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Carlisle, Pa., May 30th 1876.

Pres. D. C. Gilman,

Johns Hopkins Univ. Balto. Md.

Dear Sir, - You will receive by this mail an application for the fellowship in Physics in the Johns Hopkins Univ. accompanied by a thesis by Dr J. Homer Dash, a member of the present graduating class of this College. In compliance with a very natural desire on his part I write you in regard to it.

The applicant is a young man of far more than average ability, of studious habits, and of earnest enthusiastic application. His record up to date, in all departments of the College justifies me in saying that he will graduate with deservedly very high rank in his class.

Our course here permits the substitution of practice in physical science for the Latin & Greek of the last two years, - amounting to one afternoon per week. Mr Dash has taken this course, & by reason of assistance rendered me during the past year, has been accorded larger privileges in this respect.

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He has also during a portion of the time continued his linguistic studies. Such a course, and such an amount of study, is not calculated, nor indeed is it intended, to produce any great degree of scientific proficiency, beyond that of an ordinary college course, but is intended mainly as disciplinary, and supplementary to purely text-book study, and lectures, and in many cases it carries the student through the days of awkward, and destructive manipulation. When application for the above fellowship first suggested itself to Mr Dash he was about entering upon the practice of photography, and, at my suggestion, he selected a little investigation in this branch, the results of which are embodied in his thesis. It is but just to him to say, that the thesis is his own in every particular; regarding his work in the nature of an examination, whilst I have afforded him every facility, I have not felt free to assist him by direction, suggestion, instruction or explanation of results, outside of the purely photographic manipulations. You have therefore in it an exhibit rather of the possibilities in the man, than in any degree of his actual requirements. If I understood the object of your fellowships, the former will be of more value

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To you in making yr selection than the latter.
I have glanced over the thesis, and consider
it, under all the circumstances, as known to
me, as very satisfactory, and I feel satisfied,
that if he shd be successful in his appli-
cation, he will bring to his work such enthusiasm,
and such habits of study, as will make him
a credit to his Alma Mater, as well as the
institution that receives him.

Yrs truly,
Charles F. Himes,
Prof. Nat. Sci. Dick. Coll.

May 30th, 1876

Pres D.C. Gilman,
John Hopkins Univ. Balt. Md.

Dear sir, - You will receive by this mail an application for the fellowship in Physics in John Hopkins Univ. accompanied by a thesis by Mr. S. Homer Dosh, a member of the present graduating class of this college. In compliance with a very natural desire on his part I write you in regard to it. The applicant is a young man of far more than average ability, of studious habits, and of earnest enthusiastic application. His record up to date, in all departments of the college, justifies me in saying that he will graduate with deservedly, very high rank in his class.

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Yours truly,
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Prof. Nat. Sci. Dick. Coll.