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GREAT LEADER  
AND MAINTAIN THE  
SPIRITUAL FREEDOM  
HE PROCLAIMED





## PREFACE

A STATUE of William Ellery Channing was unveiled in Boston on June 1, 1903 — one hundred years after the beginning of his eventful ministry. This statue, which is the work of Herbert Adams, of New York, was made possible by the generosity of John Foster, a former member of the Arlington Street Church. Mr. Foster died April 9, 1897. His will contained the following clause, which is important as explaining the character of the monument and its situation: —

“I give and bequeath to the city of Boston the sum of thirty thousand

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dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of erecting a monumental statue of the late Reverend William Ellery Channing, with a canopy over the same, to be placed in the Public Garden opposite the Arlington Street Church."

The address which follows was delivered in the church on Sunday, May 31, 1903, the day before the formal exercises of dedication. Except for a few changes, it is printed as it was spoken.

WILLIAM ELLERY  
CHANNING

**O**N the first day of June, 1803, William Ellery Channing was ordained to the Christian ministry, and installed as pastor of the Federal Street, now the Arlington Street Church of Boston.

How little did the people suspect as they came together in their simple meeting-house, which stood in what is now a crowded business section of the city, that the young man, twenty-three years old, frail of form and pale of face, whom they saw ascend the pulpit stairs was soon to become one of the greatest of all American religious leaders! How little did the ministers who took part in the solemn service of ordination suspect that here was