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More than any man of his day he wrote and spoke and labored for an unshackled healthy brain, an untrammelled truthful tongue.



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DEDICATION.

To the memory of the great and good Ingersoll; to his peerless wife and daughters whom he exalted above divinities; to his faithful relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Farrell, and to all his devoted family—this wholly inadequate portraiture.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE.

This well-entitled "Intimate View," although really a grateful Tribute, was originally prepared by Mr. Baker shortly after Mr. Ingersoll's death, as a memorial for the private possession of the Ingersoll family. By their permission, and on the urgency of friends, it is now given to the public in a revised and somewhat enlarged form. It speaks eloquently for itself, and is submitted in the confident belief that it will be warmly welcomed and highly appreciated in a wide circle of readers. It will certainly be regarded as a thoughtful and true if necessarily partial exposition of the views of Mr. Ingersoll, and a finely drawn portrait of the personality of the Great Agnostic of the century.

C. P. FARRELL.

New York, Nov. 1, 1919.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL

AN INTIMATE VIEW.

I.

Since the passing of this great and good, this loving and lovable man, many eloquent tributes to his memory have been written and spoken. These tributes have come from all parts of the world and from all classes and conditions of men. They have reflected through the press, the platform, the pulpit and private correspondence the general and genuine esteem and admiration in which Mr. Ingersoll was held. Many who opposed, or seemed to oppose, his religious views, and resented, or seemed to resent, his manner of expressing them, have in their finer moods, unheated by the fires of controversy, admitted and admired the strength and sincerity of his convictions, the wonderful way in which he maintained them, and the purity and exaltation of his character and purpose. Even theological bitterness was silenced in the pres-