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# To My Mother



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## PREFACE

It is greatly to be deplored that our forefathers did not foresee our desire to know how their Christmases were spent. Interesting would be the tales they could have told had they not been too busy with their festivities to think of recording them. But we must content ourselves with a few old diaries and meagre letters treasured in libraries and historical societies, or owned privately by the writer's descendants.

The New England material consists very largely of Puritan protests against celebrations, which sometimes afford us tantalizing hints of the nature of the occasions. Virginia and the South are particularly bald of accounts. The few diaries from these sections