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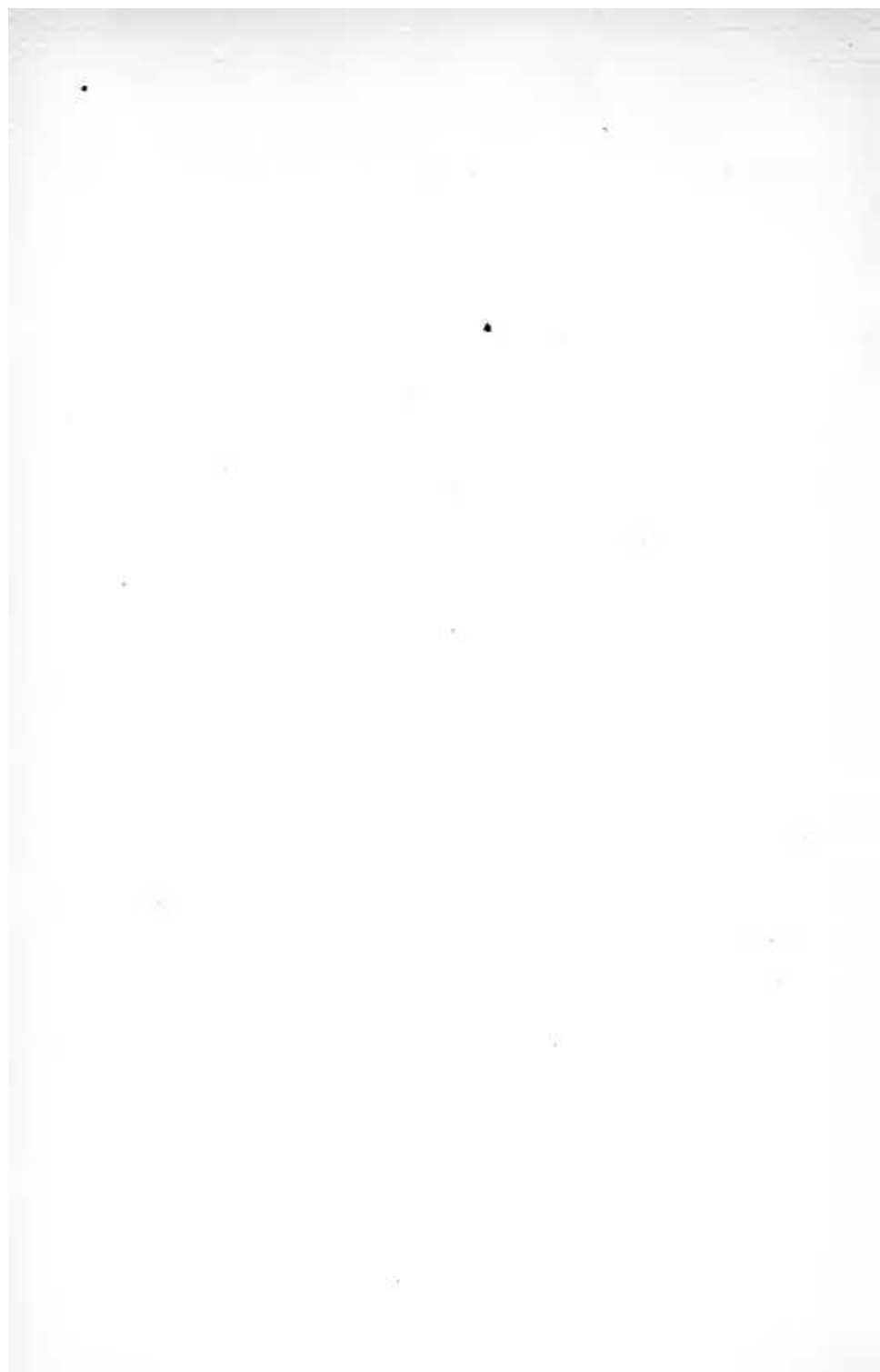
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THIS volume gathers the chief Orations and Addresses, together with three Baccalaureate Sermons, given by President Stryker during three and a half years, beginning with 1893. A few of them are reprinted from public reports, and are given with the bracketed comments of their auditors, in the belief that this reflects in a not unacceptable way the color of their several occasions.



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Alexander Hamilton

*AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BEFORE
THE HAMILTON CLUB OF BROOKLYN*

JANUARY 11, 1895

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Hamilton Club—Let me begin with grateful acknowledgment, both of the honor which you have conferred in asking me to speak to you on this anniversary and of your hearty and encouraging greeting. Let me also moderate all expectation by telling you that I am not the adept this occasion merits, but the merest novice at this festal art and withal let me confide, (tho my present presumption seems to contradict me), a modest one. Modest one must be facing such a theme and company—a company to which the details and suggestions of the theme are so familiar and which contains so many speakers of renowned power. You have heard of the good woman who prayed that her minister might be “anointed with the ile of Patmos!” [Laughter.] For many reasons too humorous to mention, I must bespeak, and, too, in your own behalf, your present entreaties for me. I am, alas, like the man who said he could “risk anything except temptation,” and I freely confess that my good resolutions to talk less and think more, to have more bung and less spigot, were quite vanquished by the tempting opportunity to stand here as the representative, however poorly, of an interest which holds in reverence that name which is its title, as it is also the title of this group. In a recent most courteous note relating to this evening, your president graciously assured me that you “recognize very distinctively the patronymic relationship of the club and the college.” It is indeed a broad common ground