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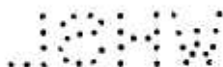
— "The men of yore,  
Who danced our infancy upon their knee,  
How are they blotted from the things that be."

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WHO HAS AIDED AND ENCOURAGED ME  
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"The profit of my living long ago  
I dedicated to the unloving dead,  
Though all my service they shall never know  
Whose world is vanished and their name unsaid.

For none remembers now the good, the ill  
They did, the deeds they thought should last for aye ;  
But in the little room my voice can fill  
They shall not be forgotten till I die.

So, in a lonely churchyard by the shore,  
The sea winds sift the sand across the mounds  
And those forgotten graves are found no more,  
And no man knows the churchyard's holy bounds ;

Till one comes by and stoops with reverent hands  
To clear the graves of their encumbering sands."



## INTRODUCTION.

A late writer says, "They who appear utterly indifferent to their lineage and term all interest in such matters a foolish weakness, are acting contrary to a strong principle of nature, and lay themselves open to the assumption, that they have a pedigree of which they are not proud."

What led to this work was a desire to know more about my Stewart ancestors, their descent and their descendants. I had heard many traditions among which was that of our Royal descent and the great fortune across the water that awaited the Stewart heirs in America. Efforts have been made to trace the line in Scotland and Ireland with no definite results. All evidence we have been able to procure in reference to the traditional "Royal blood" has been laid before the reader, and I leave it to him to form his own opinion as I have done.

Not until the thorough work done by the late Hon. Leonard A. Morrison, in his "History of Windham, N. H.," was my interest in our Stewart lineage fully aroused, yet not satisfied. My interest was again forcibly stirred, when some years