DEATH OF MR. JOHNS HOPKINS

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DEATH OF MR. JOHNS HOPKINS. — In the
quint of Mr. Johns Hopkins, which occurred
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
under 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
McDonough, 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
$1,600,000 to the Peabody Institute in this city, and
subsequently added the sum of $400,000 in Tennes-
see and Virgina bonds. He also established a
fund for medals in the public schools of this city.
Including these with his munificent contributions for lodging houses for the poor in London,
for professorships in Yale, Harvard and other
colleges, for institutes bearing his name in Mas-
achusetts, for education in the South, &c.,
Mr. Peabody's gifts for benevolent and educa-
tional purposes reached in the aggregate consider-
ably over eight millions. Mr. McDonough gave
over half a million to Baltimore for a farm school,
which has only lately gone into operation. Moses
Shepperd gave liberally to found an asylum for
the insane, which is now nearly built near the
mount, Baltimore county. The beneficence of
Mr. Hopkins' larger than that of Mr.
McDonough, 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-
kiss 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 act-
ating motives in any period of such a life, it is
certain that he must have always felt the stimi-
ulus of ambition and enterprise that could
not result otherwise than beneficially to the com-
community 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 on 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.