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FIRST CONGREGATIONAL MEETING-HOUSE, NANTOK.

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WITH

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AND ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, OCT. 16,
1851. REV. MR. HUNT'S ADDRESS AT THE CONSECRATION
OF DELL PARK CEMETERY. &c., &c., &c.

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Dedication.

TO THE

YOUNG MEN OF NATICK,

WHO WISH TO HAVE A CORRECT KNOWLEDGE OF THE HISTORY
OF THE TOWN; TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH,
AND CHERISH THE VIRTUES OF,

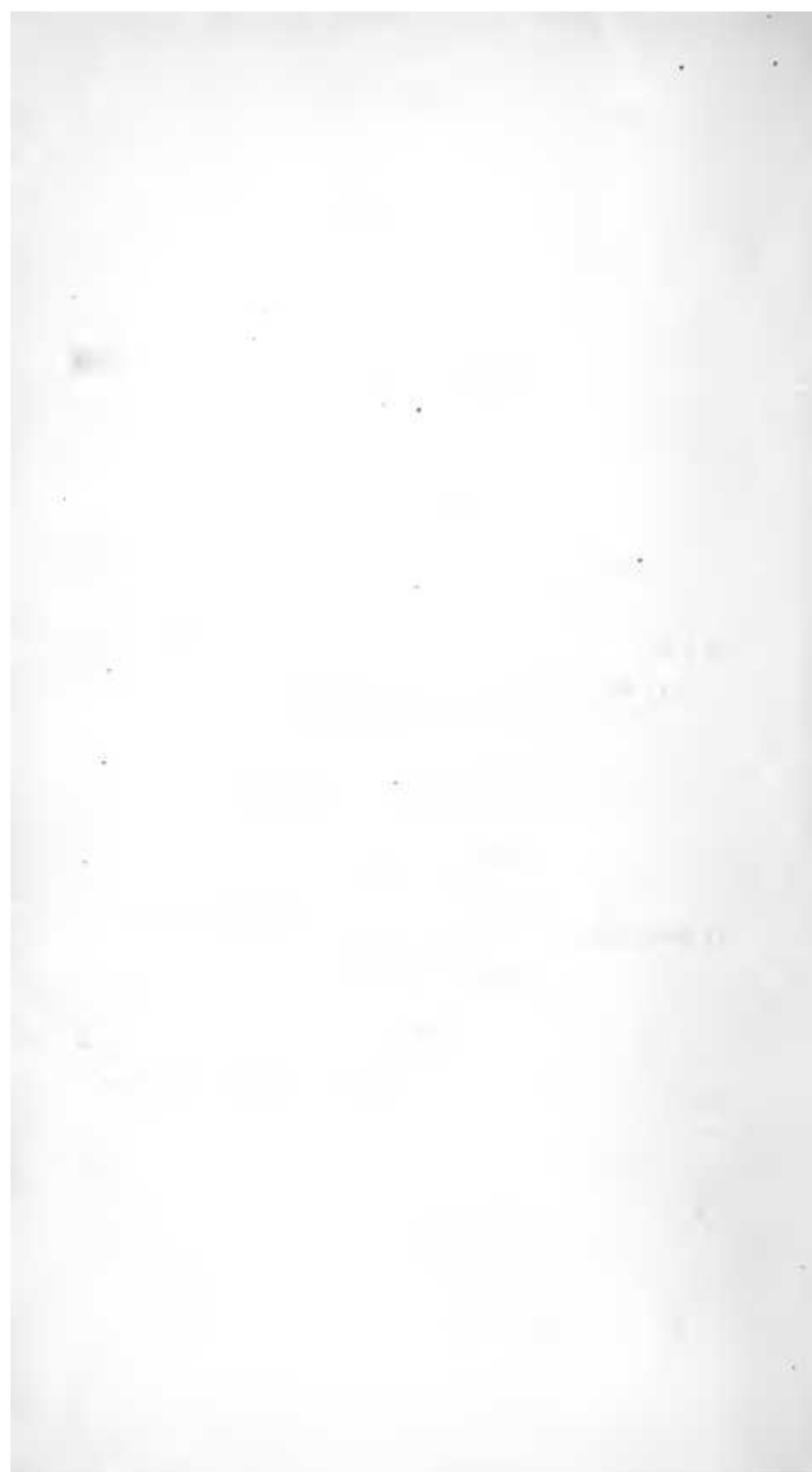
THE FATHERS OF THIS "PLACE OF HILLS."

This Volume

IS DEDICATED, WITH ARDENT WISHES FOR THEIR HAPPINESS
AND PROSPERITY,

BY

ONE OF THEIR NUMBER.



P R E F A C E .

AT the close of the labor of compiling this volume, and as it is submitted to the perusal of its patrons, the author would beg their indulgence in a few words by way of explanation of the inducements which led him to undertake the work.

It was not from any confidence he had in his own ability over many of his fellow-townsmen, but all who had given any attention at all to the subject, with the exception of one who was abroad, were earnest in persuading him to undertake what they had either relinquished or indefinitely postponed.

He felt exceedingly desirous that a history of the last thirty years, the most eventful of any similar period in the history of the town, should be blended with that of events in her earlier years, published and unpublished, and all presented in a connected form to the public, that the antiquarian and the annalist, and more particularly the people of the town, might have an opportunity of reading it without the labor of searching it out in its original resting-places.

He saw, or thought he saw, a probability that much valuable history would be soon lost, unless it was arranged and published and in multiplied copies placed in more secure receptacles than the drawers or attics of the actors in the events, or their descendants.

In short, it has been his desire to furnish each family with an accurate account of every event of importance and interest which has taken place in their own town since its settlement, and to place it beyond the reach of such accidents as a short time since destroyed the records of a neighboring town.

He has endeavored to state facts accurately, and on the very best authority; to give no statistics but such as were reliable, and to guard with care against the introduction of errors into his work.

To all who have aided him in the work, to the Secretary of the

Commonwealth, the Librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and his friend Lyman Mason, Esq., of Boston, he would tender his grateful acknowledgments. He is under especial obligation to Prof. Calvin, E. Stowe, of Andover Theological Seminary, and Rev. Samuel Hunt, of Franklin, Mass., for the use of manuscripts, as well as other important assistance.

If the volume shall answer the end for which it was intended, if it shall prove at once an accurate and impartial history of the town, the highest hopes of the author will be realized.

O. N. B.