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Nowadays, Thomas Hill (1818-1891) is perhaps best known as the immediate predecessor of Charles Elliot as president of Harvard College, a position which he held from 1862 to 1868. He also was president of tiny Antioch College for the two years preceding his tenure at Harvard, having succeeded Horace Mann as its first president. Before that, Hill was mostly known as a prominent unitarian minister, an educator and a promising mathematician. In this talk I will discuss the nature of his mathematical writings and how this work relates to Hill's other writings. In addition, I will discuss the influence of his teacher Benjamin Peirce. Focus will be on Hill's two published geometry textbooks as well as their unpublished sequel. (Received September 21, 2012)