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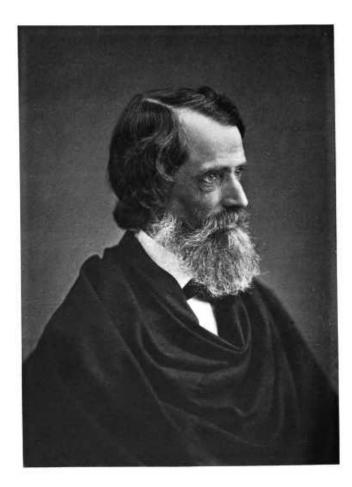
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PREFACE.

By a vote of the officers and Business Committee of the Alumni Association of the Harvard Divinity School, it was resolved that, in place of the usual address at the annual meeting of the Association, a service should be held in memory of the late EZRA ABBOT, Bussey Professor of New Testament Criticism and Interpretation in the Divinity School of Harvard University. The service thus arranged was held June 24, 1884, in the First Parish Church, Cambridge. It consisted of devotional exercises, an introductory address by the President of the Alumni Association, the Rev. Augustus Woodbury, and addresses by the Rev. A. P. Peabody, D.D., and Professor J. Henry Thayer, D.D. At the conclusion of the service, it was unanimously voted by the Alumni that the Faculty be requested to print the memorial addresses delivered on that day. By a subsequent vote of the officers of the Association, Professor C. C. Everett, D.D., was requested to permit his address, delivered at the funeral of Dr. Abbot, to be printed from the phonographic report.

In accordance with these resolutions of the Alumni, the addresses mentioned have been gathered and arranged in the order of their delivery. Owing to lack of time, Professor Thayer was obliged to omit portions of his essay at the memorial service. It is here printed in full. A list of Dr. Abbot's publications, so far as they are known, has been added, with various resolutions of academic and literary bodies and a few tributes from personal sources. The heliotype, made from a faithful likeness by William Aitken of Boston, will be to many a grateful feature of the book.

This sheaf of kindly tributes is offered by the Alumni, through the co-operation of the Faculty, as a befitting memorial of a rare