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MADE PATHS BY  
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[FROM THE INSCRIPTIONS ON THE WATER GATE AT THE  
WORLD'S FAIR, CHICAGO]



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**T**O be absolutely forgotten in a few years is the common fate of mankind. Isaac Watts did not exaggerate when he wrote:

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Bears *all* its sons away :  
They fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

With the rarest exceptions, the death of each human individual is followed in a short time by complete oblivion, so far as living human memories are concerned. Even family recollection or tradition quickly becomes dim, and soon fades utterly away. Few of us have any clear