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My dear Mr President

Referring to our conversation of Saturday evening last, I herewith send you a copy of the November Harpers, containing the educational article of which I spoke to you. In doing so I cannot avoid telling you how very glad I was I met you. My article was aimed at colleges, so to speak; — but, the more I

think of it, the more it seems to me that the John Hopkins should have been my particular work. I see it all now through our chance meeting! – The common school problem at the South is to us what the similar problem was to Stein after Jena. The John Hopkins University, from its geographical position, its antecedent circumstances and its own sense of responsibility has a mission to perform. You have

get to put your hand on the ever which is to raise the entire South, and you must do it in the way I have tried to point out in this paper.

Hoping that you will see it as I do

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My dear Mr President

Your favor of the 22d has come to hand. I will bear the suggestions contained in it in careful consideration, and write to you at a later day.

Meanwhile I send you a copy of the pamphlet of my papers, of which you were

kind enough to speak to me when I met you, in a few editions. Do it you will send the Chautauquan paper in July.

If you would kindly send me a few names of those who take sufficient interest in these subjects, connected with the Johns Hopkins University, to read these papers it would give me pleasure to forward

them copies.

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My dear Mr President

Your favor of yesterday reached me this morning. I have delayed answering your previous letter of Feb 22d, until I could give some opinion about Dr Hall, & give an answer to your request for me. Dr Hall is not a skilled botanist. He has much knowledge, is enthusiastic in manner, and to

times states things is very forcibly. He lacks practice as a lecturer, and does not entirely succeed with driving one or two points home in the minds of his audience. In other words, he is encumbered by his learning.

Speaking frankly, I doubt if he is the man for your field. Yet he may be. To deal with the Southern educational problem successfully you need a man of large humanity, of magnetic nature, and of emphatic belief. I question whether Hall is such a man. And yet

here, one day, I incidentally mentioned my view of the Johns Hopkins University, and the great part it ought to play as an educational leader in Southern operations, - the quick glance he shot at me was very suggestive. He inquired, if I thought the University itself saw the thing in the same light. As I had got what I wanted in his response, I simply said that I knew nothing of the University's policy.

I can only say, therefore, that Hell may do you your peculiar work; - I shall be deceived, however,

if he does do. I should want a man with more bowells.

I send you by express to-day eight copies of that paper on the "Superintendency" of which I sent one copy to you before. I have delayed, to have them bound up with the Walton report, on the facts stated in which, my paper was based. May I kindly ask you to distribute them?-

I am Ing

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