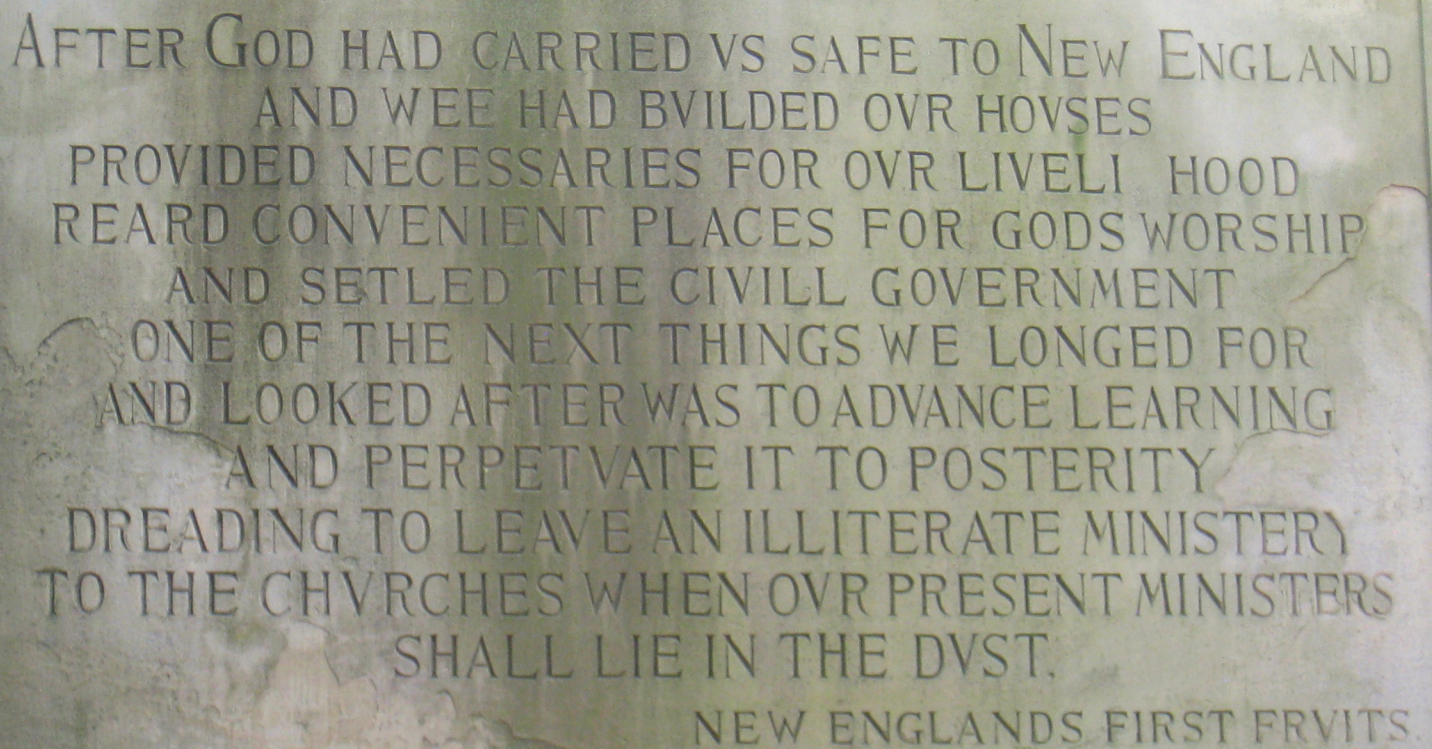


THE HOLLIS PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY AT HARVARD COLLEGE,

THE REVEREND DAVID TAPPAN



AFTER GOD HAD CARRIED VS SAFE TO NEW ENGLAND
AND WEE HAD BVILDED OVR HOVSES
PROVIDED NECESSARIES FOR OVR LIVELI HOOD
REARD CONVENIENT PLACES FOR GODS WORSHIP
AND SETTLED THE CIVILL GOVERNMENT
ONE OF THE NEXT THINGS WE LONGED FOR
AND LOOKED AFTER WAS TO ADVANCE LEARNING
AND PERPETVATE IT TO POSTERITY
DREADING TO LEAVE AN ILLITERATE MINISTRY
TO THE CHVRCHES WHEN OVR PRESENT MINISTERS
SHALL LIE IN THE DVST.
NEW ENGLANDS FIRST FRVITS

The ancestor of this family, [Abraham Toppan](#), had come to this continent from Yarmouth, England in 1637, there had been any number of intervening generations, and then the father of [David Tappan](#), the [Reverend Benjamin Tappan](#), who had gotten married with Elizabeth Marsh, had been pastor of a church in Manchester, Massachusetts from 1720 to 1790.



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1752

April 21, Monday: [David Tappan](#) was born in Manchester, Massachusetts to the [Reverend Benjamin Tappan](#) and [Elizabeth Marsh Tappan](#). In addition to [David](#) there would be 11 children in that family, Benjamin, Samuel, Mary, Wigglesworth (who would die a bachelor), Abigail, Samuel, Ebenezer, Michael, Elizabeth, Patty, and Amos.



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1771

James Madison, Jr. graduated from the College of New Jersey (during his education he seems to have compiled A BRIEF SYSTEM OF LOGICK on the basis of lectures offered by the Reverend John Witherspoon).

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

...The arbitrary signs of Ideas have been invented & instituted by Men for the communication of their thoughts to one another, & discover their not being Natural but artificial by their being in various Countries and Ages, various and changeable.

The Brute creation have nothing but the Language of Nature, which is intelligible to all those of the same species; but being given only for necessary Uses, makes their conversation and correspondence very narrow and confin'd.

Men alone have contrived a more extensive communication of thoughts by inventing several Signs; which in company have agreed to use & understand commonly as expressive of the same sentiments.

These signs are partly similar to the Ideas of the mind as pictures and the most ancient Hieroglyphycks, partly dismission, as words either spoken or written; which have no manner of resemblance to the Ideas which they are intended to represent. Speech of all these Inventions, if it be an human invention, & not rather a divine Lesson, is by far the most excellent & has contributed chiefly to exalt the human species above the Brutes. Universal Terms may denote, either a Metaphysical, a Physycal, or a Moral Universality.

A Metaphysical or Mathematical Universality, admits of no exception. As, all Circles have a Center and circumferen[ce.]

A Physical or Natural Universality admits of some accidental and Praeternatural Exceptions. As, all men use words to express their thoughts, yet dumb Persons are excepted.

A Moral universality admits of many exceptions being a sort of Hyperbole, As all men are govern'd by affecti[ons] more than by reason. The Cretes are always Lyars. An universal term is sometimes taken collectively for all its particular Ideas united together; and sometimes distributively meaning each of them single and alone.

1. Collectively: as, all these Apples will fill a Busshel: all the Hours of the night are sufficient for Sleep: All the rules of Grammer overload the memory. In these Propositions it is evident, that the Predicate belongs not to the Individuals seperately, but to the whole collective Idea: for we cannot say, one Apple, or every Apple will fill a Busshel. &c. Wherefore such a Proposition is properly singular.

2. Distributively: when you may turn the word all into every: and the Predicate belongs to every Individual: which makes the Proposition truly and properly universal. As, all Men are mortal, which you may turn into every Man or any Individual Man is Mortal.

But of these Distributive Universals there are two kinds. For sometimes they include all the Individuals distributively; as, every sickness has a tendency to Death, i,e, Every individual Sickness.



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Sometimes they are restricted to every Species or kind; As, every Disease was heal'd by Christ, i,e, every kind of Disease. The first of these is call'd by Logicians the Distribution of an universal in Singula generum, and the second in genera Singulorum....

[David Tappan](#) graduated at [Harvard College](#). He would continue there in the study of divinity.

Moses Adams of Framingham graduated from [Harvard College](#). He would become the minister of Acton.

The Rev. MOSES ADAMS was a native of Framingham, and a graduate of [Harvard](#) in 1771. He died 13th of October, 1819, aged 70. During his long and peaceful ministry [in Acton], 147 were admitted to the church in full communion, 137 owned the covenant to receive baptism, 833 were baptized, and 246 marriages were solemnized. In his intercourse with his people he was conciliatory but independent. He had talents without ostentation, and piety without hypocrisy; all his public performances and private acts were distinguished for their superior good sense. He was emphatically a good, a worthy, and a useful man. Few had died and left a character more deservedly worthy of imitation than his.¹

1. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD:....](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)
(On or about November 11, 1837 [Henry Thoreau](#) would indicate a familiarity with the contents of at least pages 2-3 and 6-9 of this historical study.)



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1774

Dr. [John Cuming](#) had left [Harvard College](#) a year before graduating, to continue his education and get medical training in Britain. At this point Harvard, noting Dr. Cuming's fame as a physician and surgeon, awarded him an honorary masters degree. When in this year 4 out of every 5 of [Concord](#)'s townsmen signed a Solemn League and Covenant pledging not to consume British goods, Dr. Cuming was in disagreement. As a Crown-appointed justice of the peace, he felt he was sworn to "uphold the king's law." Patriots took note of the absence of his signature, and over the next nine months, he was chosen to moderate only one of eight town meetings.

[David Tappan](#) began to serve as pastor of a Congregational church in Newbury, Massachusetts (until 1792).

At the [Concord](#) meetinghouse, seating was provided for a choir.

[Concord](#) began to divide up its school funds in proportion to the amount of taxes paid in its various districts,

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with pupils in those districts that had a higher tax basis receiving a greater degree of educational attention.



DO I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION? GOOD.



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1788

November 7, Friday: [Benjamin Tappan](#) was born in Newbury, Massachusetts, son of the Reverend [David Tappan](#) of a Congregational church in Newbury, Massachusetts.





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1792

The [Reverend Jeremy Belknap](#), D.D. was made an overseer of [Harvard College](#). In this year, also, the final volume appeared of the his 3-volume THE HISTORY OF [NEW-HAMPSHIRE](#). COMPREHENDING THE EVENTS OF ONE COMPLETE CENTURY AND SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS FROM THE DISCOVERY OF THE RIVER PASCATAQUA TO THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY.

- [NEW-HAMPSHIRE, I](#)
- [NEW-HAMPSHIRE, II](#)
- [NEW-HAMPSHIRE, III](#)

During this year the Reverend [David Tappan](#) was chosen to replace the Reverend Edward Wigglesworth (son) in the [Hollis Chair of Divinity](#) at [Harvard College](#) (he would serve there until his death):

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1793

December: The Reverend Abiel Abbot preached for a few Sundays in West Newbury, Massachusetts after the Reverend [David Tappan](#), Harvard Class of 1771, had removed from the pulpit there to become Professor of Divinity in [Harvard College](#).

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[Dr. Erasmus Darwin](#) faced trial for seditious libel in regard to an “[ADDRESS](#)” of the Derby Society for Political Information to their fellow citizens of which, actually, he had not been the author.



THE LUNAR SOCIETY OF BIRMINGHAM

This had been written by [William Ward](#) after a meeting of the Society held at the Talbot Inn, Irongate, Derby, on July 16th, 1792. Almost certainly it had been printed at the Derby [Mercury](#). It had been picked up by a London newspaper the printer of which was being sued for sedition at Kings Bench Court. The case was defended by Thomas Erskine, a M.P. for Portsmouth, whose “Plan B” in the courtroom was to suggest, albeit incorrectly, that perhaps it had been written instead by [Dr. Darwin](#). This defense of William Ward would prove successful, and then there would be no further proceedings.



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1794

[Sylvestre François Lacroix](#) was aiding his old instructor, Professor Gaspard Monge, in creating material for a course on descriptive geometry.

The degree of D.D. was conferred on Professor [David Tappan](#) by [Harvard College](#).

[Timothy Alden, Jr.](#) took his doctorate from [Harvard College](#) in Classical and Oriental Languages with high ranks. He would become a teacher at Marblehead, Massachusetts.

[Elijah Dunbar](#), also graduating from [Harvard](#), prepared an assignment that has been preserved, "Calculation and Projection of an Eclipse of the Sun, to happen August 25th, 1794" (14 ½ x 21 ¼ inches).
<<http://oasis.harvard.edu:10080/oasis/deliver/~hua17004>>²

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DUNBAR FAMILY

2. At some point [Elijah Dunbar](#) would get married with Mary Ralston, daughter of Alexander Ralston of [Keene, New-Hampshire](#). They would have six children.



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1796

[Timothy Flint](#) and [William Tudor](#), recent graduates of Phillips Academy, matriculated at [Harvard College](#).

Luther Wright, who had been born in Acton, Massachusetts in 1770 and was so severely lame in body as to be unable to perform useful work, placed himself under the instruction of the Reverend [David Tappan](#), Harvard Class of 1771, a Professor of Theology at [Harvard College](#).

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During this year [Daniel Webster](#) courted [Louisa Dunbar](#) on a buggy ride in Boscawen, while he was still a student at Phillips Academy preparing to matriculate at Dartmouth College.

If ever a school had an unblemished record, it was this New Hampshire powerhouse. Set in the state's third-oldest town, Exeter's ivy-clad buildings give it the appearance of a geographically displaced [Harvard College](#). It is. Only slightly smaller than arch-rival Andover, Exeter turns out students who are verbally acute, organized, and programmed to achieve; its graduates include [Daniel Webster](#), Jay Rockefeller, and John Irving.

— Jesse Kornbluth, "Exeter's Passion Play," [Vanity Fair](#), December 1992, page 218.

DUNBAR FAMILY

At the time "Black Dan" was courting, he did not look like this:





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He looked, instead, like this:



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1797

April: Luther Wright, who had been educated in theology by the Reverend [David Tappan](#), Harvard Class of 1771, a Professor of Theology at [Harvard College](#), was licensed to preach by the Marlborough Association. The 1st society at which he would preach as a candidate for settlement would be at Medway, Massachusetts, where he would be ordained on June 13th, 1798. He would preach there for nearly the following 18 years, his salary being £80 per annum plus access to a ministerial woodlot from which he might obtain fuel.



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1798

Francis Johnnot Oliver had passed 2 years as an assistant teacher at Phillips Academy at Andover while pursuing theological studies under the direction of the Reverend [David Tappan](#), Harvard Class of 1771, and the Reverend Jonathan French, also Harvard Class of 1771, minister of the Second Church in Andover. At this point he was approbated to preach by the Andover Association and was occasionally preaching in that vicinity. He would remove to Cambridge, Massachusetts in order to continue his theological studies with the advice and aid of Dr. Tappan of [Harvard College](#), while supporting himself as a tutor in Greek. He would preach for a short time at the First Church in Boston, and at the First Church in Quincy, until he would in 1799 be able to resign his tutorship and begin permanent employment, preaching at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

[Joseph Emerson](#) graduated from [Harvard College](#). He would become a tutor there, would teach at an academy in Framingham, Massachusetts (Nancy Eaton would be one of his pupils), and then become a Congregational pastor.

Also graduated in this year was Samuel Phillips Prescott Fay of [Concord](#), son of the attorney Jonathan Fay, Esq.

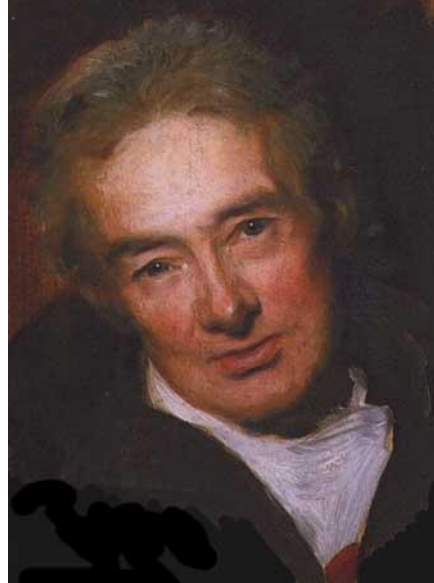
Samuel Phillips Prescott Fay, son of Jonathan Fay, Esq. was born January 10, 1778; grad. Harvard 1798; was admitted to the bar in 1803, and settled at Cambridgeport. He was appointed Judge of Probate May 1, 1821, and filled the office with distinguished ability.³

[ALL CONCORD COLLEGE GRADS](#)

3. [Lemuel Shattuck](#)'s 1835 [A HISTORY OF THE TOWN OF CONCORD;....](#) Boston: Russell, Odiorne, and Company; Concord MA: [John Stacy](#)

1799

The Reverend Doctor [David Tappan](#), [Hollis Professor of Divinity](#) at [Harvard College](#), warned against attempting loyalty to faction while at the same time attempting Christianity. One can only lead in morality by making of one's life a proper example, he offered, and a case in point would be the inspiration set by the "ardent piety & patriotism & philanthropy" of [William Wilberforce](#).



Wilberforce was anti-slavery, yes, but there was a difference between him and other anti-slavers. The warning Professor Tappan issued might have proven useful to [Lewis Tappan](#), a half a century later when his nephew was so deeply enmired in anti-slavery manipulations — except that really good advice tends to be of the sort that doesn't help our lives to work, and hence is usually the type of advice that we need to discard or disregard:

I have a poor opinion of those federalists & christians however respectable on other accounts, who declaim against French principles, & yet resemble them in practice; who speak highly of religion & the clergy in charges to Juries, in Orations, Toasts, or newspaper paragraphs, & yet practically neglect or trample them under foot.... [Our rulers & influential citizens must argue against] infidelity, impiety, & vice by the weight of their examples.

Isn't it interesting that here we had this guy, whom maybe we would suspect to be stuffy, taking an attitude identical with the one that [Henry Thoreau](#) would take, and even choosing one of Thoreau's heroes as his example?

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1803



Spring: As the United States was in the process of purchased the Louisiana Territory from France, President [Thomas Jefferson](#) in the [White House](#) in [Washington DC](#) was preparing a plan to explore this newly acquired, uncharted western territory, territory that was expected to contain erupting volcanoes, mountains of salt, and in accordance with the [biology](#) of the time, unicorns, living mastodons and 7-foot-tall beavers (there would not be such, but there would indeed be abundant fossils of such).

THE SCIENCE OF 1803

PALEONTOLOGY

He appointed Meriwether Lewis to explore the purchase lands. Lewis went to the United States Army and Arsenal that [George Washington](#) had caused to be established at [Harpers Ferry](#) to select weapons and hardware for his transcontinental expedition. He obtained 15 rifles hopefully adequate to stop a mastodon, a unicorn, or a 7-foot beaver in its tracks, 15 powder horns, 30 bullet molds, 30 ball screws, extra rifle and musket locks, gunsmith's repair tools, several dozen tomahawks, 24 knives large enough and sharp enough to butcher a mastodon, a unicorn, or a 7-foot beaver, and a collapsible iron-framed canoe.



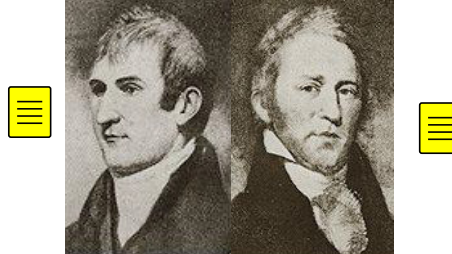
The rifles he obtained may well have looked like this standard Baker, then in use in the British Army:



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He also went to Philadelphia to obtain the best available instruction in botany, zoology, celestial navigation, and medicine. He wrote to a former army comrade, William Clark, inviting him to share command of expedition. Clark wrote back, accepting.




The President wanted [William Bartram](#) to go along with the explorers, as Official Naturalist. His eyes, unfortunately, not to mention his legs, would not be up to this.

BOTANIZING


For the 1st time, in this crop year, the US would find itself exporting more cotton, a [slave](#)-labor-intensive commodity, than tobacco, a [slave](#)-labor-intensive commodity. In fact, as cotton became more profitable, and as the renewal of hostilities in Europe increased demand for US commodities, and the demand for field hands to tend and pick this cotton increased — South Carolina would be resuming importation of slaves!

During the spring or summer of this year, after teaching school for awhile in Needham, Massachusetts Daniel Kimball had returned to Cambridge as a theology student under the direction of Hollis Professor of Divinity [David Tappan](#). During this period he was approbated and began preaching. He would be appointed as a tutor for the Latin department at [Harvard College](#).


 April 27, Wednesday: Emperor Franz II gave assent to the *Reichsdeputationshauptschluss*, a massive reorganization of the [German](#) Empire. The number of imperial cities was reduced to six; only three church states remained; the Duke of Salzburg became an elector of the Empire; the Rhineland Palatinate was made part of Bavaria (this was all fueled of course by the gains that larger states were making at the expense of smaller ones).

[David Tappan](#), who had been the [Hollis Professor of Divinity](#) at [Harvard College](#), and the uncle of [Lewis Tappan](#) and [Arthur Tappan](#), died in Cambridge, Massachusetts (Dr. Henry Ware, Harvard Class of 1785, would not be appointed to succeed him in this chair until May 1805; meanwhile young resident graduates such as Charles Wellington of Waltham, Massachusetts would be obliged to struggle alone with a list of books the professor had recommended for their perusal, and meet together occasionally for reading of their essays and comparison of views).

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 September 4, Sunday: The [Reverend James Kendall](#) presented at the church in Plymouth, Massachusetts a Sermon on the Death of Rev. [David Tappan](#), D.D.

1805

 [Sylvestre François Lacroix](#)'s *ESSAIS SUR L'ENSEIGNEMENT EN GÉNÉRAL ET SUR CELUI DES MATHÉMATIQUES EN PARTICULIER* and *TRAITÉ ÉLÉMENTAIRE D'ARITHMÉTIQUE À L'USAGE DE L'ÉCOLE CENTRALE DES QUATRE-NATIONS* (A Paris: Chez Courcier, Imprimeur - Libraire pour les Mathématiques, quai des Augustins, n° 71).

After studying theology at Andover, [John Farrar](#) became a tutor in Greek at [Harvard College](#).

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 [Benjamin Tappan](#) graduated from [Harvard College](#). There was a struggle over the "Hollis Chair of Divinity" that had fallen vacant with the death of his father [David Tappan](#), between Trinitarians and Unitarians, which the Unitarians won by electing the Reverend Henry Ware, Sr., the 1st faculty member of [Harvard](#) not an avowed Trinitarian and Calvinist. The repugnance the "Hopkinsians" and "Old Calvinists" felt to this theologian's opinions of the original goodness of humankind would lead them to infer that all Harvard had been captured — they would in response in 1808 create the Andover Theological Seminary.

The leader of the Trinitarians in this struggle had been the conservative Reverend Jedediah Morse of [Charlestown](#). His son Samuel F.B. Morse would become a radical Unitarian, and dedicate his life to the eradication of what appeared to him to constitute the original sin, [Catholicism](#).⁴ But Professor Ware's conception of man's "natural affections," that they occasioned "error and sin" not by any inherent depravity, but simply because they were susceptible to corruption by a "wrong direction," would not substantially alter over the years.

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4. Be aware that the name "Unitarian" was not in use until 1815, and that it originated in the Reverend Jedediah Morse's attempt to associate his theological enemies with the heretical notions of the [Reverend Joseph Priestley](#) and Belsham.

1806

➡ The 1st Boylston Professor of Rhetoric, Oratory and Elocution began to serve [Harvard College](#), [John Quincy Adams](#).

John James Devereux, who had been born in Salem, Massachusetts in 1796, at about the age of 10 entered Salem's Branch School, which at that time was under the direction of [Benjamin Tappan](#) ([Harvard College](#) Class of 1805), son of [Hollis Professor of Divinity David Tappan](#).



[Jacob Bigelow](#) graduated from [Harvard](#) (he would go on to study medicine).



(To see him graduate, rub a clove of garlic vigorously over the entire surface of the above image.)

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➡ January 1, Wednesday: Charles Lowell, who had studied divinity with the Reverend Zedekiah Sanger of South Bridgewater, Massachusetts and [Hollis Professor of Divinity](#) at [Harvard College David Tappan](#), was ordained over the West Church in Boston and would serve there for more than 37 years.

Use of the French revolutionary calendar was interdicted by order of the Emperor [Napoléon](#).

[Nicolò Paganini](#) was chosen as 2d violin in the Court Chamber Orchestra of [Lucca](#).

By order of the French Emperor the Duchy of Bavaria became a kingdom — Elector Maximilian IV of Bavaria would be known as King Maximilian I, and Duke-Elector Friedrich II of Württemberg as King Friedrich I.

In his journal entry, Meriwether Lewis exhibited the homesickness that seemed to be afflicting everyone in the expedition during the rainy winter in which they had reached their western destination, during which there would be only a dozen days on which it failed to rain. “Nothing worthy of notice” was the phrase which was quickly replacing their previous “we proceeded on,” as the most common remark jotted down by these diarists:





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




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1807

 [Richard Henry Dana](#) and [Walter Channing](#) were expelled from [Harvard College](#) for participating in the Rotten Cabbage Rebellion (a student revolt triggered by a maggoty lunch). Also, Dana's mother died during this year. Channing would, under the tutelage of Dr. James Jackson, continue the study of medicine.

[Harvard](#) tutor [John Farrar](#) was appointed as the Hollis Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy. He would begin to maintain weather records in Cambridge (seeking to come to terms, without the assistance of supercomputers, with the mathematical complexities of this bulk atmospheric natural process).

At the age of 18, [William Elliott](#) graduated from Beaufort College in South Carolina and matriculated at [Harvard](#).

NEW "HARVARD MEN"

The Reverend Abiel Holmes's SERMONS ON IMPORTANT SUBJECTS, BY THE LATE REV. [DAVID TAPPAN](#), D.D. [HOLLIS PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY](#) IN THE UNIVERSITY AT CAMBRIDGE. TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF THE AUTHOR; AND A SERMON PREACHED AT HIS FUNERAL BY DR. HOLMES (Boston: by W. Hilliard and Lincoln & Edmands, and for sale at the bookstore in Cambridge, and at No. 53, Cornhill),


SERMONS BY TAPPAN

along with the Reverend [Tappan](#)'s posthumous LECTURES ON JEWISH ANTIQUITIES; DELIVERED AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY IN CAMBRIDGE, A.D. 1802 & 1803 (Boston: W. Hilliard and E. Lincoln, and for sale at the bookstore in Cambridge, and at No. 53, Cornhill).

LECTURES BY TAPPAN



1811

 October 16, Wednesday: [Benjamin Tappan](#), son of [Hollis Professor of Divinity David Tappan](#), a graduate of [Harvard College](#), became pastor of a Congregational church in Augusta, Maine (until his death).



Friend [Stephen Wanton Gould](#) wrote in his journal:

*4th day 16 of 10 M 1811// I hardly know what to say of myself.
I feel low tried & discouraged, both from within and without,
but hope I shall be favor'd to place my confidence in the Power
of Israels God which is able to save from all evil, but Alass,
how weak is flesh. -*



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1819

➡ [Lewis Tappan](#) had been persuaded by the preaching of the Reverend [William Ellery Channing](#) to abandon the Calvinist creed of his mother in favor of Unitarianism. It is interesting that the parents, [Benjamin Tappan](#) and [Sarah Tappan](#), had no immediate objection to this because, although the Reverend Channing was understood to be somewhat on the liberal side, while at Harvard Divinity he had been one of [Hollis Professor of Divinity](#), the Reverend Doctor David Tappan's better students. However, by 1815 the Reverend Channing had become so radical as to be preaching that:

- The Puritan position had overly distrusted the moral capabilities of humankind.
- The Puritans had been considerably in error in painting a portrait of a supreme being who was, essentially, unlovable.
- The doctrine that there were 3 persons in the Godhead was merely divisive and difficult, was something which somebody had made up which was irrational, unprovable, and unscriptural.

By this point [Sarah](#) and [Benjamin](#) had learned enough about the new views of the Reverend Channing to become thoroughly frightened for the souls of their children, in particular for [Lewis](#). The mother began a campaign which would continue until her death in 1826, to persuade the son to:

shun those fashionable preachers, who prophecy smooth things that will lull you into a false security.

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Meanwhile, however, her son's concern was not so much for the condition of his own soul as for the salvation of others, as he sought to raise funds on a project to send a [Unitarian](#) missionary to redeem the benighted heathens of [India](#), and as he sought a local crusade for the repression of Intemperance.

[Maria Dolores Eliza Rosanna Gilbert](#), whose stage name would be "[Lola Montez](#)," was taken to [India](#) as an infant.

TRALFAMADORIANS EXPERIENCE REALITY IN 4 DIMENSIONS RATHER THAN 3 AND HAVE SIMULTANEOUS ACCESS TO PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE. THEY ARE ABLE TO SEE ALONG THE TIMELINE OF THE UNIVERSE TO THE EXACT TIME AND PLACE AT WHICH AS THE RESULT OF A TRALFAMADORIAN EXPERIMENT, THE UNIVERSE IS ANNIHILATED. BILLY PILGRIM, WHILE CAGED IN A TRALFAMADORIAN ZOO, ACQUIRES THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARD TIME, AND SO WHEN HE RETURNS TO EARTH, HE BECOMES A HISTORIAN VERY LIKE ALL OUR OTHER HISTORIANS: ALTHOUGH HE CANNOT HIMSELF SEE INTO THE FUTURE THE WAY THE TRALFAMADORIANS DO, LIKE ALL OUR OTHER HUMAN HISTORIANS DO HE PRETENDS TO BE ABLE TO SEE ALL PERIODS OF OUR PAST



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**TRAJECTORY NOT WITH THE EYES OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE LIVING
DURING THOSE PERIODS, BUT WITH THE OVERARCHING EYE OF GOD.
THIS ENABLES HIM TO PRETEND TO BE VERY VERY WISE AND TO SOUND
VERY VERY IMPRESSIVE!**

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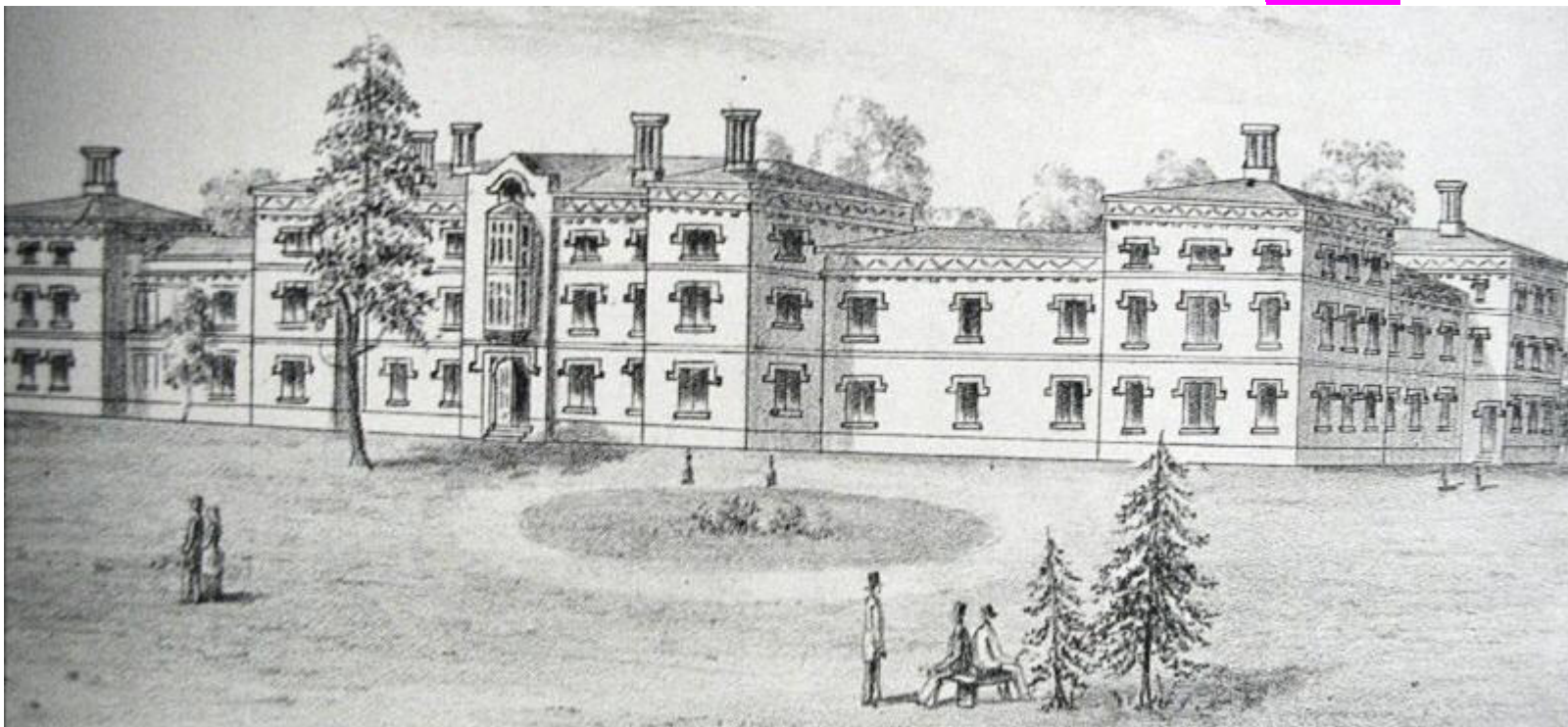
1845

[Bowdoin College](#) awarded the Reverend [Benjamin Tappan](#) the degree of D.D.



Dr. Isaac Ray, one of the founders of the American Psychiatric Association, a former classmate of [Hawthorne](#) at [Bowdoin College](#), was appointed as the first superintendent of [Butler Hospital](#) for the Insane in [Providence, Rhode Island](#) and departed for a European tour on which he would examine methods of hospital construction and administration. Dr. Ray would serve until his retirement in 1867. Upon his death in 1881 the hospital would receive a bequest of \$77,000.

ASYLUM





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1863

December 23, Wednesday: Hannah Cullwick, maid-of-all-work with a middle-class family in London, got up at 5AM to prepare “a turkey & eight fowls for tomorrow, being [Christmas Eve](#), & forty people’s expected, and they are going to have some sort of play. And so they are coming tonight to do it over [rehearse] & the Missis has order’d a hot supper for 15 people.” That night Hannah would not get to bed until around 1AM.

[Benjamin Tappan](#), son of Hollis Professor of Divinity [David Tappan](#) of [Harvard College](#), died in Augusta, Maine.

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“It’s all now you see. Yesterday won’t be over until tomorrow and tomorrow began ten thousand years ago.”

– Remark by character “Garin Stevens”
in William Faulkner’s INTRUDER IN THE DUST

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ARRGH AUTOMATED RESearch REPORT

GENERATION HOTLINE



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Commonly, the first output of the algorithm has obvious deficiencies and we need to go back into the modules stored in



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the contexture and do a minor amount of tweaking, and then we need to punch that button again and recompile the chronology – but there is nothing here that remotely resembles the ordinary “writerly” process you know and love. As the contents of this originating contexture improve, and as the programming improves, and as funding becomes available (to date no funding whatever has been needed in the creation of this facility, the entire operation being run out of pocket change) we expect a diminished need to do such tweaking and recompiling, and we fully expect to achieve a simulation of a generous and untiring robotic research librarian. Onward and upward in this brave new world.

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