

the beginning, and are happily, still with us—yet it is but simple justice to declare that our lamented President has laid our city and State under lasting obligations, for his invaluable services as well as his liberality, in conducting this great enterprize to a successful issue.

For more than half a century he has been identified with the history of Baltimore, and a few of her citizens have been so efficient in promoting all her highest interests. He has given, not only of his abundant means, but his time, his counsels and his influence to whatever promised to develop her resources, or to promote her prosperity. If I am not misinformed, he was one of that band of brave "Defenders," (now, alas! so few) who in the last war with Great Britain, perilled their lives on the battle ground for the safety of the city; and many years after when clamorous mobs destroyed her peace, he, although age would have exempted him from military duty, promptly enlisted with other gentlemen of the highest standing, in forming a company of "City Guards," to preserve good order. Our magnificent railroad to the West—that iron artery through which flows in great measure, the life-blood of our commercial and industrial interests, giving business and wealth to thousands of our citizens—is greatly indebted to him for its success as well as for its very existence.

In the distribution of his charities he was most wise and discriminating. He did not with lavish and careless generosity, waste his alms upon every pauper who applied for aid, but selecting the best objects—those which by promoting industry, morality and piety, tend to dry up the sources of poverty and crime—he gave to them in such a manner as to elicit the co-operation and benefactions of others. Numerous churches not only of his own, but of other denominations also have been aided by him in diffusing the inestimable blessings of Christianity throughout our community. That most useful institution, "The society for Ameliorating the Condition of the Poor," if it was not *originated* by him, always found in him a warm and liberal supporter, while the Orphan Asylum (of whose Trustees he was President,) the Aged Women's Home, the Protestant Infirmary, and in short, *all* our best benevolent and religious institutions looked up to him as a generous patron and judicious adviser. But, am I mistaken in asserting, that amid all these excellent institutions for promoting the physical and moral improvement of humanity, our *House of Refuge* deservedly occupied the highest place in his esteem, and elicited his most earnest and constant efforts? Not only did his gifts to this object far exceed those of any other subscriber, (amounting