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a good degree self sustaining who but for the aid permitted by the Cooperative action of seeing friends who supplement the loss necessarily incident to the want of sight of the Employees by pecuniary Contributions as well as by personal supervision & guidance would be sitting in idle darkness. Our institution is only in its infancy. It has made a healthy start. It needs not such support as will take away all feeling of necessity for Exertion, but such a measure of aid as will encourage and foster its inherent vitality by the confident assurance of that it will not be left without the supplies which are essential to develop its forces & strengthen them. Lay your appeal at the door of every heart. beside every hearth around which happy families gather for hometown joys: Ask them to be "eyes to the blind". They can do it by proxy. None can confer on another the mental power which was possessed by him who — "sitled from light

As in the land of darkness yet in light
To live a life half dead, a living death,
And buryed; but O yet more miserable
Myself my sepulchre, a moving grave
Buryd, yet not Exempt
By privilege of death & burial
From worst of other evils, pains & wrongs
But made hereby obnoxious more
To all the miseries of life"

yet wrought through the aiding eyes & hands of others those glorious figments of genius which have placed him on