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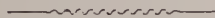
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Moderwell, who died suddenly at Saratoga, Aug. 24, 1880, after a married life of fifty-seven years.

NOTE.—The death of Drs. Snodgrass and Maclean leaves Rev. John Hudson of Keokuk, Iowa, the sole survivor of the students matriculated before 1820. Mr. Hudson was in attendance upon the Anniversary exercises of this year.

JOHN MACLEAN, D.D., LL.D.

John Maclean, D.D., LL.D., was the eldest son of Dr. John Maclean, the first Professor of Chemistry in the College of New Jersey, and Phoebe Maclean, a sister of the gallant naval hero Com. Wm. Bainbridge. He was born in Princeton, N. J., March 3, 1800; entered the College of New Jersey in the spring of 1813 and was graduated in the autumn of 1816. He taught in the Lawrenceville school for one year and was appointed a tutor in the College in 1818. He entered the Theological Seminary at the same time and continued a member of the Institution for more than two years. He was appointed Teacher of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in 1822, and Professor of Mathematics in 1823. In 1829 he was transferred to the Chair of Ancient Languages and in 1847 was made Professor of Greek. He was elected Vice-President of the College in 1829, and in 1854 was elected President. In 1868, after a most faithful and successful service of fifty years, he retired to private life, "the best loved man in America." Dr. Maclean was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, Feb. 5, 1828. He was very prominent in the church and was repeatedly a member of the General Assembly, taking a very active part in all matters that related to the constitution of the church, to education, temperance, and the doctrinal matters that led to the division of the Church in 1837-38. Although never a pastor, he was really the founder of two churches, the Witherspoon Street Church and the Second Presbyterian Church, of Princeton. He held numerous important public positions; he was a Director of the Theological Seminary, a Director and Vice-President of the American Colonization Society, a member of the New Jersey State Board of Education and a Regent of the Smithsonian Institution. His numerous publications evince his ability, his orthodoxy, and his zeal for the truth. Besides his Letters on the Elder Question, his noted Review of Bacchus and Anti-Bac-

chus, and other articles and pamphlets, the crowning work of his life was his *History of the College of New Jersey*. Revered and beloved by all who knew him, he died in Princeton, N. J., August 10, 1886.

JAMES GARLAND HAMNER, D.D.

James Garland Hamner, son of Samuel and Nancy (Garland) Hamner, was born in Albemarle Co., Va., Jan. 6, 1798; was graduated at Hampden Sidney College in 1820; studied theology a few months with Dr. Moses Hoge, and entered the Seminary at Princeton in 1820, remaining somewhat more than two years; was licensed by the Presbytery of Hanover, Oct. 19, 1822; was ordained by the same Presbytery, July 17, 1824; preached at Pole Green, Hanover Co., Va., 1824-26; in Fayetteville, N. C., 1826-29; was pastor in Frederick, Md., 1831-33; was pastor of the 5th Church, Baltimore, 1835-52; subsequently preached in New Haven, Conn., nearly a year; was pastor of the Park Church in Newark, N. J., in 1860-61; afterward made Baltimore his home, preaching in the Aisquith St. Church, and the Broadway Church of that city, and at Laurel, Prince George's Co., Md., for considerable periods, and elsewhere for a shorter time as he was invited. His health had been for many years impaired. He died in Baltimore of paralysis, Jan. 29, 1887, not long after his 89th birthday. He married (1) in New York City, Sept. 18, 1827, Miss Olivia Murray, who died April 14, 1829; (2) in New York, Dec. 9, 1830, Miss Jane McElderry, who died August 8, 1871. Five children survive him; one son and four daughters. He received the honorary degree of D.D. from Delaware College.

JOHN WILLIAMSON NEVIN, D.D., LL. D.

John Williamson Nevin, son of John and Martha M. (Williamson) Nevin, was born in Strasburg, Franklin Co., Pa., Feb. 20, 1803; was graduated at Union College in 1821; after two years of rest at home, entered Princeton Theological Seminary, completing the course in 1826; was licensed by Carlisle Presbytery in Oct., 1828; was ordained by the Presbytery of Ohio, April 22, 1835; was assistant in Hebrew at Princeton, 1826-28, during Dr. Hodge's absence in Europe; was Professor of Oriental and Biblical Litera-