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of the Town,

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WITH A

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Announcement

The Board of Directors of the Old York Historical and Improvement Society appointed, at a meeting held in September, 1902, a committee, consisting of the Rev. Frank Sewall, D. D., President of the Society, Frank D. Marshall, Esq., of Portland, and Miss Ellen Dennett, of York, to publish the oration of the Hon. James P. Baxter delivered at the recent Anniversary Celebration, together with a brief history of the Town of York, and an account in detail of the celebration, on August 5th, of the Two Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the organization of the Town of York. Mr. Marshall in preparing the historical account has drawn largely from the valuable records compiled by his grandfather, the late Hon. Nathaniel G. Marshall; Miss Dennett has rendered valuable aid through her accurate knowledge of biographical and personal details. The committee are indebted to the officers and speakers at the celebration for the kindly furnished photographs and abstracts of remarks; and for generous aid in publication given by the Selectmen of York, by Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson, and by Mr. Walter M. Smith. It is hoped that the volume will prove a contribution of value to our local history, and a pleasant souvenir for those who participated in the celebration which it commemorates.

FRANK SEWALL.

COVENTRY HALL, August 31, 1903.

Preface

The purpose of this little volume is to preserve in lasting form the events in the observance of the two hundred and fiftieth year of the incorporation of the Town of York, Maine. Besides the anniversary oration of the Hon. James P. Baxter, the editing committee has also inserted an article, which is simply intended to mark certain cardinal points in the town's history, in order that those who are not familiar with it may gain the general information necessary to an appreciation of the events celebrated on August 3rd and 5th, 1902.

The commemoration exercises were fittingly begun on Sunday evening, August 3rd, by a union service held in the old First Parish meeting-house. A congregation which completely filled the church listened to the impressive exercises. "Early Religious Life and Customs" was the subject of the address to be delivered by Rev. Elihu Snow. Unfortunately Mr. Snow could not be present, and the Rev. Mr. Perkins read the paper. Mr. Snow most instructively told of the peculiar and hard conditions under which our forefathers worshipped God. He praised the piety and simple faith of the godly men of early New England days; and, while thankful for the reasonable liberality and unity which the years have developed, he regretted the loss of much which characterized these men. Rev. Mr. Abbott, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Rev. Mr. Goss, of the Christian church, sketched the beginning and development of their respective denominations. Although both churches are now approaching a hundred years of life, and both, from their inception to the present, have numbered within their fold