Medical Education
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The Trustees of the Johns Hopkins University are prepared to say that

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They will proceed with the organization of a medical school, as soon as the sum of Two Hundred Thousand dollars, in addition to the resources which they need command, is provided for this purpose.

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The object of the school will be the promotion of superior medical education, and the advancement of medical science and art, upon the principles, as far as they are applicable, which have been dominant in the departments of science & literature already organized.

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That is to say, the most approved methods of instruction will be employed & the effort will be made to meet the requirements of those who now seek exceptional advantages in Europe, after having received a degree of Doctor of Medicine. They have acquired some knowledge of medicine or surgery, and also of those who wish to take their professional education upon a broad or liberal course of study.
IV. Women as well as men will be admitted to the school under such regulations as the Trustees may from time to time prescribe.

V. The Trustees are not without the hope that some individual will give the entire amount required for an endowment, or thus associate his name permanently with the institution as its founder.

VI. If this hope is not fulfilled within a short time, the Trustees will ask specific contributions, which may equal if not surpass in the aggregate the sum already named.

VII. Among the necessities of the Medical School, suitable building, for laboratories, lecture-rooms, class-rooms, a medical library and a medical museum may are of course included.

The Trustees have already bought a large and appropriate site for the Medical School, very near to St. John's Hopkins Hospital, which may at once be appropriated to the Medical School.
The buildings erected should be substantial and pleasing to their aspect, but at the same time they should be simple and free from costly ornamentation. The laboratories were constructed for the university indicate in general terms the kind of structures requisite. Each such building may cost, exclusive of land, say one hundred thousand dollars. Two or three such buildings will be desirable, or it may even be better, if sufficient money can be obtained, to make one central building with wings adapted to different departments of study.

Equally important is a fund for the maintenance of a faculty of medicine. For the establishment of a professorship, one hundred thousand dollars is required. Lectureships yielding one thousand dollars are also very helpful. What are known sometimes as scientific chairs, or professorships of anatomy, physiology, pathology, bacteriology, etc., should be endowed so that to exclusive medi
command all the time of the professor, just as the university command the services of its professors of chemistry, biology, and physics.

While building professorships and principal requirements of a school, funds for meeting all the innumerable current expenses are desirable, a special gift may be directed to the establishment of a library, a museum, a fellowship or a scholarship.

The unusual opportunities which are offered by the essentially two foundations of Johns Hopkins, the University and the Hospital, have been often pointed out. The influence, the institution of the influence of both these organizations will contribute to the usefulness and distinction of such an Institute of Medicine and Surgery as is here presented to consideration of liberal Americans.