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## INTRODUCTION

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**F**EELING most keenly the loss, not only to the University but also to the world of science, that had been sustained in the death of Stillman W. Robinson, and desiring to pay a more than passing tribute of respect and love to his memory, the Faculty of the Ohio State University voted to hold a memorial service in honor of its distinguished colleague in the University Chapel on February 22, 1911. The committee having in charge the arrangement of the program sought to have a representative from each university with which Professor Robinson had been identified, and one speaker to represent the large body of alumni who had had the good fortune to be members of his classes in their undergraduate days. In behalf of the University of Michigan, Professor Joseph Baker Davis prepared the address which, in the absence of the writer, was read by Dean Mortimer Elwyn Cooley; Professor Ira Osborn Baker represented the University of Illinois; Mr. Charles Frederick Marvin, '83, the Alumni, and Professor Embury Asbury Hitchcock spoke in behalf of the Faculties of the Ohio State University.

Owing to the rare value of the addresses presented on this occasion, it was decided that they should be brought together in a form of such permanence as their worth suggests. To this end the publication of this volume was authorized by the University. Although it may be highly treasured by those who knew him best, it is but a feeble tribute to the memory of a man whose life and work have touched, in a helpful manner, the lives of so many.





STILLMAN WILLIAMS ROBINSON

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Born on a farm near South Reading, Vermont, March 6, 1838.

Apprentice in a machine shop, 1855-1859.

Entered University of Michigan, January, 1861.

Received Civil Engineering degree, June, 1863.

Assistant Engineer, United States Lake Survey, 1863-1866.

Instructor of Engineering, University of Michigan, 1866-1867.

Assistant Professor of Mining Engineering and Geodesy, 1867-1870.

Assistant Engineer and Astronomer in establishing western boundary line of Nebraska, Summer of 1869.

Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Illinois, 1870-1878.

Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Physics, The Ohio State University, 1878-1881.

Professor of Mechanical Engineering, 1881-1895.

Inspector of Railways and Bridges, Railroad Commission of Ohio, 1880-1884.

Consulting Engineer for Lick Telescope and Mountings, 1887.

Resigned from The Ohio State University to devote his time to his extensive professional interests, 1895.

Received degree of Doctor of Science, The Ohio State University, 1896.

TO VINDI  
AMBROSLIA

Title of Emeritus Professor of Mechanical Engineering conferred, 1899.

Was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers; American Society of Civil Engineers; Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers; Ohio Society of Mechanical, Electrical and Steam Engineers; Fellow in American Association for the Advancement of Science.

One of the Founders of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education.

Death occurred October 31, 1910.

**In Behalf of the University of Michigan**

**JOSEPH BAKER DAVIS, C. E.**  
**Professor Emeritus of Geodesy and Surveying**