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PREFATORY NOTE.



THE object of this little volume is to correct popular fallacies and to assign to the Quakers their true place in the early history of Massachusetts. Any one who consults it with the expectation of finding a detailed and harrowing recital of every case of suffering by the Friends will be disappointed. This branch of the subject is treated only so far as is necessary to illustrate the mode of persecution resorted to by the Colonial authorities and the spirit in which it was resisted by the Quakers.

In addition to Puritan laws and other documents already published by the State, the Appendix contains some very interesting evidence never before published, and much material which, while it may be fa-

miliar to students who have made the subject one of special inquiry, will be both new and instructive to the general reader.

R. P. H.

Boston, Mass., 4th mo., 1883.

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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY. — THE RISE OF QUAKERISM.

PURITANISM, as the word implies, originated in an effort to purify the Protestant Christian Church. It inaugurated a reform almost as radical as the Protestant Reformation.

At a later day the name was narrowed in its significance, and was applied only to those who adhered to Calvinistic doctrines of religion, and attempted to establish both in Old and New England a theocracy based upon the Mosaic law and other teachings of the Old Testament. It was the parent, however, from whose loins issued the brood of religious sects which, as we shall see, divided the English people into hostile camps, and ultimately bequeathed to us the religious liberty we now enjoy.