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OF THE TOWN

*Presented to the town on its 165th anniversary by Dame Newton Lewis*

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## PREFACE

EVERY town, like every individual, has both character and history. Be it good or bad, some one is interested in it; some one is vitally bound fast to it, either for weal or woe. This grows wider and stronger with a town's age and influence. Our town, though fast forgetting its ancient traditions and sturdy virtues, from its great age, alone, deserves the unselfish efforts of some one of its many children in its preservation and perpetuation. The older the town, the more difficult and meager its earliest history becomes. The following pages, mostly appearing from time to time during the past forty years of my life, in my contributions to newspaper, magazine, and public audiences, I now for the first time in book form offer to my native, though somewhat unworthy town, as a tribute to my departed co-workers of the old First Walpole Historical Society, of which I am now the only surviving member. May its reception be as kind and cordial as the heart of the giver.

ISAAC NEWTON LEWIS.

EAST WALPOLE, MASS.,

June 30, 1905.

