

Henry, received their education. They were entered as foundation boys at McDonogh School and there received the foundational training which was to stand them in good stead later on in life.

As for the present generation, we do not know the man, but we know the tradition which he created; that of a splendid character who was not only a great genius but a great gentleman. Lanier died at 39, leaving poetry which one critic has called "a cluster of perfection." This same critic goes on to say, "Three volumes of unimpeachable poetry have been written in America; 'Leaves of Grass' by Whitman, the thin volume of Poe, and the poetry of Sidney Lanier."

Walt Whitman and Edgar Allan Poe, another adopted Baltimorean, already have been chosen by the Hall of Fame. So, incidentally has George Peabody, founder of this Institute and Library. The name of Sidney Lanier, when it finally is inscribed, thus will find suitable associations. But, for the moment, it is enough that we are gathered to salute his genius and to honor his memory. I have no better way of closing these remarks than by quoting four lines of verse by a living Baltimore poet as a tribute to Sidney Lanier:

"And ah, it haunts me just to know  
His feet along these streets did go . . .  
A haloed man—he also trod  
The clouds around the throne of God."

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## DENTAL CENTENARY CELEBRATION

Ford's Theatre, March 18, 1940

Baltimore

**S**UCH a gathering of eminent professional persons from all parts of the Country, as well as distinguished visitors from elsewhere, would alone deserve the welcome and applause of the people of Maryland. Seldom does any State receive a visit from such a fine cross-section of people of consequence in their various communities throughout the Nation. Your mere assemblage within the boundaries of our Commonwealth, therefore, more than justifies my presence, as Chief Executive of Maryland, to welcome you.

But this occasion carries a wider significance in the fact that it calls attention to, and celebrates the foundation here in our State, of the first school established for the teaching and development of the art and profession of Dentistry. Here, 100 years ago, the first school for the teaching and nurture of that profession was established.

Since that day, and flowing from that event, your great profession scattered throughout the length and breadth of civilized communities has grown until it includes within its numbers hundreds of thousands. It is to mark the Centenary of that foundation that you gentlemen have met.

Maryland has been first in its contribution to the general welfare in many ways, as a result of which we have a natural and understandable pride. It may be ventured, however, that from the point of intimate human benefit and relief, there have been few, if any contributions more directly beneficial to