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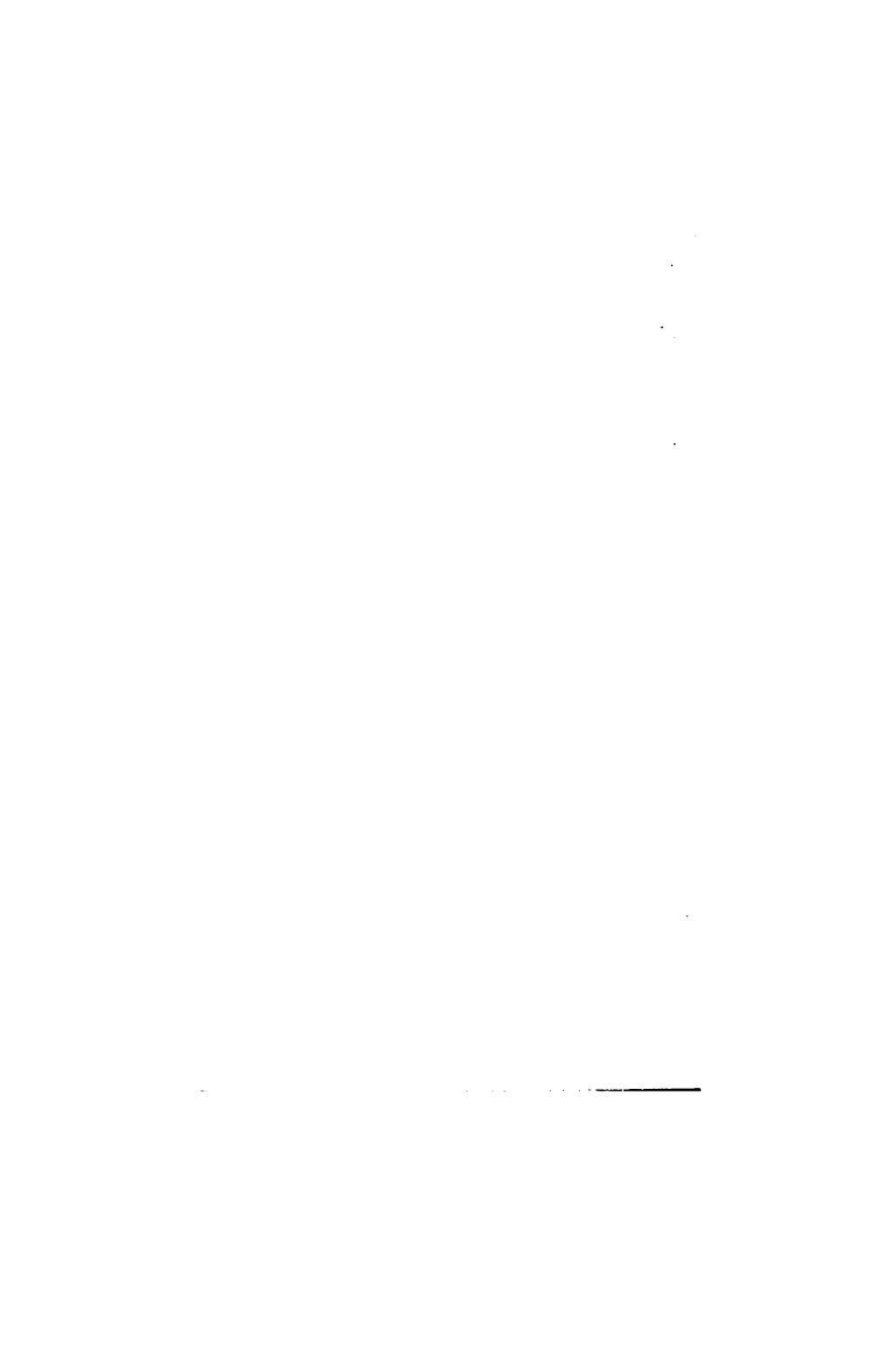
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Introductory

THE death of Phillips Brooks has touched the American heart as the deaths of few great men have ever touched it before. For a long time people have been saying that Mr. Brooks was the most famous preacher in the English-speaking world, and wherever he has gone, on this continent or in England, crowds have thronged the churches where he has preached. Men who have not known the secret of his power have often, no doubt, thought of him merely as a man gifted with unusual eloquence, and as such having a great but transient popularity. Those who have been much under his influence, however, have known far better; the common words by which great preachers are praised seemed quite beside the mark when applied to him. There are many popular preachers, many eloquent men, they have said, but there is Phillips Brooks besides. The truth is, the fame of true prophets and poets is kindled not in the place in man's affections where sounding epithets are born, but in that unspeakable realm in the human heart where gratitude and love beyond the power of speech are awakened, and where the fetters are forged which bind the soul to God and heaven.

This was the fame of Phillips Brooks; and when, a few weeks ago, his rich life suddenly stopped here, such a cry of sorrow burst from the nation's lips, as is heard only when one dies who has long helped feed the world's soul hunger. All men know now that Mr. Brooks had

touched with his apostolic fervor of utterance, and his clear prophetic thought, the deepest springs in the human heart, and had helped thousands of his fellow-men nearer to God.

A fine testimony to his power will be found in the significant addresses printed here. And that the great meeting at which they were delivered, originated in the loving thought and activity of a young man, not even belonging to Bishop Brooks' communion, Mr. Frank Clifford Lyman, will not make this tribute less interesting, for Phillips Brooks felt himself to be especially a preacher to young men, and it was young men, earnest, open-minded, loving-hearted, who perhaps more than any others through him learned to love and reverence the living Christ.

The music rendered at this memorial service was as touching as the addresses made or the letters read. It was given under the direction of Mr. Richard Henry Warren, by the chorus and orchestra of the Church Choral Society; Mr. Horatio W. Parker being the organist, and Mrs. Theodore J. Toedt and Mr. James H. Bicketson the soloists. The hymns sung were: "Hark! the Vesper Hymn is Stealing;" "For all the Saints who from their Labors Rest;" "Crossing the Bar;" and the old hymn which was sung at the funeral service in Trinity Church, Boston, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul."

ARTHUR WENTWORTH EATON.

Prayer

THE REV. CHARLES L. THOMPSON, D.D.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we are met to hold in loving remembrance one whom Thou hast taken unto Thyself. We give Thee praise for the faith that has been kept, for the grand life that has been lived, and for the inheritance that has been left unto the Church of Jesus Christ, in the example and the teachings of the man whom Thou hast now taken from his service on earth to the rewards of the kingdom of heaven. The Lord now grant His blessing upon us, as we shall engage in this solemn service; and grant, we pray Thee, that wherever in the Christian Church, in this land and throughout the world, this dispensation of Thy providence rests heavily, lessons may come to Thy people from the life Thou hast taken to Thyself, that shall be an enlargement and strength and comfort in many years to come.

The Lord breathe His message into the hearts of those who shall speak to us now. May the favor of God rest upon those, in this country and everywhere, who feel the special weight of the bereavement that has made us gather here. Take us all into Thy loving comfort. Uphold us with the strong arms of Thy divine grace. Bring us at last unto Thy presence, to the clearer life and the perfect praise of Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.