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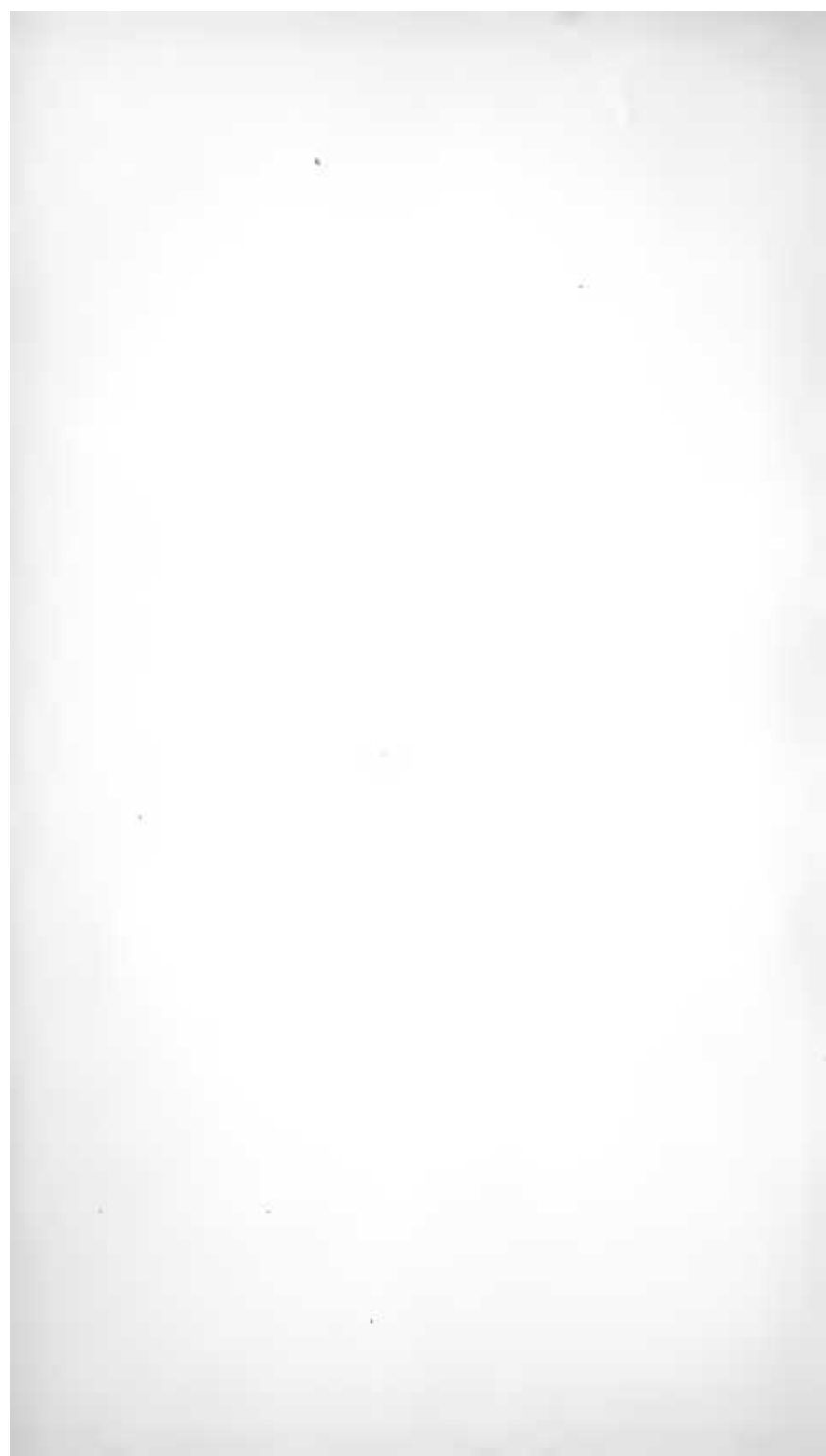
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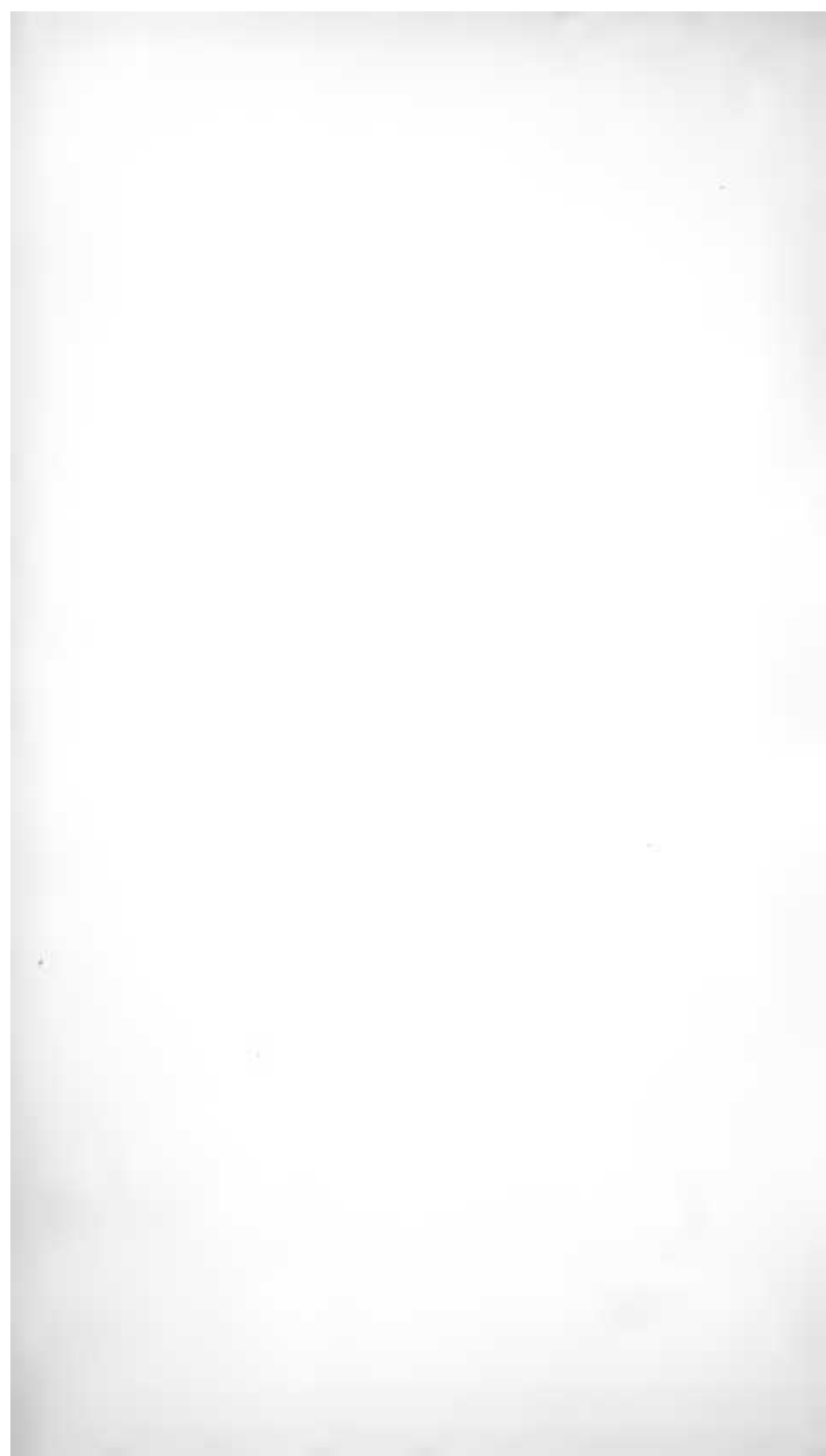
With a view to commemorate the services of the eminent Reformer, to whom, more than to any other person, the world is indebted for the first translation of the Holy Bible into the English language, the Board of Managers of the American Bible Society invited the Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs to deliver a public Oration upon the life and work of John Wycliffe. In compliance with that invitation the following discourse was pronounced in the Academy of Music, New York, on the evening of Thursday, December 2d, 1880, before a very large assembly, representing all the branches of the Christian Church which are united in the work of circulating the Holy Scriptures among all nations, through the agency of the American Bible Society.



AUTHOR'S NOTE.

On account of the length of the following discourse, portions of it were omitted in the delivery, which are retained in the printed copies.

Occasional foot-notes have been added, usually to supply support or illustration to statements in the text, sometimes to suggest to those interested by the subject, and wishing to make further inquiry about it, such books, or parts of books, commonly accessible, as will be likely to afford the readiest assistance.



ORATION.

MR. PRESIDENT: LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN:

ON the left bank of the Rhine, on the site of the ancient Roman camp, afterward an imperial colony, which is associated in history with Tiberius and Germanicus, with Agrippina, mother of Nero, and with the early fame of Trajan, has been recently completed a magnificent work of religion and of art, of which more than six centuries have witnessed the progress. After delays immensely protracted, after such changes in society and government, in letters, arts, and in prevalent forms of religious faith, that the age which saw its solemn foundation has come to seem almost mythical to us, by contributions in which peoples have vied with princes, and in which separated countries and communions have gladly united, the cathedral of Cologne has been carried to its superb consummation, and the last finial has been set upon the spires which at length fulfil the architect's design.

Attendant pomps, of imperial pageantry, were naturally assembled on such an occasion; but they can have added no real impressiveness to the struct-