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creased, and the curriculum enlarged and improved. In 1843 Dr. McMaster conceived the idea of removing the college to the neighboring city of Madison, then one of the most important and wealthy business places in the state. He thought that if the institution was established there, the wealthy men of the city would rally to its support and build up the leading university in the West. Acting upon this idea he persuaded the board of trustees at a called meeting to surrender their charter to the legislature in return for the charter of a university at Madison. The old charter was given up, the new charter granted, and the college was removed to Madison. If all the friends of Hanover had rallied to the support of the new institution, Dr. McMaster's idea of building up the leading university of the West might have been realized. This, however, they refused to do. The college was divided—board, faculty and students—a part going with President McMaster to Madison, and part remaining with Vice-President Crowe at Hanover. The academy at Hanover under Dr. Crowe grew and prospered, and many of the students who had followed Dr. McMaster to Madison, returned. In 1844 Madison University was offered to the synod as a synodical college, but the offer was declined, the synod ordering the continuance of its college at Hanover. A new charter was obtained far more favorable than the one which had been surrendered, granting the powers of a university, and placing the institution fully under the control of the synod of Indiana. After leaving Hanover in 1844 Dr. McMaster was president of Madison University one year, after which he served as president of Miami University, Oxford, O., 1845-49. He was professor of systematic theology in the Theological Seminary at New Albany, Ind., 1849-57, and professor of systematic theology in the Northwestern Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., from June to December, 1866. He died at Chicago, Ill., Dec. 10, 1866.

SCOVEL, Sylvester, third president of Hanover College (1846-49), was born at Peru, Mass., March 8, 1796. He was graduated from Williams College in 1822, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1824; was home missionary on the Delaware river one year, 1824-25; ordained by the presbytery of Albany, Aug. 19, 1825, pastor of the church of Woodbury, N. J., 1825-28; stated supply at Norristown, Pa., 1828-29; pastor Lawrenceburgh, Ind., 1829-32; stated supply at Elizabeth, Berea, Providence, and Harrison (O.) churches, 1832-33; pastor Harrison and Providence churches, 1833-36; and agent of the board of domestic missions, 1836-46. He received the degree of D.D. from Hanover in 1846, and was elected its president the same year. As agent of the board of domestic missions he had acquired an extensive acquaintance in the church, and had shown himself possessed of a talent for securing funds. During his administration a considerable sum of money was secured as the foundation for an endowment; students were gathered in, and the college entered upon a brighter career. But the period of Dr. Scovel's connection with the college was short. In 1849 an epidemic of cholera visited Hanover, scattering the students and carrying some to untimely graves. The president was one of the victims. He died at Hanover July 4, 1849.

THOMAS, Thomas, fourth president of Hanover College (1849-55), was born at Chelmsford, Eng., Dec. 23, 1812. He was graduated at Miami University, O., in 1834, and for some years after this taught in the schools of Rising Sun, Ind., and Franklin, O. He was ordained by the presbytery of Cincinnati, O., in July, 1837, and installed pastor of the church at Harrison, O., where he remained one year. He then became pastor of the church at Hamilton, O., a charge which he resigned in 1849 to accept the

presidency of Hanover College. He was professor of biblical literature and exegesis in the Theological Seminary at New Albany, Ind., 1854-57; stated supply of the First Presbyterian church of New Albany, 1856-58; pastor of the First church of Dayton, O., 1858-71; and professor of New Testament Greek and exegesis at Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, O., 1871-75. Wabash College conferred upon him the degree of D.D. in 1850. Dr. Thomas was a ripe scholar, an eloquent preacher, a born teacher, and a strong, independent, fearless, manly man. During his presidency Hanover College prospered financially, increased the number of its students, and developed a broader and higher course of study. He died in Cincinnati, O., Feb. 3, 1875.

EDWARDS, Jonathan, fifth president of Hanover College (1855-57), was born in Cincinnati, O., July 19, 1817. He was graduated from Hanover College in 1835, from its theological department in 1838, and taught in Kentucky from 1838 to 1842. He was licensed by the presbytery of Salem in 1843, and ordained by the presbytery of Cincinnati in 1844; was pastor at Montgomery, O., 1844-49; principal of Springfield Female Seminary, Springfield, O., 1849-51; pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Fort Wayne, Ind., 1851-55; president of Hanover College, 1855-57; pastor of the West Arch street church, Philadelphia, Pa., 1857-66; president of Washington and Jefferson College, 1866-69; pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, Baltimore, Md., 1869-71; pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Peoria, Ill., 1871-77; professor of theology in the Danville Theological Seminary, Danville, Ky., 1877-81; pastor of the Seventh Presbyterian church of Cincinnati, O., 1881-85; pastor at Long Branch, N. J., 1885-87; and pastor at Meadville, Pa., 1887-91.

He received the degree of D.D. from Washington and Princeton in 1856, and LL.D. from Lafayette College in 1866. After the resignation of Dr. Edwards Prof. S. H. Thomson acted as president of Hanover for two years. President Edwards was a model Christian, and a man of rare kindness and sweetness of disposition. He was a fine scholar; direct, forcible and spiritual in his preaching, and remarkably exact and chaste in the use of language. Hanover never had a more loyal son, nor one who labored and prayed more earnestly for her welfare. His presidency, though short, was very successful, and he left the college in a more prosperous condition than he found it. He died in Peoria, Ill., July 13, 1891.

WOOD, James, sixth president of Hanover College (1859-66), was born at Greenfield, N. Y., July 12, 1799. He attended Union College, N. Y., where he was graduated in 1822; studied theology at Princeton, and was licensed by the presbytery of Albany in 1825. He was stated supply at Wilkesbarre and Kingston, Pa., 1825-26, and was ordained by the presbytery of Albany in 1826. He was pastor at Amsterdam and Veddorsburgh, N. Y., 1826-34; agent of the board of education, 1834-39; professor in the Theological Seminary at New Albany, Ind., 1839-51; agent of the board of education, 1851-54; associate secretary of the board of education, 1854-59; president of Hanover College, 1859-66; and president of Van Rensselaer Institute, Hightstown, N. J., 1866-67. Dr. Wood was moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in 1864. The degree of D.D. was granted him by Marion College, Mo., in 1841. His presidency of Hanover College

