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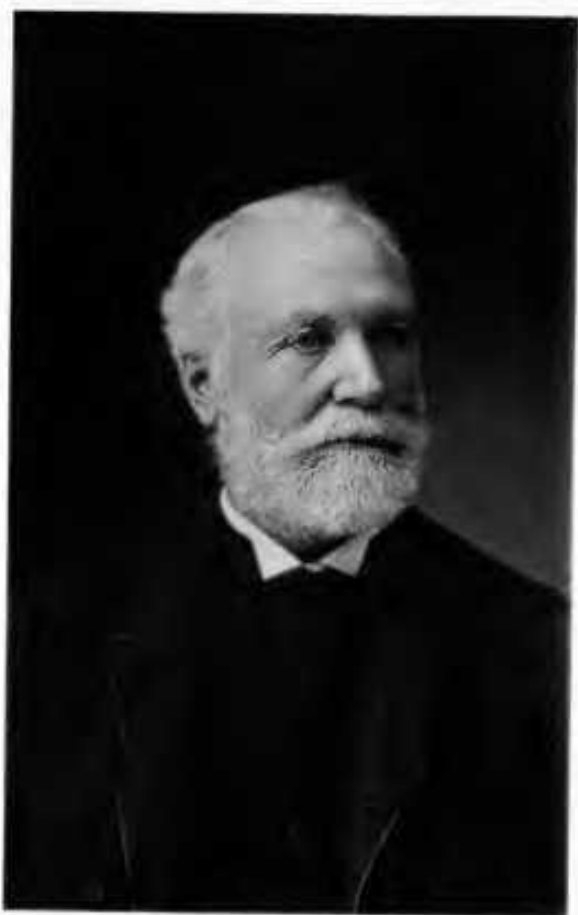
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Dedication

To my Departed Friends.

These lines ye may not scan,
Friends in the world immortal;
I give them by a plan
Of sweet compulsion
In Memory of Days ere ye had
reached Death's Portal.

REV. EDWARD OCTAVUS FLAGG, D. D.

POET OF THE 52D ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
ALPHA DELTA PHI FRATERNITY.

DR. FLAGG was born at Georgetown, S. C., December 13, 1824. His father was Henry Collins Flagg, Jr., of Yale, Class of 1812; and his grandfather, Henry Collins, was surgeon in the Revolutionary army on General Nathanael Greene's staff. While at Yale, Henry Collins Flagg, Jr., a native of Charleston, S. C., met his wife, Miss Martha Whiting, daughter of Wm. J. Whiting, a court officer and a Yale man.

The subject of this sketch attended the Lancasterian school of New Haven, where he was the gold medallist as best scholar, and it was said of him by his teacher, Mr. John E. Lovell, that "he was able to do more things and do them better" than any boy that ever came under his tuition. His versatility was always remarkable. At thirteen he was offered \$400 per annum as an assistant in a prominent school. After finishing a course of instruction at the Lancasterian and Hopkins Grammar School, New Haven, he studied civil engineering. He then entered Trinity College, Hartford. Among the first in his class while there, he was obliged, in consequence of financial depression, to leave before graduating. He studied law during a short period for educational training. Possessing a talent for music, he became a member of the choir of Trinity

Church, New Haven. Under the ministrations of Rev. Dr. Harry Crosswell, his thoughts were led to the study of divinity, and he became a candidate for Holy Orders. He pursued a course of theology under the direction of the Rev. Drs. Crosswell, Cook, and Pitkin. Upon entering the ministry, his first charge was that of assistant to Rev. Dr. William F. Morgan (afterward of St. Thomas's Church, New York city) in Norwich, Conn.

An organization of a second church in that parish, called Trinity, resulted in his election to the rectorship. A fine congregation grew up under his pastorate, and another church was founded and developed in Yantic, Conn.

Thereafter he was associate rector of St. Paul's at Baltimore, Md., acting rector of Trinity at New Orleans, refusing the permanent rectorship at \$6000 a year, and effectively recommending as his successor Bishop Leonidas Polk. He was rector of St. Paul's, at Paterson, N. J. After a year abroad for his health, he accepted a call to All Saints, in New York city. At the request of a few friends he organized the Church of the Resurrection, New York, which was eventually handed over to another presbyter. Again going abroad in consequence of ill health, on his return he supplied several parishes, including St. Mark's, in New York, where his ministrations were highly acceptable. He was long an assistant at Grace Church, New York, under Bishop Henry C. Potter and Dr. Wm. R. Huntington, where his powers of elocution were widely acknowledged.

His last charge was St. Mark's, Tarrytown, the rectory of which was purchased during his incumbency. Threat-