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Gilman Correspondence

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Dr. Coster

1700 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

Jan 17th 1880

My Dear Mr Latrobe

How very good
and kind of you to take
all this trouble about the
publications which we were
conversing about. They arrived
safely, and I assure you I
shall value them the more because
they came through your benevolent
offices. I take so much interest
in the John Hopkins and its
success as a means of extending
the highest education and culture
that I am glad to have any
of its records. With kindest regards to
Prof Gilman, and many thanks to
yourself
Sincerely yours
L. M. DeForest

you see that Dr Dacosta
Appreciates your kindness
WMH
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Malcolm

1700 Walnut St.
Philadelphia.

April 12th 1894

My dear President Gilman,

As it soon will
be the season when Universities
and Colleges begin to make
up their list of Degrees, I
venture to lay a matter
before you. I have long been
of opinion that our Institutions
of learning would be the stronger,
if, following the example of
Oxford and Cambridge and
of many of the German Universities,
they would of their own accord
attach strong men to themselves,

in varied pursuits
by the recognition of merit
through honorary degrees. It
is not only a recognition of
merit, but it shows a
University to be alive to
what is going on in all
Departments of knowledge.
With these views will you
permit me to suggest the
name of Dr. Weir Mitchell
to you. You are aware
of his great eminence as
investigator and writer. He
holds already many titles;
but I am sure one from
the Johns Hopkins would add

to them. Dr. Welch and Dr.
Baker know his qualifications
as well as I do; but I
have not mentioned the matter
as yet to them, wishing to
write to you, the head of
the University, directly.
I will only add, in speaking
to you on the subject, that
I understand that Dr. Mitchell
has given several lectures at
the Johns Hopkins this winter,
and that this would thus be
a particularly appropriate
time; also that Dr. Mitchell
has not the faintest idea
of this communication.
Believe me, my dear President Libman,
with the greatest personal regard,
most truly yours,
J. M. Da Costa

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1700 Walnut St.

April 18th - 1894

My dear President Gilman

I thank you
very much for your
kindly and frank
letter. I did not know
that it was against
the custom of the Johns
Hopkins or I should not
have mooted the matter.

It is certain that honorary
degrees have been frightfully
abused in this country; yet,
rightly conferred, I believe

They strengthen any Institution
by showing it to be appreciated
of the best work in all
Departments; and thus
identifies it with the
thought and endeavor of
the country. I again
thank you for your prompt
and courteous answer

Believe me, my dear President
Gilman, most truly yours
R. M. De Costa