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As in the preceding volumes, the aim has been to preserve as nearly as possible the exact wording of the author, according to the best edition obtainable. To this end, while the book has been carefully edited, with a number of additional explanatory notes, the old-fashioned spellings and phraseology, as well as many word-forms now obsolete or archaic, have been left unaltered, only palpable typographical and other minor errors being corrected.

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## INTRODUCTION

BY

GEORGE SHELDON.

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The modern student of old New England is seeking every reliable avenue which leads to, or illustrates her earlier days; and he does good service who presents to this public the kind of material to be found in this book.

"The Redeemed Captive"—the man—was a well known personage of his time, and stood out prominently during the crucial period of King William's and Queen Anne's wars. Although his standing among his fellow ministers was fairly good, yet he is better known by his trials and hardships than by his talents or attainments. He was emphatically a man of sorrows, and weighted with care, from maturity to his dying day. His peculiar experiences were not paralleled by any other man of his time. His own record of his own captivity has been and will be a much read book.

John Williams, son of Samuel, was born at Roxbury, Dec. 10, 1664. His grandfather, Robert Williams, was driven from Norwich, Eng., in 1634. Robert was a Puritan of Puritans. He brought with him his son Samuel, then an infant. Both settled in Roxbury; both were shoemakers. Samuel was a deacon in the church of the Apostle Eliot—a heritage and an environment equally good. John Williams was educated at the still

famous Roxbury Latin School, and was graduated from Harvard in 1683. He was second in a class of three—all Roxbury boys. The first chapter of their lives had come to an end. When and where would the second open? For John Williams it opened Sept. 21, 1686, when he was called to be the minister of Deerfield. His cousin, William Williams, the third in his class, had been settled at Hatfield the year before, and Samuel Danforth, the first, was called to Taunton in 1687. In accordance with the custom of the times they had no training for the ministry beyond that given in the regular course at Harvard.

When young John Williams went to Deerfield, King William's war was near at hand, and Deerfield was a frontier town. The bodies as well as the souls of the minister and people were sorely tried. The cultivation of the soil, their sole reliance for a livelihood, was restricted to a narrow area, and this only when under an armed guard; with such conditions the harvest must of necessity be small and uncertain. All reserved resources soon became exhausted. There was no "base of supplies." The settlers feared actual want, and they came to feel it as a reality. To go outside the stockade for a moment unguarded was at the risk of life or liberty. But risks must be taken, or slow starvation would work its will.

The first bolt fell in June, 1693, at the north end of the Street, and ten men, women, and children were the victims. In October, a man was captured and carried