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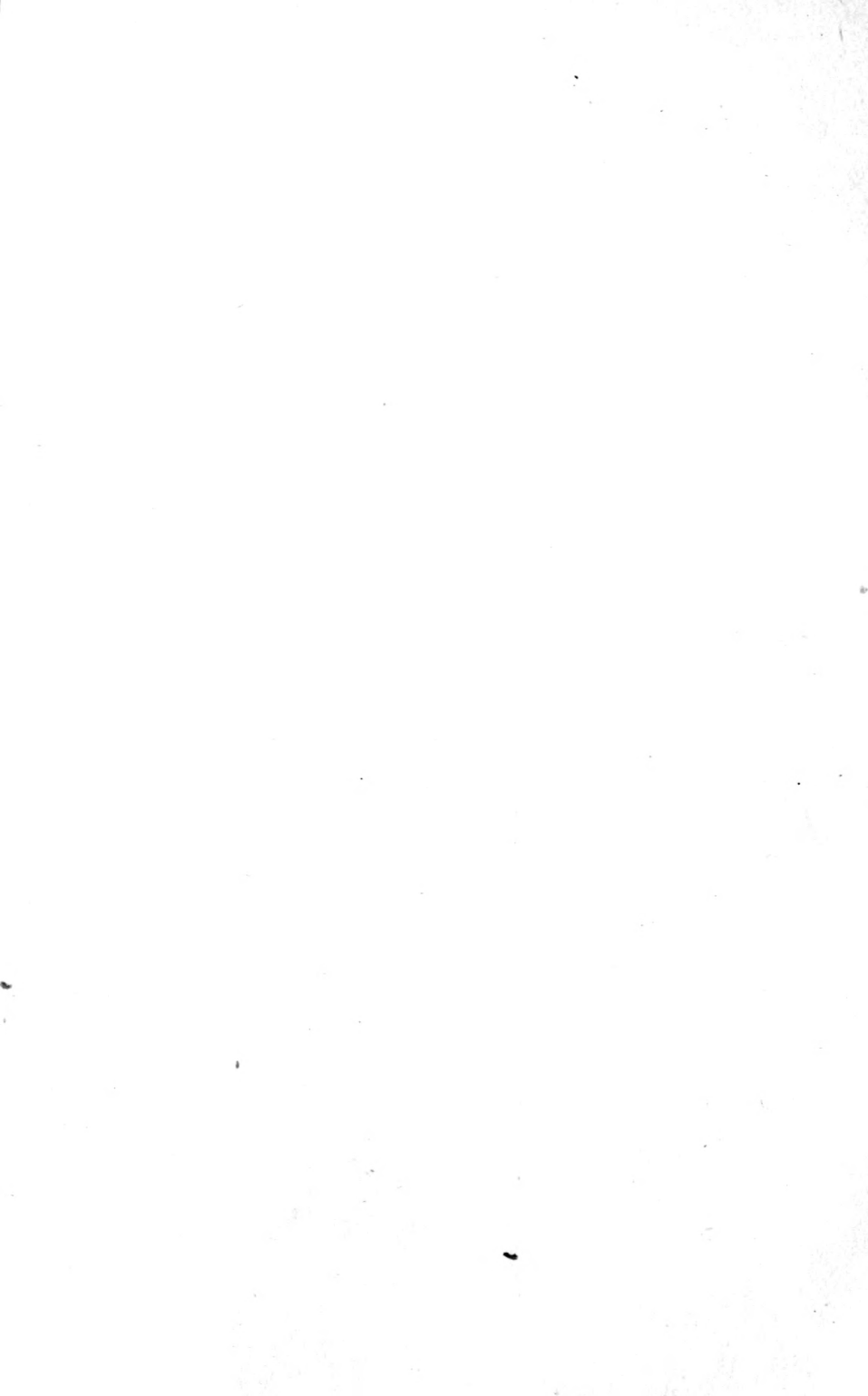
Library Association
of Portland. *Ore*



In Memoriam.



Henry Failing, *1834 - 1892*
President of the
Library Association of Portland.



Library Association of Portland.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Library Association of Portland, held in the Library building in the City of Portland, Oregon, on December 7th, 1898, a committee of three was appointed to prepare a suitable minute on the death of the President of the Board, Mr. Henry Failing.





And, at a meeting of the Board on January 18th, 1899, the following report was made by that committee:

C. A. Dolph, T. L. Eliot and Milton W. Smith having been appointed by the Board of Directors to prepare some suitable minute concerning the death of our honored and respected member and president, Henry Failing, beg leave to submit the following:

Henry Failing.

It seldom happens that a literary institution is called upon to record the loss of a member who has rendered it services so worthy of recognition as those of Henry Failing to the Library Association

of Portland, and the following minute is presented as an expression of the sentiments of its members.

Henry Failing was born in the City of New York on the 17th day of January, 1834, and died in the City of Portland, Oregon, on the 8th day of November, 1898, in the sixty-fifth year of his age.

His early life was spent in the City of New York, in the occupation and surroundings which tended largely to shape his course and the pursuits he entered upon as a man.

He came to Portland in 1851, and for more than forty years has been a prominent figure in the business and political affairs of this



City and State. He has always been a potent factor for good in every enterprise and undertaking with which he was connected; and his name has always been a guaranty for honesty, integrity and fair dealing wherever it has been met.

Many of the characteristics which go to make this a healthful, beautiful and prosperous City are due to his thought and industry.

Mr. Failing has been a member of this Board since 1872, and for the last five years its president. During all this time he has been a regular and conscientious attendant upon its meetings. He brought into its deliberations his wide experience, his unerring judgment

and undoubted integrity.

The aims, the objects and the ambitions of this institution were so much in sympathy with his own that he came to love it as a child. He gave to it of his resources as few fathers give to their children; and to his time, his thought and his liberality it is largely indebted for this magnificent building, the splendid library within its walls and the large sum of money applicable to its maintenance.

And then—then, well may the Library Association of Portland mourn, as it does mourn, the loss of Henry Failing, as does a child the loss of a father, and see no one, no one, to fill the vacant chair.



As a mark of respect for his memory and in recognition of his services as a member of this Board, it is ordered that this minute be spread upon its records and a copy be sent, by the Librarian, to his family.









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