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PREFACE

THESE Essays are the offspring of an interest which the present writer learned to feel in the Bradford MS. at a time when he had the privilege of being its custodian. That interest, dormant for many years, has been revived by the recent publication in fac-simile of the priceless document, whereby that which was formerly the privilege of the few has become the general property of the reading world. It has now been made possible for anyone who desires to do so not only to read the story as it was written, but even to see with his own eyes, as it were, the very strokes of Governor Bradford's pen, and almost to stand by him as he traces, with conscientious pains, his old, yet living, story.

Such an occasion may, it is hoped, justify the issue of these "scribbled writings," which, while they lay claim to no originality or research outside the manuscript itself, may yet impart to his readers some of the interest and profitable enjoyment which the author has himself derived from its time-honoured pages.

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