

of the John Hopkin's University of Baltimore to give a course of lectures there at an early day and has been granted leave of absence by the Wisconsin regents for that purpose. Prof. Allen is one of those quiet, thoughtful scholars who does thoroughly well whatever he undertakes. His long training in the German Universities will enable him to render efficient service to the Baltimore institution, the first and only *real* University yet established in America.

It is yet a question among many whether the time has come for the establishment in our country of a University *in fact*, or in the continental sense of the word, or whether we have, as yet, the men and material for its successful equipment. Some also, preeminent among whom is Pres. White, of Cornell, have thought that such an enterprise should be undertaken by the general government and the institution, when established, be known as the National University. Others have maintained that our true course was to wait the natural order of things—until some of our older and better endowed colleges had *grown* into the University proper, and they have been wont to point with hope to the rapid strides in this direction that Harvard has of late been making. But while these have been talking, the authorities of John Hopkin's University have been quietly, successfully at work in laying solid the foundations of the institution under their fostering charge. From time to time the public has note of their progress, as, for instance, in the calling to responsible duties of such accomplished scholars as Prof. Allen, and now that institution may be regarded as a fixed fact and America no longer be said to have not *one* real University. True, the attendance is small, for the high grade of Scholarship requisite to admission is not easily reached and for the more potent reason that, as yet, in our country, there is little demand for the really higher and profounder scholarship; but this makes no difference. The Uni-

versity is not dependent on numbers for its success. Indeed a large attendance at this early stage of its career would be *prima facie* evidence of the most conclusive kind that it is not what it claims to be.

We hail this University then as a cheering indication that America is fast coming to her maturity. It is the first indication of the dawn. It is, at least, some small part of the substance of the thing long hoped for. Of course years, possibly generations, or even centuries of effort are yet needful before it can even hope to attain the solid position of a great continental school. Nevertheless it is much to be able to read the end from this beginning.

It is a noteworthy circumstance that this institution should have been founded in the comparatively southern city of Baltimore. The future greatness of this city, however, is well assured. It possesses all the advantages both of an inland and maritime metropolis. Its easy accessibility and nearness to the Mississippi valley has already thrown into its hands the lion's share of the great inter-continental traffic. Despite therefore the advantage already gained by New York, Baltimore is not unlikely to become the great metropolis of the Alleghany slope, and, so, of the American Continent.—Then, in the words of the prominent Scientist, Prof. Huxley, this institution, which he dedicated rather to original research than to instruction, will be the chief, crowning glory of the city as of the nation. E.

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#### "PLAGIARISM."

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A very just and deserving criticism, found in the *Lawrence Collegian*, upon an article appearing in a former number of the STUDENT, calls forth some remarks upon a topic, much to our embarrassment and mortification. That any of the contributors of the STUDENT would be guilty of the contemptible act of plagiarism is something that never before entered our