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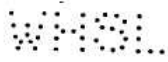
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MISS A. ELLA ALDEN.

Who originated the movement that resulted in the organization of the A. K. of A., calling the first meeting at Avon, Mass., Sept. 11, 1901.

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## NOTICE.

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It is hoped that this first report of the proceedings and progress of the Alden Kindred will commend itself to all interested in the wholly gratifying growth and achievement of the Society. There is certainly cause for none but satisfying sentiments in the history of its three first years, and it is because of the hearty good fellowship which has been shown, and because of the widening interest in the Society's work that the issuing of this report is now undertaken.

The committee feel confident that their trust in the support of the Kindred will be more than warranted. It is expected that hereafter the Society will be able to publish full reports each year.

Orders for the present volume may be sent to Mrs. A. H. Sweet, Norton, Mass. The price is 75 cents per copy.

# TRIENNIAL REPORT

## ALDEN KINDRED OF AMERICA

1901—1903

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It is the aim of this Report to present to the Alden Kindred a brief account of its history during the three first years of its existence.

From the small beginning at Avon in 1901, the Society has grown to a membership of over six hundred, including representatives from Maine to California. It now constitutes, we believe, the largest "Family Organization" in America.

During this time "Pilgrim Alden" has been published by A. E. Alden of Boston, Mr. Ebenezer Alden of Brockton, and Dr. Shaw have issued a fully illustrated volume giving their line of ancestry from Polly and Ebenezer Alden of the sixth generation.

Mrs. Harriett C. Fielding of Orange, N. J., has recently sent out a work of value and interest to over four hundred descendants in her line, commencing with Isaac of the sixth generation.

Mrs. Charles L. Alden, formerly of Troy, N. Y., is at work on a full Genealogical list of Alden Descendants, portions of which have been published in the Genealogical Register.

There are, we understand, other distinguished members at work on individual lines.

The Washington Research Committee of which Mrs. Marian Longfellow is an important factor, promises valuable information recently gathered abroad regarding the Alden and Molines families.

The formation of Family Organizations has greatly increased the interest in Ancestry, Family History and Traditions, and the rescuing from oblivion relics of by-gone days, as well as bringing together in cordial relations the Family Descendants.



## NOTE.

The committee appointed to collect, arrange and publish the Triennial Report of our association hereby express their appreciation of the services performed in this work by Mr. A. E. Alden of Boston to whom the credit of editing this report is due.

GEO. W. ALDEN, Chairman of Committee.



## THE REUNION.

1901.

Proud of their ancient and honorable lineage, and ever ready to pay tribute to their noble parentage, about 150 descendants of John and Priscilla Alden assembled at Highland Park, Avon, Sept. 11, 1901, to hold their first Reunion, in response to a call from Miss A. Ella Alden of Middleboro, who had been at work for several months, locating and communicating with members of the Alden Family, far and near, in view of this meeting.

The day commenced with a dismal rain and the early trains brought but few of the kindred, but happily the sun came out later and by one o'clock the Pilgrims had made a goodly showing.

The assemblage was called to order about two P. M., by Augustus E. Alden of Boston, who has been for many years prominently interested in Alden History. Mr. Alden called upon George W. Alden of Brockton to act as Chairman, who appointed Mrs. A. H. Sweet of Norton, Secretary pro tem.

Miss A. Ella Alden opened with an address of welcome, in which she paid worthy tribute to the descendants of the valiant Pilgrims, and expressed her desire that this meeting may be the beginning of a permanent Organization to meet annually, and hoped sufficient enthusiasm and interest may be aroused to make it a success.

In 1848 an attempt was made to hold an "Alden" meeting, which proved a failure, therefore great credit is due Miss Alden for her courage and determination in waking from their sleep the "Aldens" who have waited for years for some one to make a move.

Following Miss Alden's address came several impromptu speeches, eloquent, enthusiastic, and witty, and full of family pride.

The occasion was most enjoyable and the afternoon all too short. As the shadows lengthened in the beautiful grove, the meeting adjourned to come together next year at the Old Homestead in Duxbury, by invitation of John W. Alden, the present occupant.