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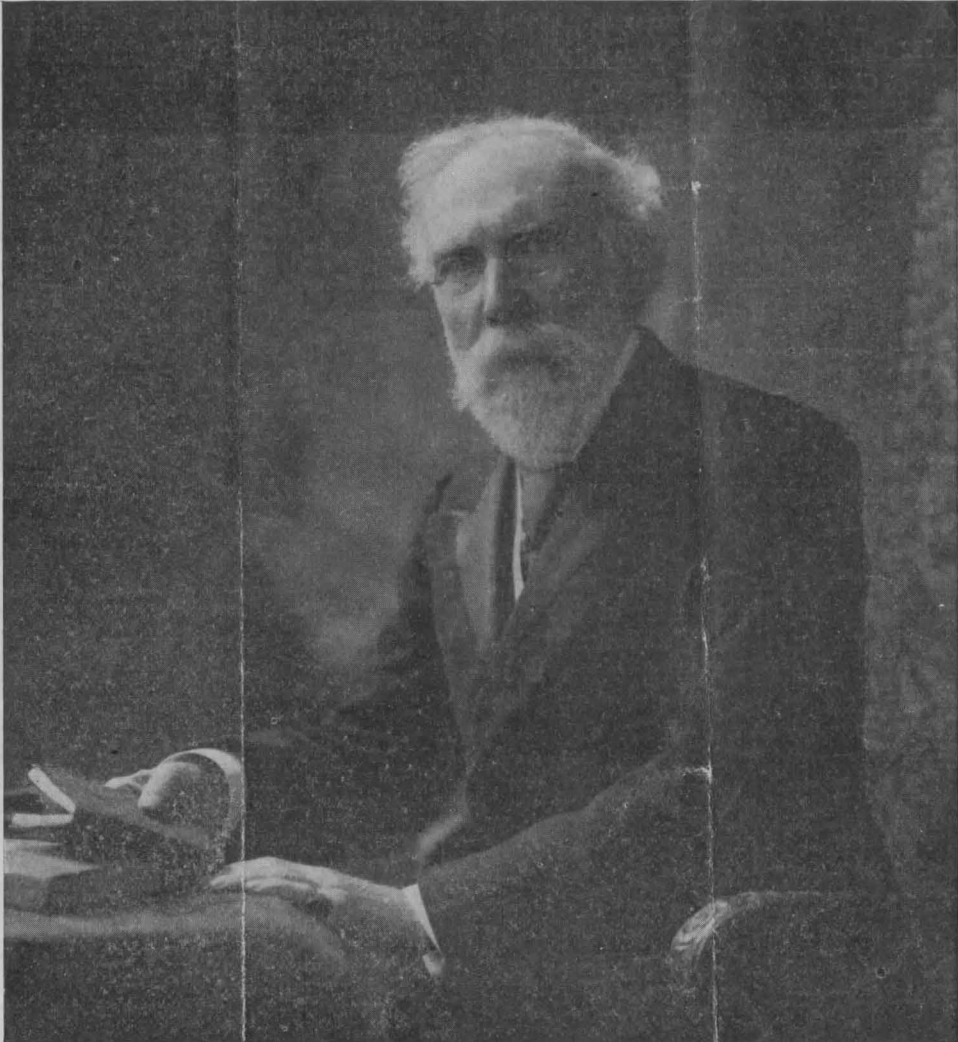
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Meet is it, that our Alma Mater, grown
To fuller stature with the ripening years,
Should take fit place, acclaimed and nobly known,
In the fair order of her marshalled peers:
What name then like a proud plume shall she bear,
Or scarf of favor, or bright banneret,
Dear as the purple flower her old walls wear,
Which, shorn away, shall bloom in memory yet?
Ah, what brave name but his, whose faith forecast,
In darkest dawn, what now the noontide sees?
So shall she knit her future to her past
With silken bonds of gracious loyalties;
So, blent forever with her crescent fame,
Reverent remembrance triumphs in her name.

HELEN GRAY CONE.