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P R E F A C E

THIS little Journal served the purpose of its author when submitted, in 1809, as a report to his employers—the Massachusetts Missionary Society. Since then, it has been laid away for a century, a forgotten bit of manuscript, until with the passing of time, it seems to have become invested with an adventitious general interest, with which, when written, it was endowed by neither the subject, nor the style, of the story. The narrative has now acquired that indefinable value which attaches to the “human document,” and it makes more real our ideas of the daily life and hardships of many of the ministers who wandered about as missionaries, in the early settlements of New England. It throws some light, moreover, on the subject of the standard of culture in such new communities at that time; and by accident, rather than by design, the writer recorded an occasional fact useful to the student of local history. While its value as an original source of such history must needs be slight, so far as it goes, it is trustworthy.

The author, Jacob Cram, A. M., son of Col. Jonathan Cram, was born at Hampton Falls, Rockingham Co., N. H., October 12, 1762, and he died at Exeter, N. H., December 21, 1833, aged 71. He was a graduate of Dartmouth College, of the class of 1782. But little concerning him is known. From February 25, 1789, to January 6, 1792, he was pastor of the Congregational church at Hopkinton, N. H. (organized November 23, 1757). Before his final removal from Hollis to Exeter, he served as a missionary