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THIS is not the time, although it is a birthday, to review the infancy of this University. Reminiscences of the cradle and the nursery are profoundly interesting to a very small number of the near and dear, but according to a formula, which may be stated with mathematical precision, the interest varies inversely as the square of the distance.

It is meet and right and our bounden duty to commemorate the munificence of the founder, who in his grove at Clifton, and at his residence in town, spent the close of his life in perfecting a plan by which his fortune might be made to benefit humanity. Two noble purposes, the education of youth and the relief of suffering,—the Johns Hopkins University and the Johns Hopkins Hospital, became the objects of his thought and bounty. It would be pleasant to dwell upon the personalities of his early advisers,—three of whom may now witness our fervent congratulations. We might journey with them to Cambridge, New Haven, Ithaca, Ann Arbor, and Charlottesville, as they engaged in enquiries respecting the nature and offices of those leading universities, an example of

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