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"We have come to this Rock, to record here our homage for our Pilgrim Fathers; our sympathy in their sufferings; our gratitude for their labors; our admiration of their virtues; our veneration for their piety; and our attachment to those principles of civil and religious liberty, for which they encountered the dangers of the ocean, the storms of heaven, the violence of savages, disease, exile, and famine, to enjoy and establish." WASHINGTON.

INTRODUCTION.

THIS Volume has been prepared, and is now published, in obedience to a vote of the Trustees of the Pilgrim Society passed at a meeting held in the office of the Register of Deeds at Plymouth, on the evening of Friday, December 30, 1870.

At that meeting it was voted that the Vice-President of the Society be requested to prepare and publish the proceedings of the Celebration of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims; and that the Secretary, WILLIAM S. DANFORTH, Esq., be directed to communicate to Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Boston, the thanks of the Trustees for the able, eloquent, and instructive oration delivered by him on that occasion, and to request a copy for publication.

PLYMOUTH, January, 1871.

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PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

AT the annual meeting of the PILGRIM SOCIETY, held at Pilgrim Hall, in Plymouth, at three o'clock, P.M., on Monday, May 30, 1870, it was voted that the Vice-President, together with ISAAC N. STODDARD, Esq., WILLIAM H. WHITMAN, Esq., and Dr. TIMOTHY GORDON, be a Committee to consider the expediency of celebrating the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims, occurring on the 21st of December following, and report at an adjourned meeting.¹

At the adjourned meeting held at the same place on the 14th of June, at three o'clock, P.M., a report of the Committee recommending the Celebration was adopted, and a vote was passed requesting the Trustees to make the necessary arrangements.

At a meeting of the Trustees held at the Plymouth National Bank on the evening of July 5th, at eight o'clock, it was unanimously voted, on motion of RICHARD WARREN, Esq., that a Committee — consisting of the President, Vice-President, and Messrs. GORDON, WARREN, and AMES — wait upon Hon. ROBERT C. WINTHROP, of Boston, and invite him to deliver an Oration before the Society on the 21st of December.²

At a meeting of the Trustees held at the same place on the evening of the 7th of September, neither the President nor