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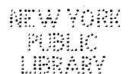
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PREFACE

N this hustling, bustling, progressive and wonderful age in which see live, little time is left us to contemplate the lives and deeds of our forbears, - who stood in their places and sturdily did the right as they saw it, meeting every crisis bravely, and endeavoring to discover and avail them-

selves of the underlying good in all.

When it becomes possible to preserve, in fairly permanent form, the impressions of life, the vital parts of life, as they were pictured by one of our ancestors who manfully "fought the good fight," — and long since joined the silent majority, leaving an honored name and character to his descendants, — it becomes almost a sacred duty so to do. For the inspiration and incentive to solid achievement of our family and our posterity, it seems most fitting, therefore, that the following lectures by William Nutting, M.A., formerly of Randolph Center, Vermont, and delivered by him before the Randolph Academy in 1849, should be printed and distributed.

Upon his death, the Vermont Chronicle said in part: "William Nutting was born in Groton, Mass., during the Revolutionary War, October 30, 1779. He worked on his father's farm till the age of twenty-one, then for about three years as a carpenter and joiner; when, his physical constitution having been broken by sickness, he turned his

attention to the acquisition of a liberal education.

His mental powers being unimpaired, and naturally of remarkable vigor, his progress in study was such that, after close application for a year and a half at Groton Academy, he joined the same class at Dartmouth College which had entered Freshmen at the time he commenced his preparation.

After graduating, in 1802, he became Principal of the Orange County Grammar School, located at Randolph Center, Vt. Here he taught for five or six years, — in the meantime pursuing the study of law, under the instruction of the Hon. Dudley Chase, who was afterwards successively the Chief Justice of Vermont and its representative in the United States Senate. After practising for a short time in partnership with his instructor, Mr. Nutting opened an office of his own, which he continued to occupy until within the last few years, having meanwhile, introduced many students into the same profession. During this time he once or

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twice represented the town in the State Legislature, and at least once in the Council of Censors. Sometime during these years, also, he was offered the chair of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy in the University of Vermont, but saw

fit to decline, and continue in his chosen profession.

As a teacher he earned an enviable reputation, as to instruction and discipline, and tact in inspiring his students with an enthusiastic fondness for their studies, as well as for the inculcation of sound principles of truth, honesty and sobriety. And many of his pupils have risen up to call their instructor blessed, as the author, under God, of their own success in all subsequent life.

In his legal profession he was ever considered an honest and able counselor, a discriminating lawyer and a success-

ful advocate.

William Nutting died in Randolph, November 26, 1864,

aged eighty-four years.

David Hubbard Nutting, M.D., his son, was for twentyone years a Missionary Physician in Asiatic Turkey. While attending to his professional duties, he also carried on classes in medicine and surgery among the more promising and intelligent young men of Oorfa, Aleppo, Aintab, Diarbekir and other cities where he was stationed. In the pursuance of this beneficent work for humanity, he was compelled sometimes to break the laws of the land. The use of human bodies and skeletons, though forbidden, was necessary, and they were used by him, of course most carefully as discovery might have cost many lives, in that fanatical country. The knowledge of this use of human bodies and skeletons was, for reasons most patent; carefully kept from his wife and family until years after their safe return to this country, with the sole exception of the writer, who made the

discovery accidentally.

The experiences of Dr. Nutting given in the two lectures herein reprinted, proved very interesting to the large numbers of his audiences in the British Isles, where he delivered them in 1875, in most of the leading cities, in the interest of the work of the Missions; and no doubt will also interest

even more, the members of our own Clan.

Accordingly I take great pleasure in publishing this little volume for circulation among our family and friends.

Boston, Mass. April 25, 1912. GEORGE HALE NUTTING.

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