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PREFACE


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AUGUSTUS GRAHAM, the founder of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, provided for an annual address on the evening of February 22d, on the character of Washington or "some other benefactor of America." On February 22d, 1892, Mr. Curtis gave his address on Lowell, which has been printed in this series and which was his last great oration, except as he repeated it a few days later in New York. In Mr. Lowell's case, the exact coincidence of his birthday with that of Washington seemed to make

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inevitable the choice of that day for his own eulogy. And then, too, Lowell was to have given the address of the day, if he had lived and his health had permitted. But without these coincidences he would have been the only proper subject, as the most commanding figure of our recent dead; and the Institute had no choice this year any more than last, so evidently was Mr. Curtis, as our noblest citizen, the man who best deserved the tribute of its respectful admiration.



GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS

**T**HE habit of this anniversary, as honored by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, calls for an address upon the life and character of some distinguished person not unworthy to be named with Washington as a public benefactor. It is not understood that the subject of our contemplation shall be of equal rank with that great captain both in war and peace, to whom the loftiest title in a people's gift has been accorded with devout acclaim. Were this demanded, the selection would be narrowed down to one who, not without many great allies, restored the

Union into which Washington had integrated thirteen rebellious and discordant states, and who eradicated the poisonous growth which Washington had tolerated with a fearful heart. But, if only Abraham Lincoln stands with Washington as a public benefactor in the highest rank, there are many who are worthy to be named with these because of their commanding virtues and their splendid service to our country and mankind; and among these, if there are some of more exalted genius than George William Curtis, and more conspicuous and imposing fame, there is not one who served his country with a more perfect loyalty, or who made himself more widely honored and more deeply loved.

He was born in Providence, Rhode Island, February 24th, 1824; but, as we gather here to-night, the nearness of