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INTRODUCTION.

Memorial services in honor of Mrs. Mary Hemenway were held in the Old South Meeting-House Wednesday afternoon, May 2, 1894, by the teachers of the public schools of Boston. These services were the result of a spontaneous desire on the part of the teachers to give expression to the love and esteem which they bore for her while living.

Mrs. Hemenway was born in the city of New York, Dec. 20, 1820, and died at her home in Boston, March 6, 1894. She was the daughter of Thomas Tileston, from whom she seems to have inherited her remarkable business ability. She married Mr. Augustus Hemenway, a great shipping merchant. Several years before his death his health had so failed as to throw much of the oversight of his immense business upon Mrs. Hemenway. By this means was developed that remarkable talent for the directing of affairs which subsequently proved

so useful in carrying on her great benevolent enterprises. She certainly possessed business ability of a high order.

Her insight into the causes of suffering among the people, far and near, present and future, and into the remedies for this suffering, was wonderful. Her breadth of view was only equalled by the warmth of her heart. It was the generosity of her nature that so endeared her to the teachers of Boston. They came to know her as a fellow-worker for the good of the people. Pride, haughtiness, and condescension, which too often accompany the possession and even the distribution of wealth, were so conspicuously wanting in her nature that every teacher who was brought into contact with her in her benevolent work felt only the presence of a great heart beating in sympathy with all mankind.

Her beneficent plans were never set on foot, and then left to the management of others. She not only followed her work with her thought and her kindly interest, but she stimulated and cheered her coworkers with her inspiring personality. It was her clear head, her warm heart, and her cheerful presence that gained for her admiration and affec-

tion. In a word, it was her noble nature that so won the Boston teachers as to call them together to speak and hear the words recorded in the following pages.

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