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Forty years ago the tide of emigration flowed rapidly and steadily from the east toward the broad and fertile plains of the great West. The Presbyterian church was weak and her ministers few. An educated ministry trained up in the midst of this growing population was a felt necessity. To meet this necessity, Hanover Academy was organized in 1828, which, in 1833, was incorporated as a College.

Since that time the Institution has gone steadily forward - at times under great difficulties and discouragements - accomplishing in a high degree the work for which it was founded. Of the 332 graduates of the College, 163 have studied Theology: about 50 have become teachers: and of the remainder, a large proportion are filling positions of usefulness and honor. From 4,000 to 5,000 young men have studied within its halls 800 of whom have devoted themselves to the sacred ministry.

In the comparatively brief period of its existence, the institution has enjoyed 27 revivals of religion, the last of which has just been experienced. Many of the students and of the citizens on the last Sabbath of February, publically professed their faith in Christ. some of the latter having past the meridian of life. Thus has the Lord again set his seal of approbation on the College at Hanover.

The Institution is under the care of the two synods of Indiana. One-half of the Trustees are appointed by the synods, and the other half are elected by the Board itself.

Location.

The College is situated on one of the bluffs of the Ohio River. six miles below the city of Madison. The different railroads and the river place it within twenty-four hours of the principal points in Indiana. Kentucky. Western Ohio and Illinois. A new railroad is also in prospect on the north side of the Ohio, from Cincinnati to New Albany. A hack runs daily from Madison through Hanover.

The location is remarkable for the unrivaled beauty of its scenery, its healthfulness and its freedom from the ordinary temptations to vice pertaining to towns and cities. No intoxicating liquors are sold in the village or township. Persons can judge for themselves of the effect of these things upon the character, habits and interests of the students.

Religious Instruction.

All the students meet at 9 o'clock A. M., on Sabbath to receive Biblical instruction. Divine service is conducted at 3 o'clock P. M., each Sabbath, by the President or one of the Professors. Every student, unless excused, is required to attend these exercises. All of them are also expected to attend the morning services of the congregation in the village. There is also a weekly prayer-meeting in the College, under the supervision of the Faculty, and the students hold weekly meetings in their rooms. The Scriptures are read in the original languages during the course.

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