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Mr. President and Gentlemen:—

HAVING recently had an opportunity of spending some weeks at this notable seat of learning, I have felt it a duty to take some means of making better known and appreciated an institution which, for some reason or other, appears to be either unheard of or little understood in this country. As this Society includes among its members a large number of the medical men of this city who are engaged in teaching, and as the rest probably take considerable interest in the progress of learning in general, and of science in particular, I hope no apology is necessary for bringing the subject before you.

Johns-Hopkins, of Baltimore, I gather, was a man of peculiar, almost eccentric ways of life, who, by great

energy, steadiness of purpose, and unusual aptitude for business, amassed an immense fortune. Whether largely charitable during his career as a citizen, I do not know; but like Samson, he seems to have done at least vastly more at his death than during his life. He has not, however, pulled down, but raised up a great institution. The University which bears his name, bears also the impress of his peculiar views in regard to education; and that he was as far-seeing in this matter as in those by which he gained his wealth, the future, if not the present, will prove. In the main outlines of the grand scheme, the great donor's views are embodied, though the details have been planned and the whole executed by an enlightened Board of Trustees. I do not propose to dwell on every aspect of this University, but such, rather,

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