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Cambridge.

*Let us now praise famous men, and our fathers which
begat us.*

ἀποθανῶν ἐτι λαλεῖται.

*Inque brevi spatio mutantur sæcla animantum
Et quasi cursores vitæ lampada tradunt.*

*Quivi mi fur mostrati gli spiriti magni
Che di vederli in me stesso m'esalto.*

*Denn wer den Besten seiner Zeit genug
Gethan, der hat gelebt für alle Zeiten.*

This man elected to do, not be—

1875

DEDICATIONS.

I.

VIRI ILLUSTRÉS!

*Three hundred years! As on a hill we stand
Face towards the level of the shadowy past,
We see the battle spreading huge and vast,
The forlorn hopes in silent order plann'd.
Truth holds a standard that, within her hand
Waves onward, streaming far above the blast;
And round it, fighting to the very last,
Die those who listen to her stern command.*

*They pass, yet passing, mould the world, and Fame,
Lifting the battle-roll with stern proud eye,
Reads with a quiver on her lip each name;
Then pausing, lo, the sad Years make reply—
"Dead on the field of honour—but to-day
Their Spirit is here, though they have passed away."*

*Three hundred years! What gain
From all her toil appears?
Say, has she lived in vain
Three hundred years?*

*Away with faltering fears!
Not hers to waste and wane,
And withering wait the shears.*

*But like the hills remain—
And meet with lustier cheers,
When she has lived again
Three hundred years!*