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My dear Classmate,

Have you seen the Rev. Tom Dixon's book, "The Leopard's Spots"? It traverses the ground of your "A Fool's Errand", with practically the opposite motive, and opposite effect. Dixon sent me a copy, and asked me to prepare a notice. Instead of doing just that, I have written a notice of your book and his book. It seemed to me too remarkable a contrast to go unnoticed. I hope his venture will secure some new readers for your famous work. I wrote asking him whether a copy had gone to you, and he has not done me the honor to reply. An eccentricity of genius. I hope your genius is so well used to the formalities of the consular office that you will not refuse to let me know whether you have seen his book; for I mean that you shall, if you haven't.

A shipmate of mine, H.C. Michael, is chief clerk in the Department of State, and we are pretty close friends. I learn from him that you are still at Bordeaux, and doing characteristic service for your native land. This isn't to be a fool's errand, I hope. They say there is some reconstructing needed in those lines you are now following; and, if so, I am sure you will have some sage ideas of what should be done, not the genial fool's single idea of making the most of a bad job.

~~to come to Spitzbergen with Johnson and six years ago with the Atudhik~~

This summer Mrs. Johnson and I expect to go to Spitzbergen on

the Auguste Victoria, which sails from N.Y. for Hamburg, June 17, takes a little side trip to Spithead to see the great naval display, and coming back to Hamburg, sails for Norway and the arctics July 3, and is back again July 26th. O what larks if you could go bathing in that sunlight, and an old acquaintance could be revived. *We return home at once.*

I enclose a copy of my article. Maybe you will dislike it; but that will not be an unfamiliar experience. Pray over it, as you did with Brother Fulton, when you and he couldn't agree; but don't do your praying aloud, in my presence.

With fraternal memories and regards, I am
Yours very truly,

E. H. Johnson

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Bordeaux, France.