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FRIEND OF MANY YEARS,

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At a recent meeting of the Trustees of the Grammar School it was voted "That a History of the School should be prepared, setting forth its origin, objects and relations." It was also voted "That the Secretary be requested to prepare such a History."

In compliance with this request the following pages have been written. The materials have been gathered from various sources, chiefly from the Records of the Trustees. These, since 1789, have been faithfully kept, and furnish sufficient information of the growth of the school during the seventy years succeeding that date.

For the period from 1645 to 1789, an important one, because affording an account of the origin of the school, of the zealous efforts of its early patrons to sustain it, the Colonial legislation in its behalf, &c., they were not found so complete as could be desired. All their deficiencies, however, have been fully supplied by the Records of the First Church and of the Town of Roxbury, the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Winthrop's His-

tory of New England, and other authentic works relating to the early settlers in Massachusetts.

The writer is indebted for many interesting facts to descendants of past Trustees, especially to the Rev. Dr. Charles Lowell, Dr. Wm. B. Lawrence, Mrs. S. F. McCleary, Messrs. A. A. Lawrence and J. Wingate Thoraton.

The History of an Institution which for more than two centuries has furnished our colleges with so many brilliant scholars, and which numbers among its graduates some of the most eminent men in the highest occupations of life, cannot be without interest to our citizens who have so long enjoyed its benefits.

When we consider the present high character of the school, and what its prospective wealth will enable the Trustees to accomplish at no very distant day, we cannot fail to regard with reverence the wisdom and liberality of its Puritan founders. They have left us a rich inheritance; may it never be said that through any neglect or indiscretion of its guardians, it has failed to answer its beneficent purpose.

ROXBURY, MARCH 1, 1860.

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