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IN the death of Professor Rowland, at the age of fifty-three, in the fulness of his activity and powers, the world has lost one of its foremost men of genius ; America, its greatest scientist ; Johns Hopkins University, the teacher and investigator who has brought it most renown.

Henry Augustus Rowland was born at Honesdale, Pennsylvania, Nov. 27, 1848 ; he entered the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, and received the degree of C.E. in 1870. After a brief experience in practical engineering on a railroad he accepted the position of teacher of science in Wooster College, where he taught physics, zoology and geology for the year 1871–2. He was then called to the Rensselaer Institute as instructor, and was soon promoted to assistant professor. He remained at Troy until he accepted a position at Johns Hopkins University in 1875. The attention of President Gilman of Johns Hopkins University was directed to Rowland by Professor Michie of West Point ; and the first meeting of the two took place at the Academy on the Hudson. Before assuming the duties of his new office, at the suggestion of President Gilman, he spent a year in Europe purchasing apparatus for his laboratory, becoming acquainted with the prominent scientists of England and the Continent, and making a prolonged