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FOREWORD

THESE Vesper addresses are selected from those made in recent years in Wellesley College Chapel at the fortnightly service when the music carried on and completed the theme. They are arranged in sequence from the beginning to the end of the year, from Flower Sunday to Baccalaureate Vespers; but it will be understood they were not made consecutively in any one year, as the multiplication of Christmas addresses will testify.

The Office of Music sets forth the ideals sought for. There is often some indication of the anthems the choir sang or of the organ music. The spoken word was brief, only enough to sound a keynote. In publishing it, I hope that it may recall to some of my hearers something of the quiet and peace of those evening hours.

C. H.

Wellesley College, May, 1910.



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PRELUDE

To-night the place was full; an eager throng
Pressed round the door, a youthful surging sea
In serried ordered ranks looked up at me;
Not only faces which to me belong
But young men's faces in their manhood strong:
And when the hymn was lifted, harmony
In full four parts resounded splendidly
And girls' sweet voices sang the angels' song.
The song, the prayer, the words I tried to say,—
What are they all? How idle they all seem,
How at the outer portals they all stay!
True worship waits before the inner shrine,
Nor throngs nor sermon mark the place divine
Where souls may catch the far celestial gleam.