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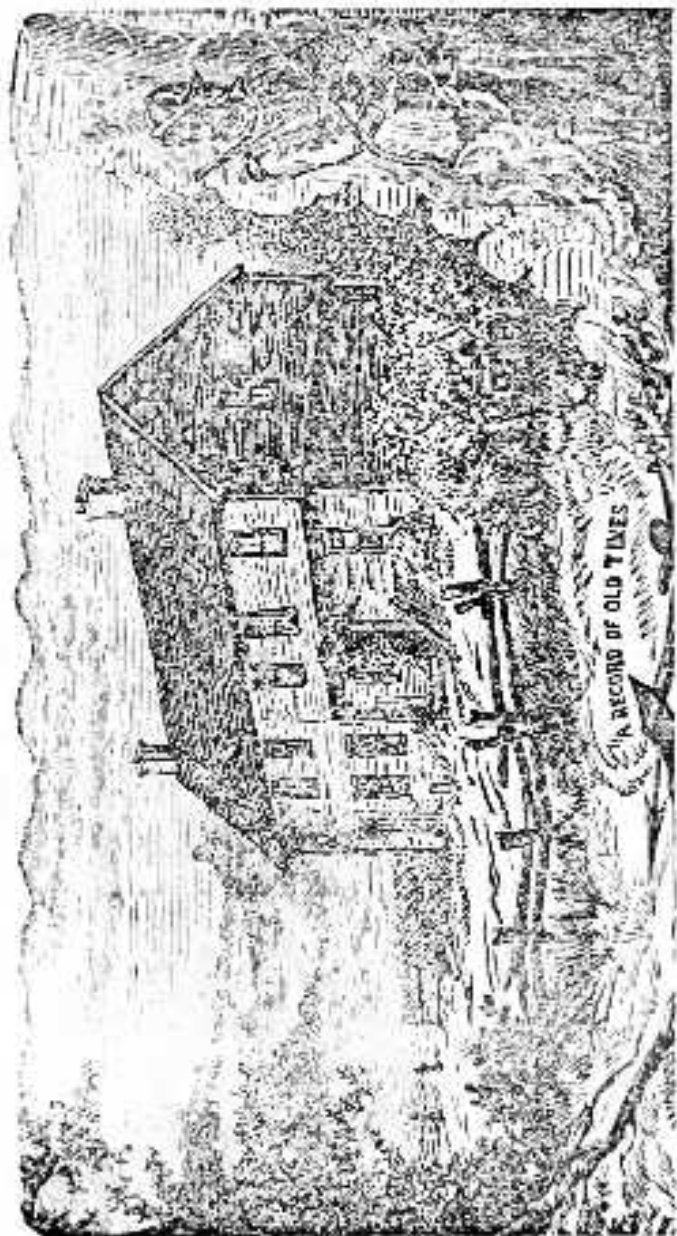
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“Once in Time’s morning, when Ymir lived,
There was no seed, no sea, no salty waves;
No earth was found, nor Heaven’s high firmament;
Only a yawning gulf, but grass nowhere.”

PREFACE.

THE history of most of the towns of New England possesses principally a local interest, and perhaps there is nothing sufficiently distinctive in the records of the locality of which we have treated in this little volume to make the work of more importance to the general reader. Yet, as York was one of the earliest settled of the seaports north of the Massachusetts Colony, and for a considerable time had a reputation among the better known of the towns planted upon the coast, there are events connected with it that afford material of value in a historical aspect, and which may entitle it more than many other places to be regarded as illustrating the manners, the customs of living, and the general characteristics of the towns of its class for many years after its original settlement.

While the town had been stationary, if not nearly retrograding, for many years up to a recent date, its advantages as a watering-place have since then attracted increasing attention, and have given a new impulse to its growth, the effect of which is palpably apparent. It is now widely known as one of the most eligibly situated and altogether desirable of sea-side resorts. The efforts made to improve the natural attractions of the place, by providing for the comfort and furnishing facilities for the enjoyment of those who visit it, have greatly added to its popularity. It has entered upon a new stage in its career, and before this is completed the town is likely to have a national fame. Its position invites this, and the intelligent efforts of those who had the sagacity to appreciate its resources as a watering-place have improved and utilized what nature has done in this respect. It is with a view to interest not alone the inhabitants of the vicinity, but the thousands who will be brought to know it through its associations as a place of summer residence, that this brief record of its history has been prepared.