure materials for a record of the Alumni was made in 1870, when the removal of Genesee College from Lima to Syracuse was no longer doubtful. At the State convention held at Syracuse in that year (see *Annals of Syracuse University infra* p. 21), a call for a meeting of the Alumni of Genesee College was issued signed by H. R. Sanford (No. 82) and C. Z. Case (No. 73), and a preliminary meeting was held at the Vanderbilt House in Syracuse. Out of this organization the present Alumni Association has grown and at this early meeting a committee was appointed to gain information concerning the Alumni and their personal history. The committee did its work, and while the blanks that were accumulated are now lost, it had the effect to renew the interest of many of the earlier Alumni in their *alma mater*. Later, in 1873-4, additional blanks were sent out by the University authorities but the results of this attempt are not now extant. The matter of an Alumni record of some kind was frequently brought before the Alumni Association at various times, but until 1880 nothing definite was accomplished, except that P. I. Moule (No. 398) prepared a partial list of graduates with residences and was arranging a set of questions to be used in gathering material for a record. In that year a committee was appointed "to gather such data as may be necessary to make a complete Alumni Record of Syracuse University" by issuing a "call" through the church and secular papers. This committee consisted of J. H. Zartman, '78, W. A. Brownell, '65, and Jane S. Higham, '76, for the College of Liberal Arts; D. M. Totman, '76, and Caroline A. Hatch, '77, for the College of Medicine; and N. A. Wells, '77, and Harriet S. Curtis, '76, for the College of Fine Arts. The following call was soon after published :

### " STUDENTS OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The committee on the 'Alumni Record' earnestly desire that all former students of the University, including the enrolled graduates of Genesee College, and friends of those deceased, will forward immediately to Rev. J. H. Zartman, East Homer, Cortland Co., N. Y., the answers to the questions found below :

1. Name in full ?
2. Year of entrance ?
3. Year of graduation, or definite time spent in College, if not a graduate ?
4. Graduating degree, or courses pursued if not a graduate ?
5. Honorary degrees and titles ?
6. Post-graduate and professional courses, when and where pursued, with degrees ?
7. Residence, before entrance ?
8. Residence, present ?
9. Marriage, when and to whom ?
10. Literary work performed ?
11. Occupations, with dates and places ?
12. Facts of interest ?

By order of Committee,  
Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 28, 1881."

To this widely circulated call only forty answers were received and at the meeting of the Alumni Association in 1881 the committee was ordered to issue printed blanks and

send to each Alumnus. With some questions additional to those of the above named "call," these blanks were issued 14 March 1882; a large amount of material was thus accumulated, but the Association seemed unprepared to undertake the work of publication. In the meantime the *Onondagan*, an annual student publication, for 1883 contained a brief "Alumni Directory" made up from various sources including some of the matter in the hands of the committee. This was repeated with some revision in the *Onondagan* for 1884. At the meeting of the Alumni Association in June 1884, a committee consisting of J. S. Clark, '77, and T. B. Stowell, '65, was appointed to assist the publishers of the next *Onondagan* in a revision of this directory. The committee that had been appointed in 1880 was ordered to hand over its material to the one just created and thus ended its labors; J. H. Zartman, '78, was then added to this new committee on revision. The publishers of the *Onondagan* for 1885 by reason of insufficient support on the part of the Alumni decided not to include a directory in their publication and matters remained *in statu quo*.

When the Alumni Association met in June, 1885, the spirit of publication vigorously seized it and a new committee was appointed to procure materials and arrange it for publication by June 1886. This committee consisted of J. H. Zartman, '78, C. W. Winchester, '67 and L. M. Underwood, '77. New blanks with some additional questions were issued 1 Oct. 1885. The result of their labors is contained in this volume. The wearisome task of collecting, editing and arranging this matter has, however, been a labor of love and it is hoped that a new interest will be aroused in every alumnus, and that there will result a better acquaintance with each other and with the extent of the influence of Syracuse University in its already wide spread Alumni. That errors will be found in the work is only too certain. Even if the blanks as returned had been complete and absolutely accurate, the transcription of so many details could hardly be accomplished without some errors, but in addition some blanks were known to be incorrect in certain respects. The committee has sought to make the records as uniform as the nature of the material would permit, but the extreme modesty of some Alumni as expressed in meager blanks has not made this possible; nor could the committee pass beyond its bounds and include some matter that some of the less modest have furnished, without seeming invidious. The records of Alumni in the College of Medicine were furnished by a separate committee and are unfortunately not so complete as the rest. The plan followed was to decide in general as to what class of facts should be entered and then in individual cases to introduce just as much as each individual furnished in the particular class of facts agreed upon. Where facts were incompletely furnished College records, registers and catalogues, and class, fraternity and student publications have been consulted to supply minor deficiencies, all of which has added not a little to the labors of the committee.

Dr. David M. Totman deserves the thanks of the Alumni and Faculty of the College of Medicine for the labor spent on the accumulation of records for the Faculty and graduates of that College.

As many changes have occurred since the Record commenced printing it is thought desirable to place the additions and corrections in a conspicuous position in the book, bringing the matter so far as possible down to the present time. Any noticing further corrections or wishing to make additions will confer a favor by sending to the committee care of Syracuse University.

Fraternally,

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LUCIEN M. UNDERWOOD. }

Syracuse University, January 1887.