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OCTOBER 7, 1842.

By <sup>*Edw*</sup> EZRA S. GANNETT.

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*At a meeting of the Proprietors of the Meeting-house in Federal Street, in the city of Boston, the following resolutions were offered by Hon. JUDGE DAVIS, and unanimously adopted:—*

*Resolved*, That we have heard with profound grief the intelligence of the death of our revered and beloved pastor and friend, the Rev. WILLIAM E. CHANNING, D. D., with whom we have been so long and so happily connected, and whose invaluable moral and religious teachings we have so long enjoyed.

*Resolved*, That we dwell with deep sensibility upon the life and services of this faithful servant of God, now brought to a close on earth; upon the energy, unbroken to the last, with which, notwithstanding much physical infirmity, he labored in the discharge of the trust assigned to him by his great Taskmaster in Heaven; upon his loyalty to duty, his sympathy with humanity, his religious faith, the eminent Christian graces which adorned his character, and the persuasive power with which he preached the gospel of Christ: and we feel a profound sense of gratitude for the peculiar privileges which we have so long had, in hearing his voice, receiving his instructions, and in being guided, warmed and animated by his discourses and his life.

*Resolved*, That as members of this community, we mourn the vanishing from earth of a great moral and intellectual light, in the death of one who has uniformly devoted great powers to good ends, whose bosom glowed with love for the whole human family, who has been the eloquent and fearless advocate of truth, liberty and humanity, whose admirable writings have had no other object than the highest good of mankind, who has done so much to make men wiser, happier and better, and who has commended the religion of Christ to so many hearts and minds by his profound and beautiful expositions of its doctrines and spirit.

*Resolved*, That we deeply sympathize with the family of our departed friend in their irreparable loss, and earnestly pray that the consolations of that religion, of which he was so faithful a minister, may be extended to them in proportion to the magnitude of their bereavement.

*Resolved*, That the Standing Committee of the Proprietors, the Deacons of the Church, and the Clerk and Treasurer be a committee to make arrangements for a public funeral and appropriate services in the church, provided it be agreeable to the family of the deceased.

*Resolved*, That Hon. Judge Davis, Mr. Rollins and the Clerk be a committee to present a copy of the foregoing resolutions to the family of the late Dr. Channing, and that the Clerk also transmit a copy to Rev. Mr. Gannett.

A true copy.

Attest,

GEO. S. HILLARD, *Proprietors' Clerk.*

BOSTON, OCT. 5, 1842.

**Services at the Funeral**  
OF  
**REV. WILLIAM ELLERY CHANNING, D. D.**

OCTOBER 7, 1842.

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**ANTHEM.**

I heard a voice from heaven,  
Saying unto me,  
Write, from henceforth blessed are the dead  
Who die in the Lord.  
Even so, saith the Spirit,  
For they rest from their labors.

**READING OF THE SCRIPTURES,**

BY REV. MR. LOTHROP.

**PRAYER,**

BY REV. DR. PARKMAN.

**HYMN.**

Go to the grave in all thy glorious prime,  
In full activity of zeal and power ;  
A Christian cannot die before his time,  
The Lord's appointment is the servant's hour.

Go to the grave, for there thy Saviour lay  
In death's embraces, ere he rose on high ;  
And all the ransomed by that narrow way  
Pass to eternal life beyond the sky,

Go to the grave : no, take thy seat above ;  
Be thy pure spirit present with the Lord,  
Where thou, for faith and hope, hast perfect love,  
And open vision for the written word.

**ADDRESS,**

BY REV. MR. GANNETT.

**PRAYER,**

BY REV. MR. YOUNG.

**HYMN.**

Calm on the bosom of thy God,  
Dear spirit, rest thee now !  
E'en while with us thy footsteps trod,  
His seal was on thy brow.

Dust, to its narrow house beneath !  
Soul, to its place on high !  
They that have seen thy look in death  
No more may fear to die.

**BENEDICTION.**



## NOTICE.

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THIS Address is printed as it was delivered, not because it is worthy of the character to which it is devoted, or even approaches a complete delineation of that character; but because I could never make it worthy or complete, and the attempt to enlarge it might only render its defects more manifest. As it now stands, it expresses what alone it was meant to convey — the recollections which sprang up in my mind, after the first sensation of bereavement had subsided, of one whom I honored not less, because I may have loved him more, than others who beheld him at a greater distance. To speak of him in any other than the words of simple truth seemed to me like profanation of a sacred theme. He needs no eulogy whose life was full of truth. To his memory let me dedicate these pages.

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## ADDRESS.

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“WHOSOEVER liveth and believeth in me shall never die.” — Such were the words of Jesus, when talking with one whose heart was well-nigh broken by recent and heavy affliction. She had addressed him in terms of reproach, for his absence from the death-bed of his friend. He spoke to her of the life before which death is powerless, and of the faith which composes the mind under bereavement. His discourse was with her, but his language assumed that form of expression which gave it a prophetic meaning for all future ages. And now, unseen, but present in the influences of his Gospel within this house, — as he was present, though unseen, in the same influences within the apartment where the spirit unbound its fellowship with that lifeless frame, — I hear him say, “Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.” Beneath such a voice I feel the emotions of grief which convulse the bosom subside into the calmness of a faith, which pierces the visible changes of death and seizes on the reality of an immortal life.