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CAPTAIN CHADWICK was born Nov. 18, 1809, truly a year of grace, seeing that it was the birth year of Lincoln and Darwin, Tennyson, Holmes, and Gladstone. My father had no public reputation whatsoever, but I dare believe he was as good as even the best of these. He was born in Marblehead, Mass., in the house which sets back from the street, opposite the Unitarian meeting-house. The old meeting-house was standing then. It gave place to the new one in 1832, the first year of my father's skippership, and, if he was not the youngest of



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the contributors to the building fund, he outlived all the others. His father, Charles Chadwick, was born in 1774 to Benjamin Chadwick and Joanna Coombs. There was considerable intermarriage between the Coombs family and the Whites and Haskells, from whom my father drew his lineage on his mother's side ; and it so happened that her grandmother, Ruth Coombs, was a half-sister to Joanna Coombs, her husband's mother. "Aunt Smith," Mary Coombs Smith (1770-1860), the sister of my grandfather, Charles Chadwick, outlived her brother forty-five years ; and she was a great authority on the Coombs branch of the family, at once proud of its aristocracy and ashamed of certain blots