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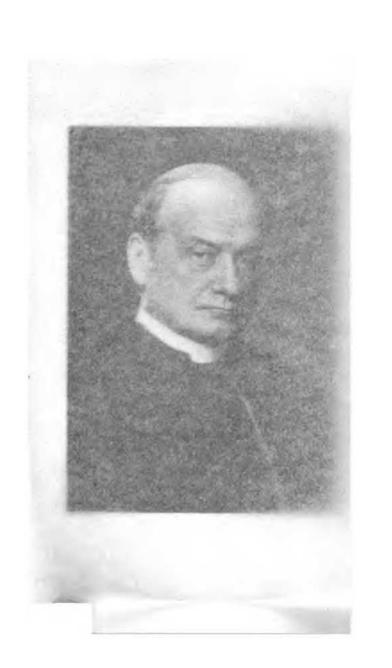
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HENRY CODMAN POTTER

BISHOP OF NEW YORK

BORN 1834

DIED 1908

Elected Member
THE CENTURY ASSOCIATION
1869

Vice-President
THE CENTURY ASSOCIATION
1883-1895

President
THE CENTURY ASSOCIATION
1895-1906

Elected Honorary Member
THE CENTURY ASSOCIATION
1906

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address
Joseph H. Choate

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT JOHN BIGELOW

As this was an extraordinary meeting of our association, and for an extraordinary occasion, it seemed to be proper, and I suggested to the committee on arrangements, that there should be an extraordinary chairman to conduct it. The suggestion did not meet with the favor that I expected or that I thought it deserved. I was compelled to yield to the wishes of my associates and take the chair, presumably because I chance to be the successor of our lamented associate and friend.

I yielded, however, with somewhat less reluctance from the fact that I suppose I knew the associate, whom we have met to honor tonight, long before he was known by any member of this association.

In 1831 I was examined by his uncle and predecessor in this Episcopal diocese, the Rev. Horatio Potter, for admission to Washington College, as it was then called, now known as Trinity College, and from him I learned all the algebra I ever knew. In 1834 I was persuaded to join one of my brothers who had matriculated in Union College. There I was in the habit of seeing our lamented associate and his brothers during my senior year. They were then pursuing their studies in the academy at Schenectady, while their father was a professor and executive head of the college. Dr. Nott, the actual president, appeared rarely at the college, except on Sunday afternoon. One of these lads afterwards became president of Union College; another became a very leading member of the delegation of New York in Congress, and was seriously considered as a candidate for governor to succeed Governor Tilden.

The father of our lamented associate, who was practically the executive head of the College, was also one of our professors, and to him I am under great obligations for his illuminating oral commentaries upon the intellectual philosophy of Abercrombie, a work now not much known, but then, I think very justly esteemed.

I pray you to excuse me for dwelling so long upon these events that are of such comparatively trivial importance, while we have among us so many members who are