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PREFACE.

THE remarkable degree of success attending the efforts of the people of the Old Town of Danvers to give suitable expression of their gratitude to their eminent townsman, and the interest manifested at the time and since in the proceedings of that occasion, by the public at large, seemed to render it proper that the events of the Reception should have a more enduring record than the newspapers of the day. The Committee to whom was entrusted the arrangements for the ovation, therefore appointed a Sub-Committee to attend to this publication, desiring to have it placed in the hands of our citizens at the earliest possible time consistent with a correct record of the transactions of the day.

In preparing this volume for the press, the Compiler has felt the want of sufficient time to collect and arrange his materials in order to present the work to the public in a suitable form.

Much of the material came late into his hands, and many of the details were furnished by different persons, having different modes of presenting the same kind of information, so that he has found it impossible to present the more descriptive parts with that uniformity which would have been desirable. Rather than delay the publication of the work, he has preferred to adopt the narrative of events, with but slight changes from the form and language in which they were presented to him.

The proceedings at the Institute and at the banquet, which, after all, gave the most extended importance to the Festival, are correctly narrated, and most of the speeches have been revised by their authors.

The Compiler confesses himself indebted to many of our citizens for materials and other aid for different parts of the work. Among others, to Messrs. Samuel Preston, Amos Merrill, James D. Black, and Augustus Mudge, for accounts of the several Schools; Mr. John V. Stevens and Mr. William Green for descriptions of the Fire Department; Thomas M. Stimpson, Esq., for the Historical Sketch of the Peabody Institute, and to many other gentlemen for valuable information and suggestions during the progress of the compilation.

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