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On Sunday afternoon, November 8, 1908, at 4 o'clock, an audience consisting of the Trustees, Faculty, Alumni, and Students of the University, and friends of Dr. Gilman, the first President, assembled in McCoy Hall to do honor to his memory. The order of the exercises was as follows:

SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYERS

THE REVEREND ARTHUR B. KINSOLVING, D. D.

RECTOR OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

"Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made Heaven and earth."—*Ps.* 124: 8.

"Lord thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made: Thou art God from everlasting and world without end."—*Ps.* 90: 1, 2.

"I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet from my flesh I shall see God:

"Whom I shall see for myself,

"And mine eyes shall behold, and not another."—*Job* 19: 25, 26, 27.

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there shall no trial touch them.

"In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery,

"And their going from us to be utter destruction, but they are in peace."—*Wisdom* 3: 1, 2, 3.

"They that put their trust in Him shall understand the truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with Him: for grace and mercy is to His saints and He hath care for his elect."—*Wisdom* 3: 9.

"The righteous live for evermore; their reward also is with the Lord, and the care of them is with the most high.

"Therefore shall they receive a beautiful crown from the Lord's hand; for with His right hand shall he cover them, and with His arm shall he protect them."—*Wisdom* 5: 15, 16.

"I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."—*St. John* 11: 25, 26.

"For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."—*I Cor.* 5: 1.

"And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads \* \* \*

"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed



them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."—*Rev. 22: 4; 7: 16, 17.*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*Answer:* And with thy spirit.

*Minister:* Let us pray.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and glory for ever and ever. *Amen.*

"O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

"O God, at whose word man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening; who art the fountain of all wisdom and the true light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world; we beseech Thee regard with Thy favor and blessing all the schools and colleges of our land, and especially this University. Assist all who are guardians of its interests. Give increasingly the spirit of wisdom to its officers and teachers: enlarge the number of its friends and benefactors, and reward them with Thy mercy for whatever good in its behalf they may

design or do. Enlighten the minds, purify the hearts, and exalt the ideals of those who are students here. Inspire them with high hopes and worthy purposes, and so prepare them to fulfil their duty in this life that they may attain the destiny to which Thou dost call us in the life to come. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

"Almighty and ever-living God, we yield unto Thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all Thy saints and leaders and founders who have been the choice vessels of Thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; most humbly beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their steadfastness in Thy faith, and obedience to Thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of Thy Son, may be set on His right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

"O Lord, support us all the day long of this troublous life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, of Thy great mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*"

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## ADDRESS

IRA REMSEN, PH. D., LL. D.

PRESIDENT OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

We have come together, friends, colleagues, students, co-workers in many lines of activity, to give some expression of our respect and admiration for one who for more than a quarter of a century was the chief factor in the life of this University. No single life can mean as much for us as that of Daniel Coit Gilman. And yet it is difficult for one who during that long period worked by his side, who knew much of his hopes, his aspirations, and his trials, to give adequate expression to the thoughts that press forward for recognition. Those of us who had the privilege of working under his leadership would, it is certain, testify with one voice that the conditions created by him were well-nigh ideal. His motto was "Do your best work." The effect these words produced upon those of us who came here at the beginning will never be forgotten. We were not hampered by a lot of rules, but were simply asked to do our work in the way that seemed best. What better can anyone have? If there ever was a place where the simple intellectual life was fostered, it was at the Johns Hopkins University in the early years. We were all free to work out our own intellectual salvation. If our leader had been meddling, narrow-minded, unsympathetic, without tact, and dictatorial, our work could not have flourished. He was, in fact, broad-minded to a remarkable degree; he was sympathetic; he had confidence in those whom he had brought together; he had tact; and was gentle even when harsh treatment appeared to be justified, as was sometimes the case. He created an atmosphere good to live in—an atmosphere salutary and stimulating. Whatever success has attended the efforts of those who have carried on the work of the University, is to be traced back to this clear, invigorating atmosphere.