

Fort Wayne, Ind. June 9. 1855.

Rev. Bro. F. Crowe, D.D., So. Hanover,

Dear Sir:

I had the privilege on my route homeward of an extended interview with the Rev. Dr. McGill in which the affairs of Hanover College were pretty thoroughly canvassed. I have also gathered expressions of opinion from various brethren, both of the East and the West, who had been commissioners to the General Assembly. Dr. Thomas has written me a full and candid statement of the case. And I have discussed it in my family, besides making it renewedly the theme of consideration and prayer. Thus I am brought to discuss with you definitely the points upon which my acceptance may be definitely conditioned. For acceptance is the word which, as I now read the providences of God, I must incline to adopt. I must now, then, ask the attention of the Board to the following items which just here are of importance.

1. It will be essential that until the

endowment of the College (including expressly the Presidency) be completed and available, reliable provision be made for the punctual payment of the salary. This is sine qua non.

2. It is of great importance that I be furnished with a loan of \$1000, not less than \$500, of which must be advanced by Commencement and the remainder by Jan. 1. 1856. This loan to be on such long time that I may not be embarrassed nor crushed by any sudden demand for its repayment. For such loan I will pay reasonable interest, but must be permitted to be my own security while living, and to pledge a policy of Life Insurance in case of my decease.

These matters adjusted I shall be prepared to signify to the Committee who were directed to correspond with me up-
on this invitation of the Board that I shall immediately ask leave of Presbytery to accept of it - and also to confer with any Committee the Board may appoint to arrange for the Inauguration. I need

not say that this acceptance being thus contingent is not avowed here as yet, and should not be prematurely published anywhere.

I have a few other matters equally deserving the attention of the Board.

The first is that of a Professor of Latin. I wish to suggest the name of Rev. Lowman P. Hawes, now of Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis: as eminently qualified and probably available. Mr. H. is a Kentuckian - a graduate of Center College - married to a niece of Rev. Dr. McGill - has some property - is represented as a gifted and accurate scholar, specially in Languages and Ethics and Philosophy, and well adapted to attract and yet control young men. Indeed he was named as suitable for the Presidency in case of my own declination. Mr. H. was sometime Pastor at Huntington, Penn, and has had the advantage of foreign travel. Prompt action, I learn, may secure this able young brother for Hanover.)

Another is in reference to a Superintendent of the College grounds. I have to-day spoken with the sexton of our

150 Church in reference to the matter. He now receives a salary of \$300.00 for his services. For this with rooms finished in the Basement for his family. I presume he might be secured. He is rather anxious, he says, to remove to a healthier region. His fidelity - his versatility - would make him a prize. He is moreover a practical farmer and would be willing to lease the college farm. Should I come I would urge upon the Board to secure such a man if practicable. I should be glad at all events the Board would take such action as would enable me to commence negotiations with him. Among other incidental benefits from his coming you might hope would be the introduction of German servants into Hanover.

As to the matter of Agency I should be pleased to hear from the Board. Could I be sure of the \$500. or \$1000. which I need by Commencement I would be willing either before or (which would perhaps be preferable) immediately after that day to engage under a Commission of Agency at discretion, receiving pay for only such services as I might render.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date - I remain, dear Sir,

Yours Truly,

Edward S.