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TO
THE DESCENDANTS
OF
OUR COLONIAL PARSONS

THE NOBLE MEN AND WOMEN OF TO-DAY
WHO TRANSMIT THE SPIRIT AND
MAGNIFY THE POWER
PECULIAR TO
THEIR ILLUSTRIOUS ANCESTORS

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FORE-WORD.

THE author expresses his thanks to various writers who have contributed to the literature of this subject. He owes them a large debt.

Biographical sketches of the New England ministers are numerous. They appear in books like Mather's "Magnalia" and Sprague's "Annals of the American Pulpit," or in separate works like the "Life of Brainerd" and the "Life of Edwards." Col. T. W. Higginson, Mrs. Alice Morse Earle, Mr. William Root Bliss (three individuals to whom the author is under special obligations) have written delightful chapters upon the parson.

The task of gleaning from original sources, as well as from the later writings,