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LET my first words carry my warm gratitude for the kind and friendly thought which prompted the Johns Hopkins University to invite a French professor to speak here to-day. The Paris University, as the oldest in the world, feels itself to be, as it were, the grandmother of all others. This time-honored old lady is happy to see one of her younger offspring cheerfully celebrating her fiftieth anniversary. I am glad to bring you her most cordial congratulations and wishes.

For my part, I do so with all my heart, and I share in this beautiful celebration more as a friend than as a guest. It always seemed to me that some special affinity exists between the American and the French mind. I myself am quite at home among American fellow-workers, so easy is mutual understanding. I had this experience more than once; and to-day, on this unique occasion, amidst this unequalled audience, I feel it the more deeply.

Fifty years: only a start, a mere beginning in the career of a spiritual being like Johns Hopkins. Still how many valuable services have already been rendered to science and learning by this university! What a roll of glorious names it can show! To enumerate them does not belong to me. Better informed men are required to record that history. But I can not refrain from mentioning at least a few of the most illustrious men of science and scholars whose teaching and discoveries, from the first, established the prominence of Johns Hopkins: Ira Remsen, the chemist, whose admirable life has just been so vividly depicted before us; the far-famed physicist Rowland; for biology, Brooks; for medicine, Osler; for semitic studies, Bloomfield; for classics, Gildersleeve; and so many others whom I regret not to be able to mention in this address!

That so many eminent men met and worked here, during so short a lapse of time, that they made the name of Johns Hopkins renowned in Europe as well as in America, can not be attributed to chance. Obviously there were reasons for this luxuriant blooming of the new-born university. Under the guidance of its first president, Daniel Coit Gilman, Johns Hop-

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