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Professor Rowland, 1848-1901.*

A great man has fallen in the ranks—great in talents, great in achievements, great in renown. Not now need we recall the incidents of his life, nor estimate the characteristics of his impressive personality, nor enumerate his contributions to physical science. We are assembled in this academic hall as his friends, his pupils, his colleagues, about to follow his deserted body to the church, and there in silence to give thanks for such an example, or to utter, with his kindred, words of faith and hope, consecrated by the comfort they have given to the mourners of many climes and of many centuries. Before these last rites, we pause to think what sort of a man was this whom we so love and honor, whom we so lament, whose death, in one aspect, seems so premature; in another, crowned with the best that earth can give.

* An address before the officers and students of the Johns Hopkins University, assembled before the funeral, April 18, 1901.