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PREFACE

THIS volume presents in print the book of records of the Town of Providence designated as "Town Meeting No. 1, 1692-1715," and continues the work originally authorized by the following joint resolution of the City Council of the City of Providence, approved March 6, 1891:

"RESOLVED, That Horatio Rogers, George M. Carpenter, and Edward Field, are hereby appointed record commissioners, who shall serve without compensation, for the purpose of collecting and printing the early records of the town of Providence. And said commissioners are hereby authorized to expend the sum of one thousand dollars for collecting and printing said records, said sum to be charged to the appropriation for printing."

The original book is badly worn and discolored with age, and the work of printing it has been done none too soon. Until within a comparatively few years it was without board

covers, and the leaves show the marks where they were folded or rolled, as convenience dictated. With this volume terminates the long service of Thomas Olney, Town Clerk, whose term of office covered nearly forty years, and whose painstaking efforts have made his writings of the greatest consequence in the study of the development of the town.

The methods employed in reproducing this volume in type have been the same as those heretofore used, and for convenience they are repeated here.

The figures at the top of the pages, and enclosed in brackets, indicate the paging of this present volume.

The heavy figures enclosed in brackets represent the paging of the original book as it now stands.

This mark | shows the beginning and end of interlineations in the original.

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Brackets enclosing blank space, thus, [] signify that something is missing, or illegible, in the original.

The sign ꝥ is used to represent a contraction or double letter, which, in the original, stands for pr, and is used as the representative of syllables containing those letters with a vowel.

An index to names, an index to Indian names, a miscellaneous index, and an index to subjects are added.

Since the preparation of the last volume of these records for the press death has removed Judge Carpenter from earth, and his associates in this work here sorrowfully record their appreciation of his life and character.

GEORGE MOULTON CARPENTER was the oldest son of George Moulton Carpenter, and of Sarah Lewis Walcott, his wife, and was born in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, April 22, 1844. He came of sturdy old New England stock, the paternal line having early settled at Rehoboth, in Plymouth Colony, where it was located for more than two hundred years. An emigrant ancestor, William Carpenter, of Wherewell (or Horwell), England, with his son William, his son's wife and four children, embarked at Southampton, on the ship *Bevis*, and arrived at Boston, in America, in 1638. The substantial worth and patriotic spirit characterizing the family are indicated by the positions occupied at various times by different members of it. William Carpenter was more than once elected a Deputy during the seventeenth century. In the Revolutionary War, another ancestor, Thomas Carpenter, was a private on the Lexington Alarm Roll of a company which marched from Rehoboth on April 19, 1775, and subsequently he was colonel of a Bristol County regiment of Massachusetts militia, which served at times both in New York and Rhode Island as emergency required reinforcements there. Coming down to this century, Joseph Carpenter, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and a pensioner

for many years. The Walcott family, in the maternal line, was old and influential in New England, the branch from which our associate sprung having lived in northern Rhode Island for several generations. His mother, who was the daughter of John Foster Walcott, of Pawtucket, was a woman of great sweetness as well as strength of character, and to her, doubtless, he was indebted for some of his most attractive and endearing qualities.

Judge Carpenter's father was a Methodist minister, and as the ministerial term of settlement in that denomination, half a century ago, was limited to two years at a time at any one church, the early youth of our associate was spent in itinerating about from place to place in southern New England, the family residing for brief periods, after his birth, at Duxbury, North Attleboro, Norwich, New London, Taunton, Providence, and New Bedford, until in 1857 it permanently located in the city of Providence, the paternal Carpenter being then settled over the Chestnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church there, subsequently becoming Presiding Elder, and eventually retiring from active ministerial work and engaging in the business of insurance.

In the public schools of New Bedford and Providence, and in Brown University, Judge Carpenter received his education, graduating from the latter institution in 1864, with the degree of A. B. While at the Providence High School, under the tuition of Mr. E. H. Magill, now the President of Swarthmore College, he became proficient in short-hand reporting,