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Since I received, some months ago, the invitation to deliver these lectures which I begin to-day, I have been led to ponder much upon the principles by which I have only half consciously been living and working for many years. This is part of the debt which I owe to those who have honored me with their invitation. It is interesting to one's self to examine and recognize and arrange the ideas which have been slowly taking shape within him during the busy years of work. I shall be very glad if you too are interested, as I try to recount them to you, and very thankful if you find in them any help or inspiration.

The personal character of this lectureship is very evident. It is always to be filled by preachers in active work, who are to come and speak to you of preaching. It is not a Homiletical Professorship. It is each man's own life in the ministry of which he is to tell.

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I read this book because Warren Wiersbe recommended it. It has to be one of the best books on
preaching I have ever read! Phillip brooks goes right to the heart of the matter and deals with what preaching really is: preaching is truth with personality! Every chapter is excellent and insightful, and although the lectures were given back in the 1870's, it is very easy to read! Also, if you have a hard time reading books with small print, forgotten books has done an excellent job of printing this book in larger font!

Phillips Brooks is, hands down, the best preacher America has produced and one of the very best in the history of the church. His sermons are deeply spiritual and biblical, and saturated with insights into what it means concretely to be a (true) Christian. I doubt seriously whether one is able to go much deeper experientially in living out, or trying to live out, the Christian life which he so impressively articulates.. Brooks’ writing is also extraordinarily beautiful, cloaked as it is in Our Lord's Grace. In his own way Brooks is as important to the church as a Kierkegaard or Barth is. Brooks had a clear calling as a preacher: and has left an imperishable record of that calling, faithful to Christ unto the very end. His sermons should be read countless times in the course of one’s life, not just once, for their depths become more and more visible the greater is our faithfulness to Christ.

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