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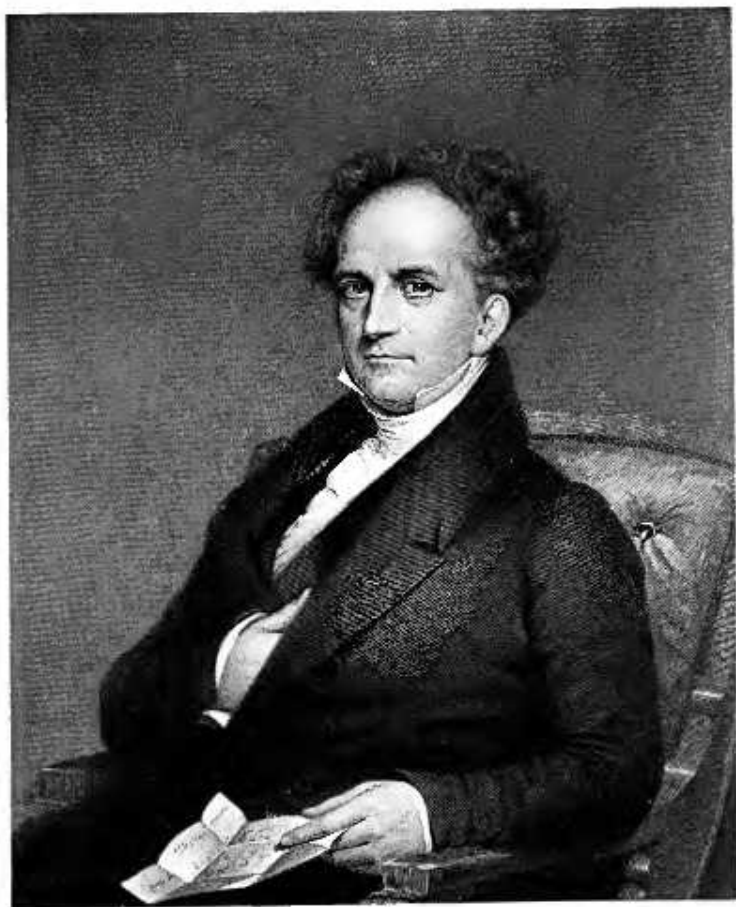
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The Memory
OF
ABBOTT LAWRENCE
(THIRD OF THE NAME)
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OF
HIS GRANDEATHER
IS
INSCRIBED.

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P R E F A C E .

WHEN Mr. Lawrence died, in 1855, a public meeting of the citizens of Boston was held in Faneuil Hall, at which Mr. Everett and Mr. Winthrop made addresses; and brief memoirs were written, one by Mr. Prescott at the request of the family, and one by Mr. Nathan Appleton for the Massachusetts Historical Society. It was the expectation that these would be followed by a more extended biography, for which ample material existed in the letters and papers left by Mr. Lawrence. This work was postponed for various reasons, and in 1872 the larger part of the papers and correspondence which had been depended upon for the purpose was destroyed in the great Boston fire.

In 1880 the New England Historic Genealogical Society commenced the publication of the lives of its deceased members, to be printed in a series of volumes at the expense of the Towne Memorial Fund, and the writer prepared a biographical sketch of Mr. Lawrence for the second volume. He was confined of necessity, in his treatment of the subject, within narrow limits, and was able to make use of a portion only of the material which he had brought together by an examination of the newspapers, and from other sources of information. It was suggested, therefore, that he should rewrite and amplify what he

had prepared for the Historic Genealogical Society. This he has done, and he now presents a somewhat fuller record of Mr. Lawrence's life and career than has yet appeared, with such of his addresses and public letters as are extant, and as seem to be of permanent interest. Some of the more important of his despatches while Minister to England will be found in the Appendix, — together with the Letters on the Tariff, addressed to Mr. Rives, which have long been out of print.

In 1832 Mr. Lawrence sat to Chester Harding for his portrait. A copy of this, by Moses Wight, was sent to London in 1856 to be engraved by Francis Holl; and from one of his proofs (the plate having been destroyed) impressions have been taken by the heliotype process for this Memoir.

The writer desires to make acknowledgment of the valuable aid which he has received from Mr. Abbott Lawrence. A warm interest in the progress of the Memoir was also manifested by Abbott Lawrence, the grandson, whose recent death is sincerely mourned by many friends outside his immediate circle, and of whom it will be altogether appropriate to make brief mention here. Graduating at Harvard College in 1875, he spent two years in the Law School at Cambridge, and took his LL.B. in 1877. In August of the same year he started on a journey round the world, from which he returned in the summer of 1879, and a year later he was admitted to the bar. He kept a journal of his travels in Asia and the East, which he afterward carefully revised. The result of his observation abroad was to deepen his attachment for and appreciation of his own country, and to strengthen his purpose to serve it in every way within his power. He joined the volunteer militia of the State,