

DR. J. S. AMES PRAISES SHORE

**University President States He Has
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To Reside Here**

Dr. Joseph S. Ames, president of Johns Hopkins University, thinks so much of the civilization of the Eastern Shore that he has often expressed the desire to reside here, he recalled this week in a letter to The Salisbury Times.

The views expressed by the university head are in exact opposition to those voiced to the Federal Council of Churches by Prof. Broadus Mitchell, professor of political economy at the institution, Dr. Ames wrote in part:

"I have spent myself, a great deal of time on the Eastern Shore, and I have never met anyone here whom I have not liked. I have never come in contact with any questions dealing with religion or politics when I have been there, but my whole reactions towards the civilization on the Eastern Shore is that I think it is fine and I have often said that I would like to live there.

"I never have any desire to interfere with anyone else's opinions, nor do I have any desire to change anyone's opinion. The regret I have in regard to Dr. Mitchell and all the publicity in connection with it is that some people may associate this university with his point of view. This of course, is obviously unjust, because it is no more proper to think the University, as such, holds the views of Dr. Mitchell than it is to think that a church society to which he may belong should be held responsible.

"Dr. Mitchell did not make any investigation or study under the auspices of the university, or even with the knowledge of the university. He was acting simply as an individual. We are all of us here familiar with his point of view, and with his convictions, but we are all convinced that he is intellectually honest, and that he is in no sense a crusader."

The Mitchell report to the Federal Council of Churches was an indictment of the intellect and religious beliefs of the people of Salisbury and the Eastern Shore.