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A PAPER READ TO THE BOSTONIAN SOCIETY, COUNCIL CHAMBER, OLD
STATE HOUSE, FEBRUARY 14, 1888, BY

JAMES FROTHINGHAM HUNNEWELL.



THE head of State Street, as is well known, is associated with very early things, and of nearly all kinds, in Boston. Besides the Old State House, long a centre of civil affairs, there are, close by, the sites of the first meeting-house of the First Church and of its successors through many years. At a little distance is the spot where Gov. Winthrop lived; not far off were the wharves for the pioneer commerce, the jail for those who ignored the good examples of our fathers, and the burial-ground, everybody's last refuge. Scarcely a thing connected with the history and daily life of the early Bostonians was wanting in the group of objects.