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PREFACE

Impressed with the interesting changes that had taken place in Boston and its business methods within the last two generations, we began some time since the preparation of a brief pamphlet calling attention to some of these changes which had occurred during the business life of Mr. R. H. Stearns, who founded this business in 1847 and died in 1909. It was our intention to distribute gratuitously this pamphlet (partly advertising and partly historical) among our customers. As the work progressed, however, we found so much of interest which had occurred in the year '47 and so much of Boston history which was connected with our present location, that the original plan of a small booklet was abandoned.

Moreover, competent judges advised us that the material thus collected was of more than passing importance—most of it indeed being of real historic value—which could not fail to interest a much wider circle of readers.

We therefore decided to eliminate the advertising matter (unless occasional reference in signed articles or illustrations showing some of the changes which have taken place at the historic corner where this business is now located could be so construed) and to print in permanent book form the material which had been collected. This volume is the result.

Preface

With this explanation we submit it to our friends with the hope that those who personally or through family ties are identified with old Boston will find it a welcome and permanent addition to the already considerable literature relating to the city, and that many others, without such associations, will derive both pleasure and inspiration from "Days and Ways in Old Boston."

R. H. STEARNS AND COMPANY.

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