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I.

JOHN ENDICOTT.

For Costume, see DRAKE'S History of Boston.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

JOHN ENDICOTT, . . . Governor.

JOHN ENDICOTT, . . . his son.

RICHARD BELLINGHAM, . Deputy Governor.

JOHN NORTON, . . . Minister of the Gospel.

EDWARD BUTTER, . . . Treasurer.

WALTER MERRY, . . . Tithing-man.

NICHOLAS UPSALL, . . an old man.

SAMUEL COLE, . . . Landlord of the Three Mariners,

SIMON KEMPTHORN,

RALPH GOLDSMITH, Sea-Captains,

WENLOCK CHRISTISON,

EDITH, his daughter,

EDWARD WHARTON,

Ouakers.

Assistants, Halberdiers, Marshal, &c.

The Scene is in Boston in the year 1665.

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PROLOGUE.

TO-NIGHT we strive to read, as we may best,
This city, like an ancient palimpsest;
And bring to light, upon the blotted page,
The mournful record of an earlier age,
That, pale and half effaced, lies hidden away
Beneath the fresher writing of to-day.

Rise, then, O buried city that has been;
Rise up, rebuilded in the painted scene,
And let our curious eyes behold once more
The pointed gable and the pent-house door,
The Meeting-house with leaden-latticed panes,
The narrow thoroughfares, the crooked lanes!

Rise, too, ye shapes and shadows of the Past,
Rise from your long-forgotten graves at last;
Let us behold your faces, let us hear
The words ye uttered in those days of fear!
Revisit your familiar haunts again,—
The scenes of triumph, and the scenes of pain,
And leave the footprints of your bleeding feet
Once more upon the pavement of the street!

Nor let the Historian blame the Poet here, If he perchance misdate the day or year,