

A History of the Hanna Family.

Being a Genealogy of the Descendants of Thom-
as Hanna and Elizabeth (Henderson)

Hanna, who emigrated to
America in 1763

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uated at Franklin College. Studied medicine in Cincinnati, O. Began practice of medicine in Wilkinsburg, Pa., March, 1884, removing later to East Liberty, where he continues the practice of his profession.

(6) ANNA MARTHA VINCENT, born Nov. 28, 1857. Graduated at Franklin. A teacher in Allegheny City, where she died June 5, 1894.

MRS. MARTHA DICKSON VINCENT continued to reside in Allegheny City with her daughter, Dr. C. Jane Vincent, until September 25, 1899, when she sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

The fifth child of Thomas and Jane Cowden Hanna, was named THOMAS. He died in infancy. The sixth and youngest child was also named THOMAS HANNA. He was born near Taylorstown, Washington County, Pa., Oct. 4, 1799. Graduated from Jefferson College, Canonsburg, in 1818. At Theological Seminary, Service, Pa., licensed by the Chartiers Presbytery Aug. 16, 1820. Ordained by same Presbytery Pastor at Piney Fork, Wills Creek and Cadiz, Ohio. Removed to Washington, Pa., Oct., 1848. Was called to the Associate Church (afterwards the U. P. Church) May 14, 1850, resigned Oct. 8, 1862, and died Feb. 9, 1864. He received the degree of D. D. from Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio. Was Moderator of Synod from 1834—1842. Director Allegheny Theological Seminary 1863-64.

In 1820 THOMAS HANNA married JEMIMA PATTERSON, at Short Creek, Ohio. She died in 1847 and he married, 2nd, Sarah R. Foster Principal of Washington Seminary.

SKETCH OF SARAH FOSTER HANNA.

SARAH R. FOSTER HANNA was born in Hebron, Washington County, New York, Nov. 10, 1802, married



Franklin College, New Athens, Ohio.
The Alma Mater of many of Thomas Hanna's Descendants.
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Rev. Thomas Hanna in 1848, died in Washington, Pa., Sept. 15, 1886 in her 84th year. After having served for thirty four years as Principal of the Washington Female Seminary, Mrs. Hanna resigned her position in 1874. At that time a reunion of her students and graduates was held and the proceedings published in book form. From this little volume of appreciation the following articles concerning her work, have been taken.

Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis, one of Mrs. Hanna's graduates, wrote for the New York Tribune of July 19, 1874, the following article which was read at the reunion:

"A Woman's Work,"—"Many years ago Margaret Fuller, in her 'Women in the Nineteenth Century,' called attention to the work and position of a certain Mrs. Sarah Hanna (then bearing her maiden name) as among the hopeful signs of women's progress. The occasion which prompted her notice was a visit paid by Ex-President John Quincy Adams to a school for girls, under the care of this lady, in a pretty village in Western Pennsylvania. It was long before the time when a woman, without trampling on all conventional rules, could lecture or speak as freely as man in public. It was the time when one of our foremost thinkers presented the Clytie as the type of a perfect woman, 'Observe that the hair covers the forehead down to the eyebrows,' said he 'The intellect is there, but is veiled of men.' 'This teacher in the quiet little town had already determined to do what lay in her power towards unveiling the hidden intellect. Having something to say to her guest on the subject of her life's work, she said it, and in public, in a few well chosen, modest words, strong in sound common sense.

(President Adams said that Mrs. Hanna was the only woman whose strength of character and personality had ever made him lose his presence of mind.—*C. E. Rice.*)

Margaret Fuller recognized both the sense and

prophecy which its utterance at that time conveyed. She would have been quick also to recognize the peculiar lesson embodied in the future work of this woman: and we think this work worthy of mention here because it differs from that approved and sought after by the majority of women now, in its quiet and sturdy usefulness, without any straining after dramatic effect.

She knew, when choosing her work, apparently what few women care to know, precisely what she could and could not do. She was not meant for an artist or author, or even a teacher *par excellence*; but she had an exceptional executive ability; and a peculiar fitness for managing and controlling the young. She made her work therefore the founding and oversight of schools, having under her charge at one time three large and successful seminaries for girls. She has educated and sent out hundreds of teachers, and wives and mothers in unnumbered homes cherish for her grateful affection. Next week, as we learn, she gives up the work which she began in early youth, and from all parts of the country her scholars are going back to say farewell to her.

It has been a quiet, undramatic life, brought to a quiet undramatic close, and we should have no right to drag it thus before the public were it not to hint to other women how large and wholesome may be the result of a noiseless private life when it is vitalized by common sense sincerity, and integrity to the service of the Great Master."

A very beautiful paper was read by Mrs. Julia Robertson Pierpont, of the class of 1847, the wife of Hon. Francis Pierpont Governor of Virginia during the Civil War. Mrs. Pierpont said; Nearly thirty-one years ago I stood, with my sister, a stranger at the seminary door, and sent a look of inquiry from the basement up to a row of dormer windows all along the roof. Dear old dormer windows! they stand out in memory individualized, and



Rev. Thomas Hanna, D. D.
Son of Thos Hanna (1760-1829.)
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casting arms of protection above youthful forms and sweet girl faces. "Peace to their ashes!" they perished martyrs of cremation, and went up in heroic flames during the conflagration of 1848, giving up their being to newer forms of architecture. * * * *

"In May of the next year, 1844, the telegraph was first put into practical operation between Baltimore and Washington. Thereupon Miss Foster called some of us down to her room—and I shall never forget how cautiously she suggested that even we might live to see these wires working all over the country and even in foreign lands; or how skillfully she associated it in our minds with one of the richest and sweetest of the Psalms—the 19th—by reading the 4th verse: 'Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.' Some of us memorized the beautiful words of the entire Psalm, and many times, as we have traveled by the side of the telegraph wire, we have repeated these words and recalled the suggestive thoughts of that day. So she fed us with manna, 'Sweeter than honey in the honey-comb,' and we laid it by in store that shall never grow old while we tarry in the wilderness of life."

Mrs. Hanna said of herself: "I began teaching in 1824. I taught for more than nine years district and select schools, in the different townships of Hebron, Salem, Argyle and Fort Edward, in my native county. The only education I had received was in the district schools, and as I continued teaching, I felt the necessity of obtaining further instruction and acquiring more thorough knowledge, to enable me to do what I desired. * * I made up my mind to enter some seminary of learning, if I could obtain the consent of my parents. I brought the subject before them, but they opposed my wishes, saying that I could now command as high a salary as any lady in the county and with this I ought to be satisfied." This opposition seems to have been overcome, for in

1833 Miss Foster entered Troy Female Seminary, then under the care and management of Emma Willard, the foremost female educator in our country. Miss Foster conceived a great admiration for Miss Willard, and in her later years spoke affectionately of her and ranked her among the best women who had ever done a public service, and was always ready to pay her the tribute of a pupil's gratitude.

After leaving Troy Seminary Miss Foster was called to Cadiz, Ohio, where she established and successfully conducted a Seminary for young ladies until 1840, when she was elected Principal of the Female Seminary at Washington, Pennsylvania. In 1848 she married the Rev. Thomas Hanna, pastor of the Associate Church in Cadiz, Ohio. He removed to Washington, Pennsylvania, and was chosen pastor of the Associate Church at that place, of which Church Mrs. Hanna was also a member.

Mrs. Hanna's influence in the community was greater, perhaps, than that of any other citizen. This was due not solely to her position, but to her character and strong personality. She made herself felt upon the people. She made her home in the Seminary a place of social power as well as of mental instruction. Mrs. Hanna's graduates are living in all parts of the country and many of them are missionaries in foreign lands. Miss Isabella Thoburn, of Lucknow, India, was one of these. Wherever they reside they remember her with the affection of children. Upon all of them she left the impression of her noble life. As time went on the infirmities of age gathered upon her, and on the 28th of March, 1874, she resigned her position as Principal and retired to private life. Taken all in all, she was one of the most useful and successful of the eminent women of the first half of the nineteenth century.