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Yours truly
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PREFACE.

With extreme diffidence the compiler sends forth this genealogical work, is thoroughly aware of its imperfections and incompleteness, and claims for it nothing more than a conscientious, laborious effort to collect and preserve the family history, as much of it as could be ascertained by extensive correspondence, searching old papers, town records, etc. Some years since Mr. Asahel Newell died, leaving papers that the compiler had gradually expanded until quite a mass of material had collected, much too valuable to be lost. He had desired that all the historical matter collected should be published; other friends also desired it. The work would gladly have been committed to other and more competent hands, had there been any such ready and willing to undertake it.

Only those who have been engaged in genealogical studies can justly estimate the measure of labor, research, correspondence and patience required in a task of this kind. The very first obstacle to be encountered is the ignorance

prevailing in most families as to more remote ancestors. And even where some indirect clue has been obtained, and considerable attention given the matter, there are apt to be errors and contradictions to a provoking extent. Where families are broken and distributed widely by the emigration of the different members, what few documents have existed are apt to be impaired or lost, and the traditions varied. Very few have *any* idea of the amount of time and labor necessary to compile a family genealogy, even where the circumstances are the most favorable: to all this, in the present instance, the cares and burden of a family were added. Transcribed, often, from almost unintelligible documents—the handwriting and figures alike well-nigh undecipherable—many errors are charged to the compiler that rightly belong to those furnishing the material. Those who have accomplished a work of this kind deserve more credit, a kindlier recognition and more substantial returns than are commonly accorded—for pecuniary loss is almost an invariable surety.

The volume thus goes forth with confessed imperfections, soliciting a charitable judgment of those interested, and of all others into whose hands it may chance to fall.

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