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OF THE

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**BY
HIS WIFE**

*(Hornbrooke, Orinda
at the Dudley)*

TOGETHER WITH

A TRIBUTE BY HIS FRIEND

JAMES DeNORMANDIE, D. D.



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FRANCIS BICKFORD HORN BROOKE.

Born, Wheeling, West Virginia, May 7, 1849.
Graduated, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1870.
Graduated, Union Theological Seminary, 1874.
Ordained, Union Congregational (Trinitarian) Church,
East Hampton, Connecticut, 1874.
Married, September 18, 1874, Cambridge, Massachusetts,
to Orinda Althea Dudley.
Son, Dudley Hornbrooke, born December 22, 1875.
Installed First Parish (Unitarian) Weston, Massachusetts,
1876.
Graduated, Harvard Divinity School, 1877.
Installed, Channing Church, Newton, Massachusetts, 1879.
Younger son, Francis Bickford Hornbrooke, Jr., born
Christmas, 1879.
Degree of Doctor of Divinity, (Ohio University), 1899.
Resigned from Channing Church, June, 1900.
Died, Newton, December 5, 1903.

INTRODUCTION.

At the annual meeting of the Channing Religious Society next succeeding the death of Rev. Dr. Francis B. Hornbrooke, held February 1, 1904, it was voted, on motion of Mr. Charles H. Breck, "that a committee of six be appointed by the chair (the chairman to be one of the number) to draw up a memorial to Dr. Hornbrooke to be placed on the church records."

In pursuance of the above vote the following committee was appointed: Mr. Charles H. Breck, chairman; Rev. Adelbert L. Hudson, Messrs. Warren P. Tyler, Howard B. Coffin, Fred W. Stone and Frank H. Burt. Mr. Joseph N. Palmer, clerk of the Society, acted with the committee at their request.

The committee asked Mrs. Hornbrooke to assist them by furnishing data in regard to the life of her husband. Complying with this request she prepared the accompanying biographical sketch and placed it in the hands of the committee, intending it solely as an aid to them in their work. Upon reading the sketch it was the unanimous feeling of the committee that no more fitting memorial of the life and character of Dr. Hornbrooke could be prepared; and with Mrs. Hornbrooke's consent it was submitted to the Society at the annual Parish Meeting, February 6, 1905, with the following report:

"Your committee, appointed to prepare a memorial to Dr. Francis B. Hornbrooke, for twenty years the beloved pastor of this church, having secured from his widow the excellent biography herewith submitted, recommend that it be adopted as a permanent memorial and incorporated by reference in the records of the Channing Religious Society."

The action of the Society upon this report was as follows :

"In accordance with this recommendation it was unanimously voted that said biography be adopted as a permanent memorial, and that it be filed with the records of the Society ; and it was further voted that the thanks of the Society be extended to Mrs. Hornbrooke for preparing said biography, and that the clerk be instructed to transmit to her a copy of the report of said committee and these proceedings thereon."

Complying with a generally expressed wish of members of the parish, the committee determined to perpetuate the memorial of Dr. Hornbrooke by publishing it in the present form. Through Mrs. Hornbrooke and others, several photographs of Dr. Hornbrooke at various ages were secured, as well as pictures of the four churches in which he ministered. By the courtesy of Alston Ellis, Ph. D., LL.D., president of Ohio University, an excellent picture was obtained of the buildings of that institution, Dr. Hornbrooke's Alma Mater, as they existed at the period of his college course.

The tender and appreciative funeral address by Rev. James DeNormandie, D. D., minister of the First Parish in Roxbury, is appended to the sketch.