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**Samuel Baldwin Ward, M.D., Ph.D.**  
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Dr. Samuel Ward was born in New York City in 1842 and was educated in public and private schools. He received his undergraduate degree in 1861 from Columbia University where he graduated third in his class. He started his medical education in 1861 but in 1862 left college to enter the army as a medical cadet. He resumed his medical studies at Georgetown University while stationed in Washington D.C. and received his M.D. in 1864. After his graduation he was commissioned by President Lincoln to serve as Assistant Surgeon of United States Volunteers. He continued his medical education by studying abroad and upon his return started his own practice in New York City while also filling the Chair of Surgery in the Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary. In 1876 Dr. Ward moved to Albany where he became a faculty member of Albany Medical College, where he stayed for over 30 years. While at Albany Medical College he served as Professor of Surgery and then Dean of the College from 1905-1914. Additionally, he also served as Attending Physician to Albany Hospital, Attending Surgeon and Consulting Physician to St. Peter's Hospital, and Consulting Physician to the Albany Orphan Asylum.