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## PREFATORY.

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THESE Notes are printed, not for publication, but for more convenient preservation and reference, in one branch of the family to which they relate. They are dedicated by the compiler to the memory of his father, the REV. NATHANIEL SCUDDER PRIME, D.D., a man of rare intellectual endowments, an accomplished scholar, a faithful minister of the Gospel, a friend and active promoter of popular and liberal education, a fearless and uncompromising advocate of what he believed to be true and right. He left his impress upon the generation in which he lived, and especially upon the hearts of his children; one chief incentive in whose lives has been a desire to emulate his zeal in the acquisition and diffusion of useful knowledge, and to keep in honor his name by carrying out the principles and aims which he instilled into their minds.

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## THE PURITAN EXODUS.

THE earlier colonies of New England were appropriately called "Plantations." The seed was here sown which for two centuries and a half has been bearing fruit, not alone on this continent, but the world over. The full harvest has not yet been garnered, and will not be until the Son of Man shall send forth his reapers at the end of the world to gather the sheaves from the four quarters of the globe.

The story of the settlement of New England is a familiar one. It was the fruit of the spirit of persecution that prevailed in Old England in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. That spirit was kept alive during the reign of Henry VIII.; it burst into a flame under "the bloody Mary;" it was only partially suppressed in the days of Elizabeth; it broke out with fresh violence under James I. During these latter reigns many of whom England and the world were not worthy were driven from their native land to this Western wilderness, to seek a place where they might worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences, and the way was preparing for the greater exodus that took place under Charles I. Of the more than twenty thousand Puritans who left Eng-