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## FOREWORD

THIS book, though brief, adds many facts about Bloomfield hitherto unpublished. It also brings together much scattered material previously printed. Of necessity, because of time and space limitations, it leaves out many good things already in book form. It is a contribution to the materials for a history of the town.

This historical sketch very strikingly differs from previous ventures. It is a symposium of narratives by different authors to whom special departments were assigned. What it lacks in unity it makes up in data. It is a compendium of annals rather than an essay in history. For the sake of future historical accuracy the names of the authors are prefixed to the respective articles.

The idea of preparing this volume originated in the Historical Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Bloomfield Board of Trade, the latter committee having been created to arrange for the celebrating of the centennial anniversary of the incorporation in 1812 of Bloomfield. The Historical Committee was constituted as follows: Benjamin Haskell, Chairman, William A. Baldwin, Secretary, Charles C. Ferguson, Rev. George L. Curtis, D.D., Rev. Joseph F. Folsom, William P. Sutphen and Raymond F. Davis. The purpose in view was a souvenir that might have historical value, and also help to conserve the spirit and sentiment of the celebration.

Many things that ought to be said are of necessity omitted. Every political, military, social and benevolent