

DEATH OF MR. JOHNS HOPKINS. In the  
 death of Mr. Johns Hopkins, which occurred at  
 2.45 o'clock yesterday morning, Baltimore loses  
 not only its most prominent business man but a  
 public benefactor. Mr. Hopkins was in the  
 seventy ninth year of his age. We give else-  
 where a sketch of the life of Mr. Hopkins,  
 and of his beneficent projects and princely  
 charities, as far as known, amounting in the  
 aggregate, it is supposed, to at least \$5,000,000,  
 nearly about equally divided between the  
 projected Johns Hopkins University and the  
 extensive general hospital and orphan asylum  
 on which work has already been commenced by  
 the trustees, in addition to which Mr. Hopkins  
 has also provided handsomely for his relatives.  
 Such acts as these, and those of Peabody and  
 McDonogh, are monuments of the higher life and  
 purposes to which commerce and material de-  
 velopment may be made subservient. Mr. Pea-  
 body, it will be remembered, gave the sum of  
 \$1,000,000 to the Peabody Institute in this city, and  
 subsequently added the sum of \$400,000 in Tennes-  
 see and Virginia bonds. He also established a  
 fund for medals in the public schools of this city.  
 Including these with his munificent contribu-  
 tions for lodging houses for the poor in London,  
 for professorships in Yale, Harvard and other  
 colleges, for institutes bearing his name in Mas-  
 sachusetts, for education in the South, &c.,  
 Mr. Peabody's gifts for benevolent and educa-  
 tional purposes reached in the aggregate consid-  
 erably over eight millions. Mr. McDonogh gave  
 over half a million to Baltimore for a farm school,  
 which has only lately gone into operation. Moses  
 Sheppard gave liberally to found an asylum for  
 the insane, which is now nearly built near Tow-  
 sontown, Baltimore county. The beneficence  
 of Mr. Hopkins, larger than that of Mr.  
 McDonogh, must be conceded to be broader  
 than that of Mr. Girard of Philadelphia, because  
 there is no bigoted ostracism of religion in its  
 conditions, but on the contrary religion is ex-  
 plicitly recognized, and it is only directed that  
 no denominational differences shall be regarded  
 in the dispensation of his charities. Mr. Hop-  
 kins was great as a merchant and eminent as a  
 banker. His remarkable foresight gave him  
 vantage-ground in business, and his coolness  
 never deserted him even in times of financial  
 trouble, and these great business qualities, added  
 to his vast accumulations in later years, gave  
 him power which he used wisely and to the  
 great advantage of Baltimore. Whatever may  
 have entered into and marked the pursuits and  
 the acquisition of fortune by a man like Mr.  
 Hopkins, or whatever may have been the actu-  
 ating motives in any period of such a life, it is  
 certain that he must have always felt the stim-  
 ulus of an ambition and enterprise that could  
 not result otherwise than beneficially to the com-  
 munity at large, as well as often no doubt to par-  
 ticular individuals. And it is gratifying to see  
 a man who had thus successfully labored turn-  
 ing his attention ere life's close to great schemes  
 of beneficence, by which an undoubted good is to  
 result which cannot be interred with his bones.  
 The good which such men do lives after them,  
 blossoming and bearing fruit for the improve-  
 ment and happiness of future generations.