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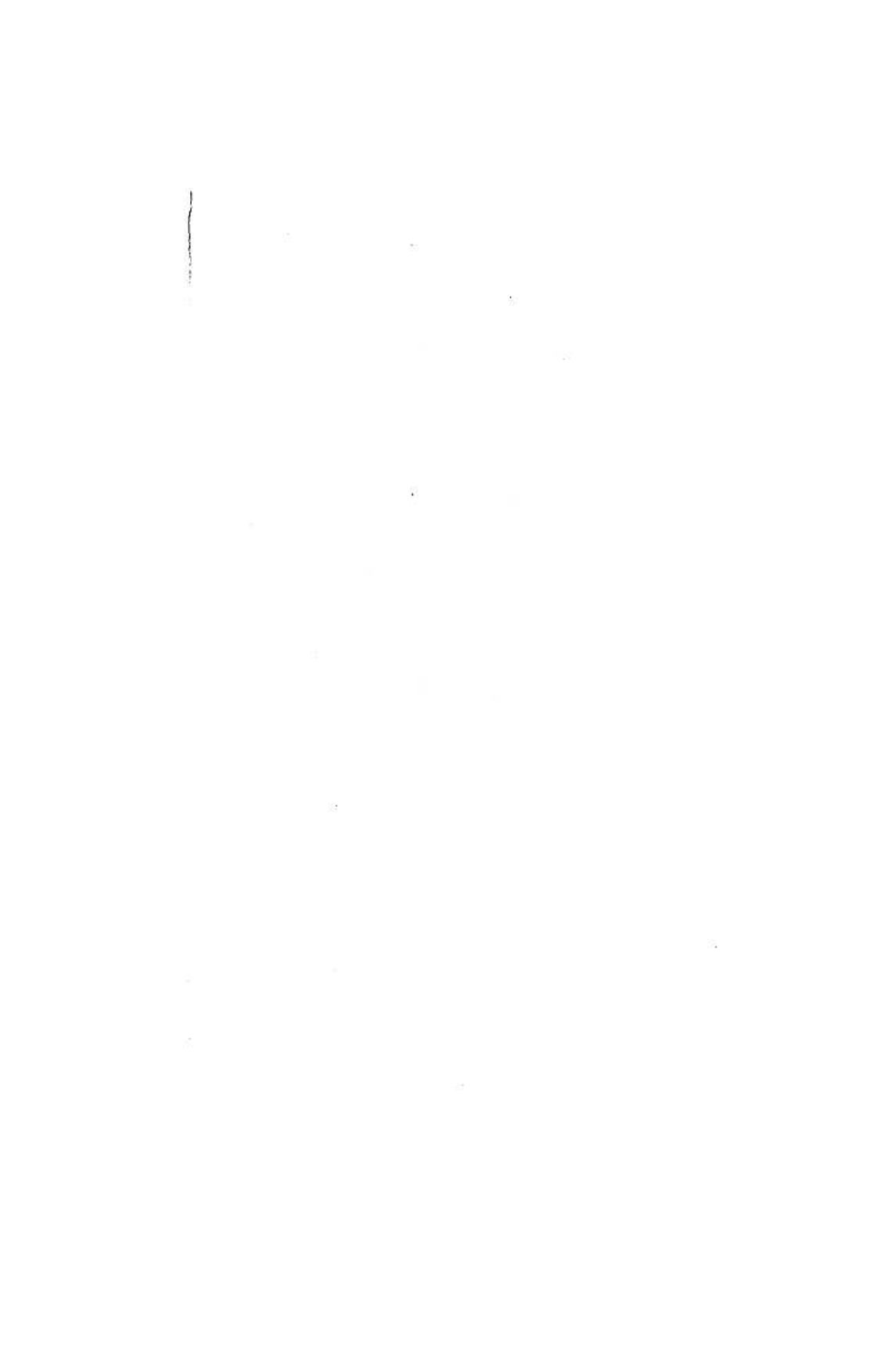
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Dr. SAMUEL GRIDLEY HOWE.  
From a photograph by A. Marshall, 1877.



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## DR. SAMUEL GRIDLEY HOWE.

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In an age when new developments of science, great financial schemes, floods of literature, and vital national and international problems are absorbing the thoughts of mankind, the men of the past who have made the present possible may be forgotten unless we raise to them some enduring monument.

Such a man was Dr. Samuel Gridley Howe. The progress achieved during the twenty-five years that have elapsed since his death has proved the intrinsic value of his wisdom and sagacity in working out practical, fundamental principles for the management of philanthropic and educational institutions.

Lest his noble service should be forgotten by those who should hold it in grateful and affectionate remembrance, the graduates of the Perkins Institution and Massachusetts School for the Blind determined to recognize in an appropriate manner the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of their great benefactor. Reaching toward a larger tribute, they resolved to preserve the record of the commemorative exercises in a Howe Memorial Monograph and to present a request to the trustees that the tenth of

November should thereafter be observed in the Perkins Institution as **Founder's Day**. The seed that grew and blossomed into the Howe centenary was sown at an annual meeting of the *alumnæ* association of the Perkins Institution in June, 1899. Since then plans for the anniversary have occupied a prominent place in the thoughts of the members of the association.

The first idea was to commemorate the work of Dr. Howe at an annual *alumnæ* meeting; but a fuller comprehension of the scope and diversity of his labors showed that no home gathering, nor private celebration, could adequately honor such a life.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the *alumnæ* association held in February, 1901, it was voted to invite the alumni association and the pupils of the two departments of the school to appoint delegates to cooperate with the committee in devising a suitable memorial. This centennial committee met on the twenty-first of June and organized for work. They voted:

*First.* To observe the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Howe by a public service to be held in Tremont Temple, Boston, on Monday, November 11, (the date of his birth, November 10, falling upon Sunday).

*Second.* To inform the superintendents of other schools for the blind of the proposed celebration, and to invite them to be present and, also, to recognize the occasion in their own schools.

*Third.* That it is most desirable that Dr. Howe's birthday should be annually observed in the Perkins Institution.

The committee received hearty assistance in its labor of love from the school and its graduates, who made prompt and generous contributions of money, from the Howe Memorial Press, which printed the embossed souvenir copies of *The Hero*, and from the newspapers through such notices and articles as would bring before the mind of the general public this noble life of service, while honored men and women by their earnest and beautiful tributes to the beloved friend and benefactor made the occasion of the commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Dr. Howe a fitting memorial.