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PROEM.

The National Civil Service Reform League met in Baltimore in April 1902. As usual, George William Curtis occupied his post as President, and as usual the meeting closed with a dinner given by the local Association, which was attended by a large number of guests, ladies and gentlemen. When Mr. Curtis rose to speak he was received with a burst of enthusiasm which has seldom been equaled. Again and again he essayed to speak, and again and again the applause broke out anew. It was an expression alike of admiration for the leader and intense affection for the friend. Tears came to the eyes of those most unaccustomed to outward exhibition of their feelings, and those in the company with one accord rose to their feet with prolonged cheers.

When at last quiet reigned we listened to a speech such as only Mr. Curtis could utter. It was always his custom to prepare himself with care for even such an occasion as this, and I have before me as I write his original notes for this address. I have been repeatedly asked to publish them, but the speech as delivered so far transcended that which he had outlined that I have felt that all who heard it would prefer to retain the impression of that which they heard, rather than read that which he expected to say. I will only quote his closing words:

"It is the spring of the year, and it is the springtime of reform. It is not the harvest, but it is the sowing. The blossoms which open in this soft spring air, are flowers only, not yet fruit. But they are promises of the summer, and the fruit is sure. They are voluntary pledges of nature, and in its benign administration in which seed time and harvest never fail, those pledges will be completely fulfilled. The little twig

of Magna Charta has become the wide-spreading tree of English liberty. Our bud of reform will become a system of honest politics."

As, after midnight, we drove through the bright moonlight to the home of our host, he seemed palpitating with the warmth of his reception, and quoting from Tom Moore—was it not?

"The best of all ways
To lengthen our days,
Is to steal a few hours from the night,
My dear,"—

he came to my room after our arrival, and there remained long, loath to commit himself to the arms of sleep.

The fiat had gone forth and he knew it not. Occasionally he came to the city after his return to his home, but soon these trips must be given up, and by the beginning of July he was confined to his room, suffering intensely. Possibly the last of those not of his home family, I saw him on the twenty-first of July. We could speak but little. He knew that the end was at hand, and he felt that there was so much to be done! As we clasped hands for the last time he said only, "Give my love to all my friends,"—and I here transmit the message.

On the thirty-first of August he died, and on the second of September, under a kind autumn sun, we laid away what was left of the noble form, on the hillside fronting the bay, in the Moravian Cemetery on Staten Island.

WILLIAM POTTS.

Report of Committee.

On the eighteenth of November, 1893, a number of gentlemen nominated as a Memorial Committee at several previous informal gatherings, met at dinner at the University Club, as the guests of Joseph W. Harper, and organized by the selection of Seth Low as Chairman, William Potts as Secretary, and William L. Trenholm as Treasurer.

The note of appointment of the committee is as follows :

IN MEMORY OF GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS.

We, the undersigned, earnestly feeling that it is due to those that are to follow us that we should publicly testify to the unvarying courtesy, the genius for friendship, the literary accomplishment, the oratorical power, the high ideal of citizenship, the devotion to duty, the purity of life, and the nobility of character of the late George William Curtis by some appropriate memorial, have thought well to designate the following gentlemen as members of a Committee charged with the duty of determining the character of such memorial, with receiving the needed subscriptions therefor, and with full power to establish the same, *viz.* :

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CARL SCHUKZ
WM. H. THOMSON
WM. L. TRENHOLM
CORNELIUS VANDERBILT
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Feeling entire confidence in the judgment of this Committee, we place the matter in their hands without restriction.

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