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TO THE MEMORY OF

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The Pioneer in Narragansett Ecclesiastical Antiquarian Research, who, by his History of the Narragansett Church, revived and established the Fame of the Author of the Diary herewith presented to the Public, this Volume is gratefully dedicated by

The Editor



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To the Reader



THE discovery of the time-stained Manuscript, herewith presented with annotations, after it had lain in concealment for a century or more, was on this wise. When the late Rev. Alexis Caswell, D. D., having been elected President of Brown University in 1868, was removing from his private residence on Angell Street, Providence, into the "President's House," it became necessary, in preparing the former for another tenant, to clear the attic of the accumulation of years. After much of it had been already destroyed, certain dusty and discoloured papers came to light, which appeared, to the member of the family having the work in charge, as of possible antiquarian value. These having accordingly been reserved for the Doctor's own inspection, he presently identified them as sermons and private journals of the distinguished Dr. James MacSparran, rector of the Narragansett Church from 1721 to 1757, a sketch of whose life will be found below.

The presence of these venerable documents in that unsuspected receptacle is believed to be thus explained.

The ancient house, at forty Angell Street, before it was purchased by Dr. Caswell, belonged to his mother-in-law, Mrs. Edward Thompson, whose husband was