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The 13th of
4th Month,
1655.

*For
brother
Pormort to
become
schol-
master.*

Att a Gen^ll meeting Vpon publique notice.

* * * * *

Likewise it Was then gen^llly agreed Vpon, y^t o^r brother
Philemon Pormort shalbe intreated to become schol-
master for the teaching & nourtering of children Wth
V^a.

BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The Oldest School in America

AN ORATION

By PHILLIPS BROOKS, D. D.

AND

A POEM

By ROBERT GRANT

*At the Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth
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