



The Board of Library Directors
of the
Town of North Branford
request the honor of your presence
at the dedication of
The Atwater Memorial Library
on
Saturday, May eighth
one thousand nine hundred and forty-three
at two o'clock
North Branford Center

ORDER OF EXERCISES

Master of Ceremonies

REV. MAURICE L. DE VRIES
Acting-Pastor of the Congregational Church

MUSIC North Branford Fife and Drum Corps

INVOCATION

FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE D. LESSLEY, Pastor, North Branford Congregational Church

PRESENTATION OF THE BUILDING AND TRUST FUND

MISS ANNA N. WILLSON, representing Mr. Charles B. Atwater

ACCEPTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN

MR. DOUGLASS B. HOLABIRD, First Selectman

ACCEPTANCE OF THE KEYS TO THE LIBRARY

MRS. ALDEN J. HILL, Chairman of the Library Directors

SERVICE OF DEDICATION

REV. FRANCIS J. SMITH, Rector, Zion Episcopal Church

Chairman: To the furtherance of the culture of our community, which has been blessed by this generous gift in loving memory of Reverend Charles Atwater

All: *We dedicate this Library.*

Chairman: That men and women may more fully appreciate the value of books in stimulating self-culture and education

All: *We dedicate this Library.*

Chairman: That our children may here read "the garnered wisdom of the years," in a setting conducive to noble living

All: *We dedicate this Library.*

Chairman: To the glorification and the more adequate dissemination of the rich treasures of literature in all ages, the more adequately to combat the modern reckless distortion of values

All: *We dedicate this Library.*

Chairman: That all who enter its portals may enrich their lives and acquire enthusiasm for books, which will give wings to the mind, and re-create man's spirit

All: *We dedicate this Library.*

INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT

By JUDGE ELLSWORTH B. FOOTE

ADDRESS

HONORABLE RAYMOND E. BALDWIN, Governor of the State of Connecticut

BENEDICTION

REV. JOHN J. MCCARTHY, Pastor, Saint Augustine's Church

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THE ATWATER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

This building, which was completed and dedicated in 1943, is the gift of James C. Atwater of New York City, who died in Springfield, Massachusetts, November 1st, 1911. Mr. Atwater was born March 11th, 1824, in North Branford, and he gave this building to the people of his native town as a memorial to his father, the Rev. Charles Atwater, a Pastor of the Congregational Church in North Branford from 1809 to the time of his death, February 21st, 1825.

This tablet is placed upon this building by Charles B. Atwater, grandson of Reverend Atwater, through whose efforts this building was carried through to completion, February, 1943.

NORTH BRANFORD LIBRARY DIRECTORS

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