

The sensation of Baltimore was over the approaching opening of the Johns-Hopkins Hospital. It must be explained that Mr. Johns-Hopkins was a very rich merchant, far from open-handed in his lifetime, who, when he could keep his seven millions of dollars no longer, left them to found two institutions—a university and a hospital. Through the kindness of President Gillman we were shown over the university buildings; and another officer showed us the hospital, which was opened publicly the day after we left. Both are on a very high scale, especially the hospital. Every contrivance for the benefit of the sick and for the efficient carrying on of the work of the hospital that modern skill has discovered is brought into full play in the arrangements. I believe the architect was sent over the world to inspect all the chief hospitals in existence, and get from them every arrangement that experience had devised for their efficient management. The university has been chiefly distinguished for physical research. Its many publications have already procured for it a distinguished place, and it seems likely that it will accomplish much more. I found considerable anxiety prevailing in Christian families on account of the appointment of some professors whose views inclined to scepticism. Christian parents did not like to place their sons under the shadow of unbelievers, whatever might be the branch of study, and some young men had gone to Princeton who would naturally have studied at the Johns-Hopkins. It is believed, however, that the trustees will be more careful in future appointments. The college is undenominational, and, like other American colleges, is governed by a body of trustees, the first having been named by the testator. The hospital is a fine and imposing building; but the university is scattered over a considerable number of separate erections, and none of them is sufficiently imposing to correspond to the importance of the institution.