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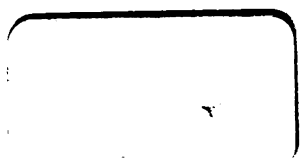
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- 22—Third line from bottom, for Geo. H. Fitch read Capt. Joseph Fitch.
- 26—Eleventh and twenty-seventh lines from top, for Edward read Edmund.
- 27—Eleventh line from top, for 1779 read 1799.
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And my God put it into mine heart to gather together
the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they
might be reckoned by genealogy. *Nehemiah.*

Inquire, I pray thee, of the former age, and prepare
thyself to the search of their fathers. *Job.*

Whatever brings the memory of the past into the life
of the present, makes for patriotism, good citizenship, a
fond attachment for home, and a higher respect for
kindred. *W. W. Orapo.*

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Introduction.

This unpretentious book could not have been produced without much painstaking labor ; and that labor largely distributed among helpful assistants. It originated in the desire of a single member of the CONVERSE FAMILY, for strictly private reasons, to extend his knowledge beyond his own limited branch, and learn what might be easily possible of other closely related groups claiming a common ancestry. His accumulation of material soon enlarged beyond expectation. Correspondents early interested themselves in the work ; and from many quarters facts and data came, which only had to be methodically arranged to constitute a compendium of quite inclusive history.

The genealogy of the earlier generations, in the line of inquiry, it was comparatively easy to obtain from printed town histories, court records and personal sketches interspersed in commemorative addresses. But when the *sixth generation* was reached, which is made a dividing line, the acquisition of what was sought relating to *the descendants of Joseph of Bedford*, and of these exclusively, necessarily involved the labor of obtaining by persistent inquiry, here a little and there a little, what tradition, fragments of old manuscripts, and lingering memories could supply from numerous household circles. It would be invidious to mention by name the persons who have most generously contributed, by their assiduous research,

to what is primarily essential in a book of this kind, namely, minute items drawn from obscure sources. It has been from inadvertence if acknowledgment of help thus received has not been duly made by the compiler.

For the broadening of human sympathies, and the strengthening of ties of kinship, it is a happy augury of our time that a greatly increased interest is felt in the preparation and preservation of family histories. None of them but portray some characters that are an incitement to all the higher virtues; while the impression made by a larger number of members of average prominence and merit, may be that of kindness, cheerfulness and patient endurance in the discharge of humble duties. And that one's own name may brighten the page of some future genealogist, will all the more become an individual resolve from having attention called to those of his ancestors whom he instinctively venerates for their real nobility, however slight the mark they have made in the world's history.

Should any surprise be expressed that the following records are not complete and exact in utmost detail, one explanation is that such perfection would be impossible under existing conditions; and another less creditable one is that importuning letters without number have been addressed to members of the family in distant localities begging for scraps, if not the sum total of information in their possession, with most disappointing results. This has been the hardship to which the compiler has found it most difficult to be reconciled. The immemorial custom of keeping family records within the covers of the Bible, shows with what sacredness they have been held;

and the eager genealogist must not press with rude haste his purpose to give them wider publicity, although this object may, after a little thought, seem commendable. Genealogy is only a systematic patchwork of personal and family records; a gathering together of tabulated facts and remembered experiences drawn from private diaries and household memoranda; the story of bygone generations, from whom a rich inheritance has been received; and in this light it should preserve some savor of the sanctity that invests the tenderest relations and memories of domestic life. Its real province is to enlarge home sympathies, thence leading to wider friendships and fellowships, and in the end to create a relish for all the sweet humanities, without which passing life is drear and barren. Since first of all to receive assurance of divine favor from the angelic messenger, was Abou-Ben-Adhem, because he *loved his fellow men*, some share of blessing surely remains for those who cultivate attachment to those of their own blood and lineage.

The compiler is not unaware that his work may be fairly criticised as to the frequency and length of its sketches of personal history. A preponderating consideration has been that bare names, figures and statistics become very tiresome unless relief is afforded in some way; and as in conference between relatives about family matters, narrative and description take a very free turn, so something of the same liberty and method may be allowed in a printed record. These notices are based on material offered, and always used with impartiality. To "*tell the story*" familiarly as by the fireside, may be better than overmuch reticence and stately reserve.

Compliments of the Compiler.

Foreign Ancestry.

Remoteness is suggestive of indefiniteness and uncertainty. What is far away in time or space does not impress one with its reality as does that which is within reach, or easily accessible. This applies to the tracing of ancestry; and while, therefore, a natural passion may lead to an eager hunt for the "royal line," or a more chastened ambition urge the modest purpose to run the generations back to the farthest possible date, lead where they may, the same reminder is needed of the difficulty of the search, and that it is quite as much as the ordinary inquirer can expect, to select with intelligence trustworthy authorities, and confide in the results of their research. Even with this caution, uneasiness of mind will not be wholly prevented, for even specialists announce different results. Before the links in any complete genealogical chain are finally welded, there should be great assurance that they will need no readjustment by a future historian.

Mr. William G. Hill, of Malden, Mass., compiler and editor of a distinct line of Converse genealogy, and whose caution and thoroughness as an investigator in this branch give weight to his conclusions, has kindly furnished the following TABLE OF PEDIGREE, which has much value as outlining the order of far-back generations, and showing where, in their successive reach, they connect with American descendants:

1. ROGER¹ DE COIGNERIES, Coigneries, France, and Durham, England. Born about 1010.
2. ROGER² DE COIGNERIES, Durham, England.
3. ROGER³ DE CONIERS, Durham, and Sockburn, England.

4. GALFRID⁴ CONVERS, Sockburn, England.
5. JOHN⁵ CONVERS, Sockburn, England.
6. SIR HUMPHREY⁶ CONVERS, Sockburn, England.
7. SIR JOHN⁷ CONVERS, Sockburn, England.
8. ROGER⁸ CONVERS, Sockburn, England.
9. SIR JOHN⁹ CONVERS, Sockburn, England. Died 1395.
10. ROBERT¹⁰ CONVERS, Sockburn, England. B. 1371, d. 1433.
11. JOHN¹¹ CONVERS, Hornby, England.
12. SIR CHRISTOPHER¹² CONVERS, Hornby, England.
13. SIR JOHN¹³ CONVERS, Hornby, England.
14. SIR JOHN¹⁴ CONVERS, Hornby, England.
15. REGINALD¹⁵ CONVERS, Wakerly, England. Died 1514.
16. RICHARD¹⁶ CONVERS, Wakerly, England.
17. CHRISTOPHER¹⁷ CONVERS, Wakerly, England. Bapt. 1552.
18. EDWARD¹⁸ CONVERS, Wakerly, England. Born 1590.

Members of some branches of the early family, living in France at and about the time of the St. Bartholomew Massacre (1572), were avowed Huguenots, and became victims of the bloody persecutions inflicted by their Catholic adversaries. The harshest kind of religious intolerance drove many of them for refuge to England. The characteristic spirit of the Huguenots—devoutness, independence, invincibility—kept alive for two generations longer, doubtless influenced the coming of their descendants to America.* Fortunately, when once here, these emigrants could readily affiliate with the then prevalent Puritanism of New England. While in exile, and thrown among new surroundings, they sturdily maintained their Christian convictions, and wrought righteousness in the fear of God, following methods that helped to mould succeeding generations after a pattern of peculiar but undeniable excellence. In proportion to their numbers they did their part in stamping the population with a

*John Fiske states, in his "Beginnings of New England," that after the revocation of the edict of Nantes in 1685, 150 families of Huguenots came to Massachusetts.

type of Christian civilization which was not destined to become a permanent model, but only modifications of which were necessary, in process of time, to make the New England of to-day.

NOTES.—The *Roman numerals* at the extreme left of each page, indicate the *generation* of the person against whose name it is placed. The *Arabic numerals* immediately to the right of these denote the *order of the births of children*.

The *blank leaves* inserted at the end of the book are intended for the correction of discovered errors, and the supply of omissions in the text. They are also adapted to general family record.

The Immigrant Family.

I—DEACON EDWARD CONVERS; born in Wakerly, County of Northampton, Eng., Jan. 30, 1590; died in Woburn, Mass., Aug. 10, 1663. He was the oldest of eight children of Christopher and Mary (Halford) CONVERS; namely, Edward, 1590; Mary, 1590; John, 1593; Moses, 1594; Lucy, 1595; Joshua, 1596; Samuel, 1597; Noah, 1599.

Deacon Edward married (probably), first, JANE CLARK, of Theckenham, Eng., who is supposed to have died before 1617; second, SARAH —, in England, who died Jan. 14, 1662; third, JOANNA SPRAGUE, Sept. 19, 1662. She died Feb. 24, 1680.

Children of Edward and Sarah:

- II —1. JOSIAH; born in England 1617; died Feb. 3, 1689; married, March 26, 1561, ESTHER CHAMPNEY.
- II —2. JAMES; born in England 1620; died 1715; married Oct. 24, 1643, ANNA LONG, of Charlestown.
- II —3. MARY; born in England 1622; married, first, SIMON THOMPSON; second, JOHN SHELDON, of Billerica.
- II —4. SAMUEL; baptized Jan. 12, 1637; married, June 8, 1660, JUDITH CARTER. He died Feb. 20, 1669. His son Samuel was the founder of Thompson, Conn., and had numerous descendants.

So much as may be gathered relating to this ancestral immigrant from the fatherland to America must begin with his preparations for the adventurous voyage. Himself, wife and three children were of a company of some seven hundred bound for new homes far away from the familiar ones they had known, influenced mainly by long-

ings for larger liberty, both political and religious, and the expectation of increased material prosperity. All things in order, they were ready to embark. Such are the instincts and sympathies of human nature that it would have been impossible for them to quit their native land and endeared friends without any emotion at parting; and if any farewell words were to be spoken, who but their leader, Governor Winthrop, could have been selected for the duty? Fortunately, the address on the occasion has been preserved; and is remarkable as showing the strain of ties of nativity, long associations and Christian brotherhood, as opposed to a new and commanding sense of duty, compelling, at all cost, a forward movement.

Reverend Fathers and Brethren :

However your charity may have met with discouragement through the mis-report of our intentions, or the indiscretion of some among us, yet we desire you will be pleased to take notice that the principals and the body of our company esteem it an honor to call the church of England, from whence we rise, our dear mother, and cannot part from our native country, where she specially resideth, without much sadness of heart, and many tears in our eyes; blessing God for the parentage and education, as members of the same body; and while we have breath we shall sincerely endeavor the continuance and abundance of her welfare. Be pleased, therefore, reverend fathers and brethren, to help forward the work now in hand, which, if it prosper, you shall be the more glorious. It is a usual exercise of your charity to recommend to the prayers of your congregations the straits of your neighbors; do the like for a church springing out of your own bowels; pray without ceasing for us who are a weak colony from yourselves.)

The voyage, not the pleasantest, lasted about two months. The first harbor approached in America was Salem. It was near the middle of June, 1630. About three weeks later a party effected a landing and settlement at Charlestown, prominent among which was EDWARD CONVERS. It was a stirring time, and events

hurried. His name appears the fourth of the list of thirteen inhabitants. He united with the First Church in Boston, whose incipient organization was in Charlestown, and from which he, together with his wife and thirty-three other members, were dismissed two years later to form a new body of Christian worshipers and workers, whose sustained vitality has caused it to be known under its original name to this day, as the First Church of Charlestown, organized Nov. 2, 1632. At the beginning its membership consisted of nineteen males and sixteen females, the same total as the withdrawals from the church in Boston.

(The form of church covenant then in use was simple, comprehensive, and singularly free from the remotest implication or suggestion of the stern theological dogmatism of the period. It read as follows:

In the name of our Lord God, and in obedience to His holy will and divine ordinances :

We whose names are here written, being by His most wise and good providence brought together, and desirous to unite ourselves into one congregation and church, under our Lord Jesus Christ, our Head,—in such sort as becometh all those whom He hath redeemed and sanctified unto himself, do here, solemnly and religiously, as in His most holy presence, promise and bind ourselves to walk in all our ways according to the rules of the Gospel, and in all sincere conformity to His holy ordinances, and in mutual love and respect each to other, so near as God shall give us grace.

Edward's activity in religious directions did not monopolize nor exhaust his energies. As a man of affairs in common life he came well to the front. Records show that he was admitted freeman in 1631, served as selectman from 1635 till 1640. A noted project of his, looking toward an increase of public conveniences in those early days, was the establishment, by legislative grant, of the first ferry from Charlestown to Boston, on the site of the present Charles River Bridge, he paying forty pounds

per year rental to the colony for the franchise. The lease was given in 1631, and among other stipulations was the regulation of fares by state authority. He was allowed "to charge two pence for ferrying a single person, and one pence if there be two or more." This enterprise, which only a man of energy could have conceived, was under his control for several years, when his legal rights were surrendered for the benefit of Harvard College. It has been stated that this transaction was the result of an acquaintance between John Harvard and Edward Convers, which is made probable by the fact that the founder of the university was, in 1638, the owner of about 120 acres of land in Waterfield (Charlestown Village), not far from the location where Convers so shortly after established a home.

The name of Edward Convers next heads the list of seven commissioners appointed by the church to superintend the general business of settling the town of Woburn, previously known as "Charlestown Village." A month later the church voted that "full power be given to Edward Convers to go on with the work." An act of incorporation was secured Sept. 27, 1642. It was, perhaps, the briefest on record: "Charlestown Village is called Wooburne." Not until April 13, 1644, was the municipality organized by the choice of required officers for the administration of its affairs. The organization of the church was prior to that of the town by about three years; and the fact that Edward Convers was then chosen one of the deacons, shows that he must have taken prominent part in the enterprise. Classing duties as sacred and secular, he neglected neither. He served the town on the first Board of Selectmen, and thereafter for nineteen successive years. He held a commission from the state for the trial of "small cases," a subordinate judicial office. In 1660 he was deputy to the General Court; altogether an alert and enterprising citizen, and resolute supporter of Chris-

tian institutions; really, a typical Puritan. As characterized by Champney, quoted in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record by C. Crozat Converse, his admiring and grateful descendants could wish for nothing more eulogistic: "Prompt, clear-headed, devout, conscientious, outspoken, unflinching, yet prudent; self-contained and uniform, are the adjectives which best describe his whole career."

Rev. Daniel March, D. D., fourteenth minister of the First Congregational Church in Woburn, on the occasion of the 250th anniversary of the incorporation of the town, preached a sermon in which proper reference was made to "the little band of seven who struck out from the mother church in Charlestown, strong in muscle and sound in faith, to build new homes in the wilderness." He continued: "So the first seven men constituting this church of Christ two hundred and fifty years ago, covenanted together in the bonds of faith and fellowship with each other, while the war-whoop of the savage was still heard in the wood, and the bears broke the stillness of the night with their long howl. The elders and messengers, in the name of the churches they represented, accepted the vows of the banded seven and gave them the right hand of fellowship, with hearty pledges of confidence and sympathy." * * * "The weary fathers felt that good work had been done for the new town and for all mankind that day. To us, seeing it from this side of two and a half centuries, it is greater and better far than it could have seemed to them."

The Covenant adopted at the institution of the church, as a declaration of obligations assumed and pledges made by individual members, remained unchanged until 1756, enduring the test of more than a century. It is given here as showing for what these thoroughly in earnest religious people were willing to band themselves together before God and the world, and how far the peculiarities

of their convictions, observances, and methods of Christian activity were a reflection of the times in which they lived.

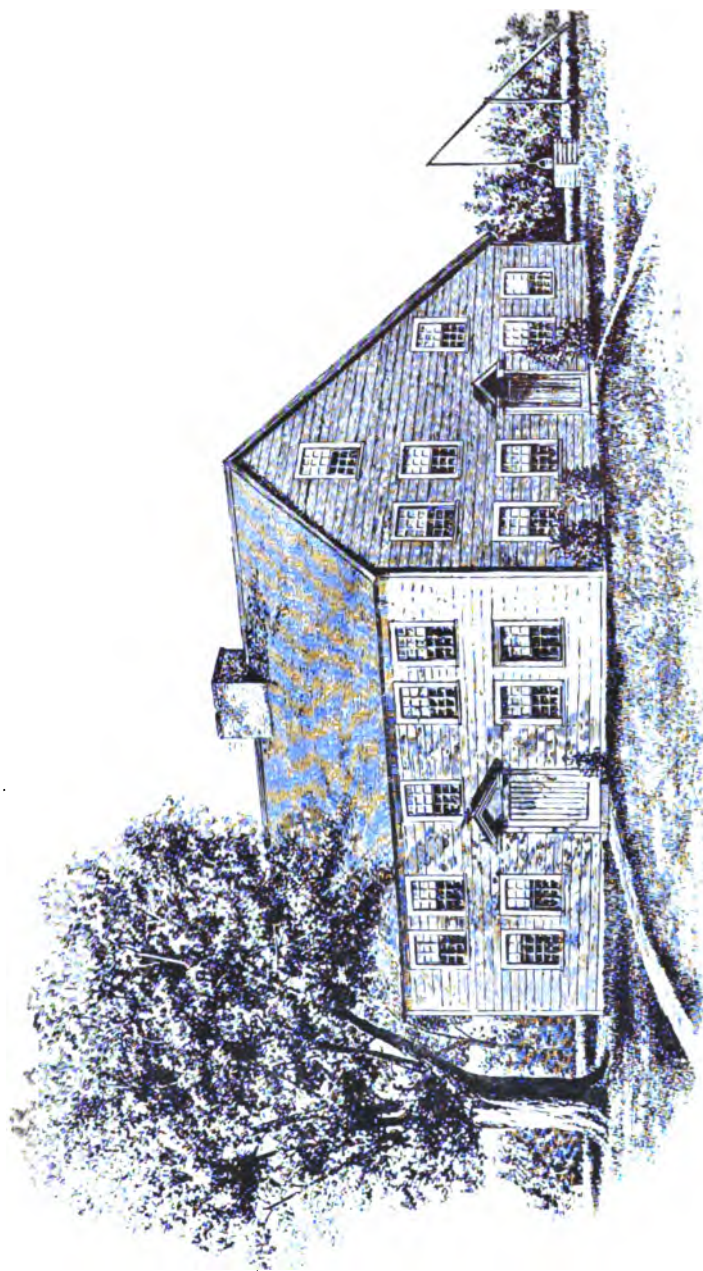
We that do assemble ourselves this day before God and His people in an unfeigned desire to be accepted of Him as a church of the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the rule of the New Testament, do acknowledge ourselves to be the most unworthy of all others to the performance of everything that is good, abhorring ourselves for all our former defilements in the worship of God, and other wayes, and resting only upon the Lord Jesus Christ for atonement, and upon the power of His grace for the guidance of our whole after course, do here, in the name of Christ Jesus, as in the presence of the Lord, from the bottom of our hearts agree together, through His grace, to give up ourselves, first, unto the Lord Jesus as our only King, Priest, and Prophet, whereby to be subject to Him in all things, and therewith one to another, as in a church body, to walk together in all the ordinances of the Gospel, and in all such mutual love and offices thereof as toward one another in the Lord ; and all this, both according to the present light that the Lord hath given us, as also according to all further light which He shall at any time to reach out unto us out of the Word by the goodness of His grace ; renouncing also in the same Covenant all errors and schismes, and whatever by-ways that are contrary to the blessed rules revealed in the Gospel, and in particular, the inordinate love and seeking after the things of the world. "Every church hath not the same for words, for they are not for a form of words."

Before the close of the year Thomas Carter had been secured as the first minister of the church. The ceremony of his ordination was according to the primitive Congregational usage, and would be noticeable in these days for its unconventionality and simplicity. Two private members, in the name of the rest, rose up reverently, stepped forward, and laid their hands upon his head, solemnly saying, "We ordain thee, Thomas Carter, to be pastor unto this church of Christ." A church formed, and a pastor inducted into office over it, perhaps no member was more to be congratulated than DEACON EDWARD CONVERS, who was conspicuous at every stage of its history.

One thing additional. Where and how was this sturdy Puritan pioneer, of whom the foregoing is related, working every day wisely and strenuously for material improvements and religious objects; moulding things for orderly government and Christian privileges,—*where* did he meet his family at nightfall, converse about matters of domestic interest, join in home worship as he was wont, and retire for needed rest from the weariness of daily activity? Curiosity would follow him to his primitive abode, only eight or ten miles from the metropolis of New England, and within a circle that now includes so large a number of palatial residences. *There* this master of enterprises built the first house within the (then) territory of Woburn. No sooner finished than, on Jan. 4, 1640 (O. S.), a group of settlers around met for the purpose of congratulation, and such festivity as could be toned with pious sentiment. The location can now be visited and identified on Main Street in the town of Winchester.

The dimensions of the habitation are known: Thirty-five feet by thirty. There were nineteen windows and one hundred and forty feet of glass. The style of architecture conformed to the times, presenting two stories in front and one in the rear. Its valuation was six hundred and fifty dollars. On the opposite side of the road was the "*Convers Mill*," equally historic with the house. The latter was occupied by the descendants of Edward for several generations. In 1774 it became the property of Mr. Abel Richardson. } A picture of the house has been produced, from description, as it appeared in 1798. No traces of it remained later than 1841, except in print and memory.

II—LIEUT. JAMES (*Edward*); second son of Edward; emigrated from England with his father; born 1620; died May 10, 1715; married, first, Oct. 24, 1643, ANNA, daugh-



EDWARD CONVERS' HOUSE. ERECTED 1640.

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ter of Robert LONG, of Charlestown. She died Aug. 10, 1691. Married, second, in 1692, ANNA (Sparhawk) COOPER, widow of Deacon John, and daughter of Deacon Nathaniel Sparhawk, of Cambridge.

Children of James and Anna:

- III—1. ANNA; born July 15, 1644; died Jan. 30, 1645.
- III—2. JAMES; born Nov. 16, 1645; died July 8, 1706.
- III—3. DEBORAH; born July 25, 1647; married JOHN PIERCE July 1, 1663.
- III—4. SARAH; born April 21, 1649.
- III—5. REBECCA; born May 15, 1651; married ENOCH MORE.
- III—6. LYDIA; born March 8, 1653; died May 20, 1655.
- III—7. EDWARD; born Feb. 27, 1655; married SARAH STONE; died July 26, 1692.
- III—8. MARY; born Dec. 29, 1656; married NATHANIEL DAVIS 1676.
- III—9. ABIGAIL; born Oct. 13, 1658; married JONATHAN KETTEL; died 1690.
- III—10. RUTH; born Feb. 12, 1661; married PHILEMON DEAN.

JAMES was sergeant, 1658 to 1672; ensign, 1672 to 1688; lieutenant, 1688 to 1715, under which commission he served in the Woburn Company in garrison of King Philip's war, Woburn, Mass. He was deputy to General Court, Mass. Bay Colony, 1679, 1683, '84, '85, '86 and 1689.

III—MAJOR JAMES (*James, Edward*); first son, second child of James; born in Woburn Nov. 16, 1645; died July 8, 1706; married Jan. 1, 1668, HANNAH CARTER, born Jan. 19, 1650; died Aug. 10, 1691.

Children of James and Hannah:

- IV—1. JAMES; born Sept. 5, 1670.
- IV—2. JOHN; born Aug. 22, 1673.
- IV—3. ELIZABETH; born April 20, 1675; died July 27, 1694.
- IV—4. ROBERT; born Dec. 29, 1677; died July 20, 1736.
- IV—5. HANNAH; born June 12, 1680.

IV—6. JOSIAH ; born May 24, 1683 ; died early.

IV—7. JOSIAH (again) ; Sept. 12, 1684.

IV—8. PATIENCE ; born Nov. 6, 1686 ; died July 23, 1707.

IV—9. EBENEZER ; born Dec. 16, 1688 ; died early.

MAJOR JAMES earned distinction both in civil and military affairs. He was deputy to the General Court five terms, 1679-92 ; elected speaker of the House 1699, 1702-03 ; commander at defense of Storer's Garrison at Wells 1691-92, for efficiency in which service he was promoted to the rank of major, and placed in charge of all the military forces of Massachusetts in Maine.

An attempt was made in June, 1692, to avert by conference and agreement an impending conflict. This peaceful measure failed on account of the treachery of the enemies of the colony. It was at once followed by events that showed with what skill and bravery Captain Convers conducted operations at the post to which he had been assigned. The force under his command at the time consisted of fifteen men in garrison, and about an equal number aboard sloops in the adjacent river. In view of the approaching contest, Captain Convers ordered his men to be sure of their aim, which was so far obeyed that the discharge of their artillery was followed by great destruction among the enemy. Many were killed, and many fled for their lives.

The assaulting forces, numbering from three to five hundred, commanded by the Frenchman, Labocree, and by Moxus, Madocawando, Egeremet, and other Indian sachems, were concealed as much as possible in hiding places. Their chief aim was to "get the dog, Convers," against whom they had uttered savage threats, and as many of his men as possible. Failing to accomplish either of these purposes, their wrath was vented upon the cattle in the fields, and upon one human victim, a helpless captive. Labocree, their chief commander, was among the slain, and all the dead were left behind. In

the garrison, and wherever the report of the victory spread throughout the country, the rejoicing was great. In its proportions of men engaged, strategic movements, duration of contest, and all that relates to the science and destructiveness of modern warfare, its rating is not high; but the courage and determination with which it was won equaled that displayed by the trained armies of the world, whose triumphs are celebrated with unbounded enthusiasm.

In further recognition of the distinguished service rendered the colony by Major Convers, several grants of land were bestowed upon his heirs. Among these was one of four hundred acres located in the town of Ashburnham, Mass., "on condition that within five years the petitioners settle two families on the granted premises, each of which to have an house eighteen feet square and seven feet stud, at the least, and four acres each brought to and plowed, or stocked with English grass fitted for mowing." This land was surveyed by Joseph Wilder in May, and the title confirmed by the General Court, June 10, 1735. See Sewall's *His. of Woburn*, p. 178-183. *His. of Ashburnham*, by Stearns, 1887.

The residence of Major Convers was a short distance east of Winter Pond in the present town of Winchester.

NOTE.—Any male person above the age of twenty-one years who is a lineal descendant from either Deacon Edward, Lieutenant, or Major James Convers, is eligible to membership of Societies of Colonial Wars.

IV—JOHN (*James, James, Edward*); second son of Major James; born in Woburn Aug. 22, 1673; died Jan. 6, 1708; married, May 22, 1699, ABIGAIL SAWYER, daughter of Joshua Sawyer of Woburn; born March 17, 1679. She married, second, Nov. 29, 1720, JOHN VINTON.

Children of John and Abigail:

V—I. JAMES; born Feb. 26, 1700; died 1752.

V—2. JOHN; born Feb. 3, 1701.

V—3. JOSHUA; born Jan. 3, 1704.

V—4. ABIGAIL; born —, 1705.

V—5. PATIENCE; born May 1, 1707.

V—6. JOSIAH.

V—JOSHUA (*John, James, James, Edward*); the third son of John; born in Woburn Jan. 3, 1704; married, July 31, 1729, RACHEL, daughter of Joseph and Abiah (Hassel) BLANCHARD of Dunstable; born March 23, 1712; died 1801.

Children of Joshua and Rachel:

VI—1. JOSEPH; born Nov. 13, 1739; died Feb. 16, 1828; settled in Bedford, Mass.

VI—2. JESSE; born Dec. 31, 1741. Not traced.

VI—3. ZEBULON; born March 21, 1744; settled in Rindge, N. H.
See Stearns' His. of Rindge.

At the time of his marriage Joshua was a resident of Dunstable. Ten years later he settled in that part of the town of Merrimac known as Naticook, or Litchfield. After the incorporation of Merrimac, about 1746, the records relating to the Naticook district were deposited in Litchfield. These records show that Joshua Convers was chosen moderator of the town meetings in 1740 and 1741; also chosen selectman on the last named date. The records further show that on Jan. 11, 1741; May 18, 1741; Nov. 24, 1741, and Dec. 29, 1741, "Joshua Convers was sent to Portsmouth to the Great and Grand Court with a petition," presumably relating to the division of the towns, which was effected five years later. In 1744 Joshua was drowned in the Merrimac river. His estate amounted to 1,205 pounds, 14 shillings, 4 pence.

Rachel Blanchard Convers was married three times; second, to ~~GEORGE H.~~ ^{JOHN} FITCH; third, to JOHN PAGE. Her brother, Joseph Blanchard, of Dunstable, was a prominent man in the early part of the 18th century.

VI—JOSEPH (*Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); the first son of Joshua; born in Merrimack, N. H. (now Litchfield), Nov. 13, 1739; married, May 27, 1762, ELIZABETH DAVIS, born 1742. Resided many years in Bedford, Mass., where his ten children were born. Removed to Chesterfield, N. H., in 1794 or 1795, where he died Feb. 16, 1828. His wife died Aug. 10, 1817.

The residence of the family in Chesterfield was on an eminence one-half mile north of the village. The estate was purchased of its former occupant, Nathaniel Brigham. The Convers family burial ground was a part of the farm, and is pleasantly located near the main road.

Joseph was an industrious and useful citizen in Bedford, and served the town in various functions. Born in New Hampshire, and returning to his native state at the age of fifty-five, his connection with Bedford was severed a little past middle life.

The following CERTIFICATE tells authentically of *military heroism*;—an inspired passion that had to do with the founding of the American government.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR SERVICE.

JOSEPH CONVERS: Appears with rank of *Sergeant* on Lexington Alarm Roll of Capt. John Moore's Co., which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Bedford. Service, 4 days. Residence, Bedford.

JOSEPH CONVERS: Appears among a list of men from Bedford as *Sergeant* in Col. Baldwin's Regt.

I certify the foregoing to be true abstracts from the Record Index to the Revolutionary War Archives deposited in this office.

Witness seal of the Commonwealth.

WM. M. OLIN, *Secretary.*

In the collection of relics exhibited at the centennial celebration at Concord, 1875, was a sword of Lieutenant Davis, of the Bedford militia, *worn by him at North Bridge.*

24 DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH CONVERSE.

Where the second lieutenant of the company was, the first sergeant may be supposed to have been; and the descendants of an ancestor who took part in that engagement may well note the circumstance with patriotic pride. It was there the shot was fired "heard 'round the world." The "embattled farmers," unskilled in warfare, but bold for freedom, near their homesteads and firesides won the first of the victories that led to national independence.

NOTE.—All lineal descendants of Joseph Converse are eligible to membership of the Societies of the Sons or Daughters of the Revolution, now doing so much to awaken a true patriotic feeling throughout the country.

Children of Joseph and Elisabeth Converse:

- VII— 1. BETSEY; born March 7, 1763; died Dec. 4, 1842.
- VII— 2. JOSEPH; born Jan. 26, 1765; died Sept. 4, 1841.
- VII— 3. SARAH; born May 4, 1767; died March 2, 1849.
- VII— 4. JOSIAH; born May 10, 1769; died Nov. 20, 1827.
- VII— 5. JAMES; born July 26, 1772; died Jan. 14, 1839.
- VII— 6. WILLIAM; born Oct. 12, 1774; died Dec. 31, 1831.
- VII— 7. MARY; born July 13, 1777; died Sept. 4, 1853.
- VII— 8. THADDEUS; born Sept. 26, 1779; died —, 1788.
- VII— 9. JOSHUA; born Aug. 19, 1786; died Sept. 4, 1833.
- VII—10. JOHN; born April 2, —; died four days after.

VII—1. BETSEY (*Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James Edward*); born in Bedford, Mass., March 7, 1763; died Dec. 4, 1842; married, in Boston, Sept. 16, 1782, LEVI MEAD, of Lexington, Mass., Rev. Dr. Parker of Trinity Church officiating at the ceremony.

The immigrant ancestor of the Mead family to New England was GABRIEL (1587-1666), and the date of his arrival not far from 1635. He settled in Dorchester, Mass., and was made Freeman May 2, 1638. His will, made in 1654, makes mention of four daughters and two sons, ISRAEL and DAVID. The date of DAVID's birth does

not appear, but he married HANNAH WARREN of Watertown, Mass. Sept. 24, 1675, by whom he had six children, one of whom was David. This second DAVID (1678-1767) married in 1708 HANNAH SMITH, and settled in Watertown. MATTHEW, a son of David second, born Aug. 9, 1717, married, Jan. 24, 1754, MARTHA DANFORTH, of Billerica, Mass., who died Aug. 8, 1792. He died April 1, 1796. Matthew resided in Lexington.

LEVI MEAD, son of Matthew, resided in his native town, occupying the historic mansion of his father till his removal, with his family, in the spring of 1801, to Chesterfield, N. H. On the memorable 19th of April, 1775, he witnessed the approach of the British soldiers on their destructive and murderous raid; felt the thrill of alarm which agitated the whole rural population; saw armed men enter his own home only to ravage and fire the place; and worst of all, he was in full view of the flash of the guns before whose deadly shots the yeoman patriots fell.

There is on record a deposition of young Mead and an associate, taken by authority of the Provincial Congress, on the 25th of April, 1775, which soberly tells of the horrors of the beginning of the War of the Revolution. It read thus:

"We, LEVI MEAD AND LEVI HARRINGTON, both of Lexington, in the County of Middlesex, and Colony of Massachusetts Bay, in New England, and of lawful age, do testify and declare that on the morning of the nineteenth of April, being on Lexington Common, as spectators, we saw a large body of regular troops marching up towards the Lexington company; and some of the regulars on horses, whom we took to be officers, fired a pistol or two on the Lexington company, which was then dispersing. These were the first guns that were fired; and they were immediately followed by several volleys from the regulars, by which eight men belonging to said company were killed, and several wounded." This deposition seems to be in evidence as showing where the first blood was shed in the struggle for American independence.

Family tradition accords to the youthful Mead the glory of joining the Americans in their pursuit of the British toward Concord, as "a powder-horn bearer." It could have been predicted that one so resolute and heroic would have some part in the struggle for national independence then sure to follow. Accordingly he has a record as a soldier in the War of the Revolution, first as serving in the Ninth Campaign, December, 1776; three months to Boston, and one to Dorchester. Again his name appears with fourteen other Lexington men, in the company of Edward Monroe, of the same town, who in 1777, Jan. 1, was commissioned captain in Col. Timothy Bigelow's regiment, being the 15th Regiment of the Massachusetts Line, then forming in Worcester County. The endurance and heroism of the officers and privates of this ever-to-be-honored regiment, make a thrilling passage in the story of the Revolution.

A grandson, Dr. William B. Mead, of Providence, has furnished the following certified copy of his ancestor's military record from the State Archives at Boston:

LEVI MEAD appears among a list of men in Capt. Charles Miles' Co., Col. Jonathan Reed's Regt., Dec. 20, 1776, to Ticonderoga. Reported discharged.

LEVI MEAD, *Private*, Capt. Caleb Brooks' Co., Col. Dikes' Regt.; in service Dec., 1776, to Feb., 1777, three months, guarding stores in Boston.

LEVI MEAD, *Private* and *Sergeant*, Capt. Edward Monroe's Co., Col. Timothy Bigelow's Regt., in the Continental Line, three years, 1777-1780. [Was with Gates in the Northern Army, and under Washington in the Jerseys, and passed the winter at Valley Forge. —W. B. M.]

LEVI MEAD, *Sergeant*, Captain Bowman, Colonel Bigelow, Jan. 1, 1780, to March 10, 1780.

LEVI MEAD, *Private*, Captain Abraham Andrews' Co., Col. Cyprian How's Regt., July 27, 1780, to Oct. 30, 1780. Middlesex Co. Regt.

LEVI, after removing to Chesterfield, as before stated, occupied a farm in the Center Village; built a well-known tavern; was many years deputy sheriff for the County; died April 29, 1828, and was buried with Masonic honors.

Children of Levi and Betsey:

- VIII—1. LEVI; born Jan. 6, 1784.
- VIII—2. JOSEPH; born Aug. 17, 1785.
- VIII—3. JAMES; born Aug. 4, 1788.
- VIII—4. BRADLEY; born May 26, 1792.
- VIII—5. LARKIN GOLDSMITH; born Oct. 2, 1795.
- VIII—6. ELIAS; born March 7, 1779.
- VIII—7. MARSHALL SPRING; born June 4, 1802.
- VIII—8. BETSEY RAYMOND; born Oct. 18, 1805.

VIII—1. LEVI (*Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lexington, Mass., Jan. 6, 1784; married, Feb. 17, 1805, LEMIRA, daughter of Rufus HARVEY of Chesterfield. He died March 5, 1861; his wife died a year later, May 10, 1862. They removed to Chicopee, Mass., in 1829.

Children of Levi and Lemira:

- IX— 1. CHARLOTTE; born April 10, 1808.
- IX— 2. CAROLINE F.; born Jan. 18, 1810.
- IX— 3. EMELINE; born Jan. 26, 1812.
- IX— 4. MARTHA C.; born May 29, 1813.
- IX— 5. ALMIRA; born Jan. 12, 1815.
- IX— 6. CHARLES W.; born July 4, 1816.
- IX— 7. MARSHALL B.; born Aug. 25, 1818.
- IX— 8. ADELIA E.; born Nov. 21, 1819.
- IX— 9. SALLY MARIA; born April 11, 1823.
- IX—10. RHODA ANN; born April 10, 1825.
- IX—11. LARKIN G.; born April 6, 1827.

IX—1. CHARLOTTE (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield April 10, 1808; married, Oct. 3, 1835, EDWARD COOLEY of Chicopee; died Aug. 30, 1857.

IX—2. CAROLINE F. (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield Jan. 18, 1810; married, September, 1855, AUGUSTUS BROWN of Lancaster, Pa.; died Nov. 29, 1888.

IX—3. EMELINE (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield Jan. 26, 1812; married, Feb. 5, 1836, SAMUEL C. DENNIS of Concord, Mass.

Children of Samuel and Emeline:

X—1. WILLIAM DENNIS; born April 26, 1837; married, Sept. 27, 1868, SARAH ARNOLD RHODES of Providence, R. I. He joined the First Rhode Island Regiment, and was wounded at the first battle of Bull Run; graduated at Baltimore College of Dental Surgery; practiced many years in Providence; died July 18, 1877.

X—2. FANNIE C.; born Dec. 16, 1838; married, Feb. 23, 1880, CHARLES T. HALL of Brooklyn, N. Y., where they reside.

IX—4. MARTHA C. (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield May 29, 1813; married, Nov. 25, 1832, WILLIAM MILLER of Chicopee, an inventor, who died in Boston Nov. 12, 1884.

Children of William and Martha.

X—1. WILLIAM GEORGE; born Oct. 7, 1833; died June 27, 1843.

X—2. CHARLES MARSHALL; born Dec. 23, 1839; died March 10, 1843.

X—3. GEORGE M.; born March 23, 1843; Custom House, Boston.

IX—5. ALMIRA (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield Jan. 12, 1815; married, Dec. 12, 1839, Capt. NATHANIEL CUTLER of Chicopee; died March 30, 1880.

IX—6. CHARLES W. (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield July 4,

1816; married, Sept. 25, 1844, CLEMENTINE THOMPSON of Maine; died Nov. 6, 1853.

IX—7. MARSHALL B. (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield Aug. 25, 1818; married, May 14, 1844, MARTHA A. EMMES of Providence, where Dr. Mead was long established as a practicing dentist. He died July 1, 1879.

Children of Marshall and Martha:

X—1. ANNIE CASE; born Jan. 24, 1846; married, Sept. 29, 1864, GEORGE T. LANE of Troy, N. Y., where they reside.

X—2. MARSHALL B.; born Dec. 18, 1847; married, Nov. 9, 1891, HELEN SEDGEWICK of New York city. For many years a broker in Providence.

IX—8. ADELIA E. (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield Nov. 21, 1819; married, first, May 7, 1842, GEORGE M. SOUTHWORTH of Springfield, Mass.; died Sept. 23, 1851; second, Dec. 23, 1856, WILLIAM BALL of Chicopee.

IX—9. SALLY MARIA (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield April 11, 1823; married, first, July 29, 1840, AZEL SHERMAN of Chicopee; second, Dec. 11, 1847, LUCIUS J. HEATH.

Children of Sally Maria, Azel and Lucius:

X—1. HARRIS L. SHERMAN; born Dec. 29, 1842; married, Dec. 25, 1884, AMELIA W. SAWYER.

X—2. JENNY LIND HEATH; born Sept. 30, 1850; died Dec. 27, 1871.

X—3. EDWARD J. HEATH; born March 3, 1852; died Aug. 2, 1891.

IX—10. RHODA ANN (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield April 10, 1825; married, Jan. 25, 1845, PHILIP CASE of Providence.

Child of Philip and Rhoda:

X—1. PHILIP; born May 16, 1847.

IX—11. LARKIN G. (*Levi, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield April 6, 1827; married, Nov. 6, 1854, HOPE R., daughter of Dr. Marshall S. MEAD of Boston. Dentist in Boston; also served as assistant surgeon in the War of the Rebellion.

Child of Larkin and Hope :

X—1. MARSHALL SPRING; born Sept. 22, 1857; married, Dec. 12, 1882, ALICE M. BANKS of Northfield. Druggist in Attleboro.

VIII—2. JOSEPH (*Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lexington, Mass., Aug. 17, 1785; married, March 10, 1812, LYDIA FARWELL, daughter of Levi Farwell of Chesterfield, born June 16, 1785; died Feb. 24, 1866. He died Feb. 19, 1838.

JOSEPH removed to Sackett's Harbor, N. Y., in 1812; practiced medicine there, and afterwards in Middleburg and Catskill, N. Y., finally locating in Troy.

Children of Joseph and Lydia :

IX—1. ANGELICA; born Sept. 6, 1813; died young.

IX—2. JANE D.; born Oct. 14, 1816; married, 1833, JEREMIAH BOWKER of New York; residence in Lansingburg.

IX—3. ELIZABETH C.; born March 14, 1821; married JACOB STONE of Troy, N. Y.

VIII—3. JAMES (*Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lexington Aug. 4, 1788; married VELLONIA, daughter of Nathan and Nancy (Day) FARWELL of Chesterfield, N. H., born June 27, 1800.

VIII—4. BRADLEY (*Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lexington May 26, 1792; married, first, CHARLOTTE HASTINGS of Chesterfield, N. H., born March 24, 1796; died April 29, 1841. Married, second, Jan. 31, 1844, widow SARAH W. JONES, who died Feb. 13, 1856.

BRADLEY was a farmer; also raised and purchased fine cattle for the Brighton Market. In 1814 he was lieutenant in Capt. Reuben Marsh's company of detached militia, stationed at Portsmouth, and afterwards commissioned captain. He died in Providence, R. I., Nov. 1, 1871.

Children of Bradley and Charlotte:

- IX—1. GEORGE LARKIN; born May 18, 1816.
- IX—2. CORNELIA MARIA; born Dec. 23, 1818.
- IX—3. CHARLOTTE HELEN; born Oct. 13, 1820.
- IX—4. WILLIAM BRADLEY; born Jan. 2, 1823.
- IX—5. JOHN SARGEANT; born Feb. 13, 1825.
- IX—6. MARY ELIZABETH; born Sept. 1, 1830.
- IX—7. FRANCES ELIZA; born Jan. 9, 1833.

Children of Bradley and Sarah:

- IX—1. GEORGE JONES; born Nov. 13, 1844.
- IX—2. ANNA MARIA; born Oct. 26, 1847.
- IX—3. EDWIN DOAK; born Sept. 29, 1849.
- IX—4. NELLIE JANE; born July 5, 1854.

IX—1. GEORGE LARKIN; son of Bradley and Charlotte, born in Chesterfield, N. H., May 18, 1816; died Aug. 30, 1841.

IX—2. CORNELIA MARIA; daughter of Bradley and Charlotte; born in Chesterfield, N. H., Dec. 23, 1818; died May 5, 1839.

IX—3. CHARLOTTE HELEN (*Bradley, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., Oct. 13, 1820; married, Sept. 9, 1844, ELIJAH WIL-
LARD of Winchester, N. H.; died May 28, 1859.

IX—4. WILLIAM BRADLEY (*Bradley, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., Jan. 2, 1823; married, first, Aug. 24, 1852, at Oconomewoc, Wis., MARIA C., daughter of Captain and

Mary (Hinkley) Parsons BUDD of Bangor, Me., who died at Providence, R. I., May 25, 1887. Married, second, Nov. 30, 1889, ABBIE L. HOBBS, daughter of Hon. James H. Farnum, Oxford Co., Me.

DR. MEAD studied medicine under Dr. Amos Twitchell of Keene, N. H., and in 1844 entered the office of Dr. Marshall B. Mead of Providence, then a leading dentist of the city. After a prolonged residence in the West, he returned to Providence in 1869, where he still pursues his profession. He has found time to accumulate a large amount of material relating to the Mead and Converse family histories; and is still eager in the same search. The stores which are the fruit of his untiring research are not made a strictly private possession; so far from this, the compiler of this book gratefully bears witness to his prompt and willing contributions in instances that cannot be recorded. He earlier sketched the Mead family record for the history of his native town in a most satisfactory manner.

IX—5. JOHN SARGEANT (*Bradley, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., Feb. 13, 1835; married, March 11, 1846, CAROLINE P. WILLARD of Winchester, N. H., where he resided until 1856, when he removed to Milford, Mass., where he has been honored with numerous offices of public trust.

Children of John and Caroline:

- X—1. SARAH ELIZA; born Dec. 19, 1846; died July 9, 1859.
- X—2. EDWARD BRADLEY; born Sept. 10, 1848.
- X—3. CORNELIA MARIA; born April 30, 1852; died Jan. 24, 1859.
- X—4. JOHN LARKIN; born March 21, 1854.
- X—5. CARRIE WILLARD; born Nov. 27, 1857.

IX—6. MARY ELIZABETH (*Bradley, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield,

N. H., Sept. 1, 1830; died July 11, 1878; married, Feb. 4, 1851, HENRY O. COOLIDGE, who died Feb. 29, 1896.

Child of Henry and Mary:

X—1. HELEN COOLIDGE; born July 27, 1854; died July 5, 1868.

IX—7. FRANCES ELIZA (*Bradley, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield Jan. 9, 1833; married, April 4, 1854, GEORGE, son of Francis HENRY.

Children of George and Frances:

X—1. WILLIAM FRANCIS; born Aug. 12, 1854; died April 16, 1881.

X—2. ELLEN PAMELIA; born Feb. 6, 1856.

X—3. MARY ELIZA; born April 30, 1857.

X—4. JOHN CHARLES; born March 25, 1859; married MARIA CUMMINGS June 11, 1885. Three children: RUTH CHAPIN, WILLARD FRANCIS, NORMAN SARGEANT.

X—5. FRANCES ESTELLE; born Nov. 17, 1861.

X—6. JENNIE MABEL; born March 23, 1863.

IX—8. GEORGE JONES (*Bradley, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); son of Bradley and Sarah; born Nov. 13, 1844; married, March 21, 1871, ANNA M. WILHELM of Mishawaka, Ind. Dentist in Erie, Pa.

Children of George and Anna:

X—1. EDWARD BRADLEY; born June 30, 1875; a student of architecture (1897) in Mass. Institute of Technology.

X—2. GEORGE WILHELM; born March 6, 1878; died March 20, 1879.

IX—9. ANNA MARIA; daughter of Bradley and Sarah; born Oct. 26, 1847.

IX—10. EDWIN DOAK (*Bradley, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); son of Bradley and Sarah; born Sept. 29, 1849.

In 1866 Edwin entered the publishing house of Ticknor & Field, Boston, where he remained nine years. He went

abroad in 1875, and during an absence of four years he was chiefly engaged in study at the Universities of Cambridge and Leipsic. Since 1879 he has been principally occupied in lecturing and various literary pursuits. Among his publications that have won him reputation are the "Philosophy of Carlyle," and "Martin Luther; A Study of the Reformation." He is now (1897) editor of the *New England Magazine*, in which position his scholarly resources and accomplishments are made apparent.

IX—11. NELLIE JANE; daughter of Bradley and Sarah; born July 5, 1854; died May 19, 1872.

VIII—5. LARKIN GOLDSMITH (*Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lexington, Mass., Oct. 2, 1795; married, June 8, 1829, **MARY JANE**, daughter of Hon. John and Polly (Hayes) NOYES of Putney, Vt.; born Sept. 16, 1806.

The descent of this branch of the Noyes family is thus: 1. **REV. WILLIAM NOYES**, Rector at Choulderton, Wiltshire, Eng., from 1602 to 1621. 2. **NICHOLAS**; born in Wiltshire, Eng., 1614; emigrated in 1634; settled in Salisbury, Mass.; married **MARY CUTTING**; died Nov. 23, 1701. 3. **JAMES**; born at Amesbury May 16, 1657; married, March 31, 1684, **HANNAH KNIGHT**; died 1723. 4. **JOSEPH**; born Sept. 20, 1686; married **MARTHA CLARK**. 5. **HUMPHREY**; born 1718 at Atkinson, N. H.; married **ELIZABETH LITTLE**; died May 21, 1790. 6. **JOHN**; born April 2, 1764; married **POLLY HAYES**.

Mr. Mead was long a resident of Chesterfield, N. H.; a student in early life in the academy located there, which at the time held a prominent rank among the educational institutions of the State; later a graduate from Dartmouth College. After finishing his collegiate course, he studied law, and was admitted to the Cheshire County Bar. Outside of his professional duties, his good citizenship was shown in his conscientious support of sound learning,

pure morals and Christian institutions. About 1840 he removed to Brattleboro, Vt., and there, aside from his legal practice, accepted the position of Treasurer of the Vermont Savings Bank, one of the earliest chartered institutions in the State. He was honored by election to the State Senate.

Children of Larkin G. and Mary Jane :

- IX—1. JOHN NOYES ; born April 2, 1831.
- IX—2. CHARLES LEVI ; born Jan. 21, 1833.
- IX—3. LARKIN GOLDSMITH ; born Jan. 3, 1835.
- IX—4. ELINOR GERTRUDE ; born May 1, 1837.
- IX—5. ALBERT ; born March 18, 1840.
- IX—6. JOANNA ELIZABETH ; born March 30, 1842.
- IX—7. MARY NOYES ; born June 6, 1844.
- IX—8. WILLIAM RUTHERFORD ; born Aug. 20, 1846.
- IX—9. FREDERICK GOODHUE ; born March 19, 1848.

IX—1. JOHN NOYES (*Larkin, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*) ; born in Chesterfield, N. H., April 2, 1831 ; died Aug. 15, 1850. He was a member of the senior class in Harvard College at the time of his death. While in Cambridge young Mead drew three picture sketches of college life, which were received with unusual appreciation by fellow students and outside friends, who saw in them foregleams of artistic genius. The compiler has preserved his copies for nearly half a century, and begs indulgence for imperfectly describing the series. The first represents a fine-featured, home-bred *Freshman*, alone late at night in his modestly furnished room, very seriously engaged in study by lamplight, his finger following the lines on the page, while on the table before him lies an unfinished letter addressed to "*Dear Mother.*" The hour, as shown by the clock on the wall, verges on midnight. The second picture represents the study-room of a *Sophomore*. On the mantel and walls are statuettes and pictures, not all without questionable sug-

gestion; on the table are shown a variety of theatrical programs and sporting equipments, while the occupant is in a standing posture lighting a cigar, in full dress for some entertainment or social occasion. The decorations of the *Juniors'* room include fencing-foils, boxing-gloves, fancy pipes, and other paraphernalia. A flute lies on the table, indicating musical tastes. His aspect is grave, as if the thought of a forthcoming forensic had turned his mind from favorite diversions, the whole appearance indicating advanced maturity. Inevitably the series was left unfinished.

IX—2. CHARLES LEVI (*Larkin, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., Jan. 21, 1833; married, May 12, 1864, ISABELLA SOPHIA MARTIN of Walpole, N. H., born April 29, 1842. He is the managing officer of the Stanley Rule Co. of New Britain, Conn., residing in New York City.

Children of Charles and Isabella:

- X—1. ALBERT; born in Brattleboro, Vt., March 10, 1865; died in New Britain, Conn., Feb. 12, 1871.
- X—2. KATHERINE LOIS; born in New Britain, Conn., March 5, 1869; is a graduate of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., in the class of 1891.
- X—3. LARKIN GOLDSMITH; born in New Britain, Conn., June 29, 1874; a senior (1896) in Yale College.
- X—4. MABEL CONVERSE; born in New York City Jan. 8, 1879.

IX—3. LARKIN GOLDSMITH (*Larkin, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., Jan. 3, 1835; married, Feb. 26, 1866, at Florence, Italy, MARIETTA DE BENVENUTI.

Mr. Mead has earned fame as a sculptor. His artistic proclivity was manifested in early life to such an extent that he was placed under the pupilage of Henry Kirke Brown of Brooklyn, N. Y., where he made rapid profi-

ciency. Among his best known productions are the *Recording Angel*, the statues of *Vermont* and *Ethan Allen*, which adorn the Capitol at Montpelier; his *Lincoln Monument* at Springfield, Ill., and later, his statue of *Ethan Allen*, ordered by the State of Vermont for the National Gallery at Washington. Florence has been his home since 1862, although during this period he has made protracted visits to his native country.

IX—4. ELINOR GERTRUDE (*Larkin, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., May 1, 1837; married in Paris, France, Dec. 24, 1862, WILLIAM DEAN HOWELLS, then United States Consul at Venice, where they resided for several years. Mr. Howells was born in Martinsville, Ohio, March 1, 1837. His father was a printer, of whom he learned the trade. He was afterwards connected editorially with the *Cincinnati and Ohio State Journal*. From 1861 to 1865 he was United States Consul to Venice. He edited the *Atlantic Monthly* from 1871 to 1881. As an author his publications have won for him great favor. He succeeded Mr. Curtis as editor of *Harper's Magazine* in 1886, and held the position for several years.

Children of William and Elinor:

X—1. WINIFRED; born in Venice, Italy (Casa Falier, Grand Canal), Dec. 17, 1863; died March 2, 1889.

X—2. JOHN MEAD; born in Cambridge, Mass., Sacramento Street, Aug. 14, 1868. Was graduated from Harvard University in 1891.

X—3. MILDRED; born in Cambridge, Mass., Berkeley Street, Sept. 26, 1872.

IX—5. ALBERT; son of Larkin G. and Mary Jane; born in Brattleboro, Vt., March 18, 1840; died Sept. 16, 1856.

IX—6. JOANNA ELIZABETH (*Larkin, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Brattleboro, March 30, 1842; married AUGUSTUS DENNIS SHEPARD. Mr. Shepard is president of the American Bank Note Company of New York City.

Children of Augustus and Joanna.

X—1. ELINOR MATILDA; born in New York City Dec. 11, 1865; married, June 1, 1891, JOHN DOULL MILLER of London, Eng.

Children of Elinor and John:

XI—1. ELINOR JOANNA; born Oct. 5, 1893; died Aug. 5, 1894.

XI—2. MILDRED; born March 10, 1896.

X —2. AUGUSTUS DENNIS; born in Fanwood, N. J., April 2, 1869.

X —3. BURRETT HAMILTON; born in Fanwood, N. J., Sept. 13, 1870.

X —4. RUTHERWOOD MEAD; born in Fanwood, N. J., Oct. 4, 1874.

X —5. JOANNA HAYES; born in Fanwood, N. J., Oct. 1, 1876.

X —6. FREDERICK MEAD; born in Fanwood, N. J., July 30, 1879.

IX—7. MARY NOYES; daughter of Larkin G. and Mary Jane; born in Brattleboro, Vt., June 6, 1844. Unmarried.

IX—8. WILLIAM RUTHERFORD (*Larkin, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Brattleboro, Vt., Aug. 20, 1846; married, Nov. 13, 1883, Olga Kitaryi, a Hungarian, from Buda-Pesth.

MR. MEAD graduated from Amherst College in the class of 1867; student in architecture for two years with Russell Sturgis, Jr., of New York; spent two years abroad in further preparation for his profession. He is a member of the well-known firm of McKim, Mead & White, architects, New York City.

IX—9. FREDERICK GOODHUE (*Larkin, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Brattleboro, Vt., March 19, 1848; married, April 29, 1886, MARIA LOUISE, eldest daughter of Lawrence and Lactitia M.

MYERS; born in Plattsburg, N. Y., June 7, 1860. He held a responsible position in the American Bank Note Company, under his brother-in-law Mr. Shepard, till his death, May 21, 1890.

Children of Frederick and Maria :

- X—1. MARGARET PLATT; born May 13, 1887.
- X—2. LAWRENCE MYERS; born Sept. 21, 1888.
- X—3. FREDERICA RUTHERFORD; born June 15, 1890.

VIII—6. ELIAS (*Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lexington, Mass., March 7, 1799; married, Nov. 4, 1825, ELVIRA, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Wood) HARVEY. He was engaged in hotel-keeping the greater part of his active life; successively in Keene, Lexington and Chesterfield, where he died on the old Mead homestead Aug. 16, 1871. No children.

VIII—7. MARSHALL SPRING (*Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., June 4, 1802; married, 1832, FRANCES L., daughter of Dr. Charles and Fanny (Hunt) BLAKE of Northfield, Mass. Educated at Chesterfield Academy; received his medical degree from Dartmouth College in 1825. Settled in Northfield, where he long practiced his profession. He died Nov. 12, 1883.

Children of Marshall and Frances :

- IX—1. HOPE R.; born Sept. 19, 1835.
- IX—2. ELLEN FRANCES; born Dec. 18, 1838.
- IX—3. GRACE GERTRUDE; born Oct. 18, 1842.

IX—1. HOPE R. (*Marshall, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Troy, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1835; married, Nov. 6, 1854, LARKIN G., son of Levi MEAD.

Child of Larkin and Hope:

X—1. MARSHALL SPRING; born in Northfield, Mass., Sept. 22, 1857; married, December, 1882, ALICE M. BANKS. Druggist in Attleboro, Mass.

IX—2. ELLEN FRANCES (*Marshall, Betsey Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Northfield, Mass., Dec. 18, 1838; married, June 18, 1862, WILLIAM H. SHERWIN of Madison, Wis., born Nov. 5, 1837; died Feb. 13, 1873.

Children of William and Ellen:

X—1. HAROLD BLAKE; born in Madison, Wis., Jan. 24, 1864; married, Sept. 24, 1895, MARGARET S. MCINTIRE of Philadelphia.

Child:

XI—1. JEAN M.; born in New York City Nov. 3, 1896.

X —2. WILLIAM HENRY; born in Northfield, Mass., June 7, 1865; married, Jan. 1, 1890, EDITH M. WILEY of Greenfield, Mass.

Children of William and Edith:

XI—1. HELEN; born in Minneapolis, Minn., March 18, 1892.

XI—2. MARION A.; born in Ottumwa, Iowa, March 20, 1894.

X —3. CHARLES FILLMORE; born 1870; died Oct. 9, 1871.

IX—1. GRACE GERTRUDE (*Marshall, Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Northfield, Mass., Oct. 18, 1842; married, June 8, 1864, CAPT. MILTON S. LAWRENCE of Wisconsin. Died Sept. 18, 1873. He died in Richmond, Va., March 10, 1880.

Children of Milton and Grace:

X —1. ANNIE FRANCES; born in Northfield, Mass., July 3, 1865; married in Kansas City, Dec. 22, 1888, VERNON J. MILLER of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Children of Vernon and Annie:

XI—1. GRACE MILLER; born at Coldwater, Kan., Nov. 12, 1890; died Nov. 10, 1893.

XI—2. JAEN MILLER ; born in Coldwater, Kan., Aug. 12, 1892.

XI—3. DAUGHTER ; born Nov. 21, 1895.

VIII—8. BETSEY RAYMOND (*Betsey, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., Oct. 18, 1805; married, Oct. 18, 1831, THOMAS D. DOAK, merchant in Northfield, Mass. In 1846 they removed to Clinton, N. Y., and in 1858 to New Castle, near Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Betsey died at New Castle Aug. 14, 1860, and was buried in Northfield.

VII—2. JOSEPH (*Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Bedford, Mass., Jan. 26, 1765; died in Chesterfield, N. H., Sept. 4, 1841; married, Sept. 15, 1788, LUCY BROWN of Lexington, Mass., who died Feb. 10, 1845. He died Sept. 4, 1841.

Children of Joseph and Lucy:

VIII—1. CHARLES ; born Dec. 30, 1788 ; died Sept. 18, 1858.

VIII—2. LUCY ; born — ; married Daniel Fletcher, 1810.

VIII—3. THADDEUS (perhaps) ; died Oct. 30, 1807.

VIII—1. CHARLES (*Joseph, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., Dec. 30, 1788; married, in 1839, MARY ADELINE, daughter of Clark and Sarah (Hildreth) STREETER; born Oct. 13, 1819; died May 4, 1877. He was a farmer, Justice of the Peace, Selectman, and repeatedly chosen Representative to the General Court.

Children of Charles and Mary Adeline :

IX—1. LEWIS ; born May 30, 1839.

IX—2. SARAH F. ; born May 19, 1840 ; died 1841.

IX—3. SCHUYLER ; born July 14, 1842. Unmarried.

IX—4. JULIUS C. ; born Oct. 13, 1844.

IX—5. CHARLES ; born Aug. 4, 1847.

IX—6. EUGENE ; born Aug. 18, 1850.

IX—7. WILLIAM R. ; born Aug. 8, 1853 ; married Cora Wakefield.

IX—8. J. STEDMAN ; born Jan. 30, 1856.

IX—I. LEWIS (*Charles, Joseph, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*) ; born in Chesterfield, N. H., May 30, 1839 ; married, May 13, 1865, CHARLOTTE YEAGER. Dentist in Urbano, Ohio. No children.

IX—4. JULIUS C. (*Charles, Joseph, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*) ; born in Chesterfield, N. H., Oct. 13, 1844 ; married, Sept. 4, 1867, GERTIE HENRY of Bel- lows Falls, Vt.

Child of Julius and Gertie :

X—I. EDWARD S. ; born July 2, 1872.

IX—5. CHARLES (*Charles, Joseph, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*) ; born in Chesterfield, N. H., Aug. 4, 1847 ; married, Oct. 2, 1882, ROSE E. RUSSELL ; born Feb. 9, 1848 ; died May 14, 1886. Married, second, ES- TELLE G. TAYLOR Feb. 16, 1888.

X—I. *Child :* CHRISTABEL RUTH.

IX—6. EUGENE (*Charles, Joseph, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*) ; born in Chesterfield, N. H., Aug. 18, 1850 ; married, Nov. 29, 1877, JENNIE E. WHEELER.

Children of Eugene and Jennie :

X—I. CHARLES LEONARD ; born Feb. 18, 1881.

X—2. LIZZIE MILDRED ; born May 23, 1883.

X—3. EVERETT EUGENE ; born Feb. 20, 1885.

X—4. CLIO WHEELER ; born Dec. 24, 1889.

X—5. IDA BEATRICE ; born Jan. 18, 1894 ; died Sept. 8, 1896.

X—6. ERNEST JULIUS ; born Oct. 13, 1896.

IX—8. J. STEDMAN (*Charles, Joseph, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*) ; born in Chesterfield, N. H., Jan. 30, 1856 ; married, Aug. 25, 1881, IDA MAY ARM-

STRONG of Urbano, Ohio. Graduate of the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, and for fourteen years a practicing dentist in New York City. No children.

VII—3. SARAH (*Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Bedford, Mass., May 4, 1767; died March 2, 1849; married, Dec. 30, 1788, JEREMIAH GOLDSMITH of Andover, Mass.; born — 1760; died July 15, 1842.

The history of the GOLDSMITH FAMILY in this country dates back to the early settlement of the town of Wenham, Essex Co., Mass. The name of RICHARD first appears. He received a grant of land in 1644, and joined the church in 1648. It is related of him that on Sunday, May 18, 1673, he was killed by lightning in the house of the parish minister, Rev. Mr. Newman, in the presence of Rev. Mr. Higginson, who supplied the pulpit for the day, and others. Rev. Increase Mather alludes to the event in his work on *Remarkable Providences*; and it is said that Rev. Cotton Mather made it the occasion of a sermon, a copy of which is still in the hands of one of his descendants.

The generations of the family are thus indicated: 1. RICHARD (—, 1673); married MARY PERKINS. 2. ZACCHEUS (1662-1747); married MARTHA HUTTON. 3. ZACCHEUS (1701-1777); married, first, TABITHA DODGE; second, MEHITABEL KIMBALL. 4. WILLIAM (1725-1812); married, first, MARGARET COGSWELL; second, HANNAH BURNHAM. 5. JEREMIAH (1760-1842); married SARAH CONVERSE.

The first Zaccheus purchased the Saltonstall farm in Ipswich, and removed there. His son Zaccheus located in Andover about the year 1760.

The Goldsmiths have a record for patriotism; a product of the agitated times in which they lived. William, the father of Jeremiah, shared the anxiety and struggle of the Revolutionary period. He was a militia-man from Andover in the Lexington alarm, April 19, 1775. His name

appears on the "Roll of Travel and Service" to which Capt. Henry Abbott made oath Feb. 14, 1776. ("Lexington Alarms," Vol. XIII, p. 62.) He was a large land-holder in Andover; said to have been taxed for one thousand acres before he became a resident of the town.

Jeremiah, the husband of Sarah, fired with the ardor of youth, and stimulated by paternal example, showed his devotion to the cause of American independence by enlisting, at the age of sixteen, as drummer boy in Capt. Abbott's company, in reinforcement of the army in Cambridge Dec. 9, 1775. He remained in the service throughout the war; and at the surrender of Burgoyne stood within a few yards of General Gates. His graphic description of this historic event is remembered to this day by many who listened to it from his lips. He was a government pensioner from 1831 until his death in 1842.

Children of Jeremiah and Sarah :

- VIII—1. SARAH ; born Nov. 1, 1789.
- VIII—2. ELIZABETH ; born Aug. 29, 1791.
- VIII—3. WILLIAM ; born March 19, 1793.
- VIII—4. MARY CONVERSE ; born Feb. 17, 1795.
- VIII—5. CLARISSA ; born April 11, 1797.
- VIII—6. JEREMIAH ; born Oct. 24, 1799.
- VIII—7. APHIA ; born Feb. 24, 1801.
- VIII—8. JOSEPH C. ; born April 1, 1803.
- VIII—9. HANNAH ; born May 17, 1805.
- VIII—10. JOSHUA ; born March 27, 1807.
- VIII—11. LOZINA ; born Jan. 27, 1813.

VIII—1. SARAH (*Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Andover, Mass., Nov. 1, 1789; died Jan. 1, 1817. Unmarried.

VIII—2. ELIZABETH (*Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Andover, Mass., Aug. 29, 1791; died March 25, 1867; married, Dec. 1, 1816, BENJAMIN ABBOTT of Andover.

Children of Benjamin and Elizabeth:

IX—1. SARAH CONVERSE; born in Andover Dec. 2—1817.

IX—2. SAMUEL WARREN; born in Andover March 14, 1828.

VIII—3. WILLIAM (*Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Andover March 19, 1793; died April 30, 1869; married, Sept. 11, 1826, EUNICE RICE, born March 5, 1808.

Children of William and Eunice:

IX—1. WILLIAM CONVERSE; born July 3, 1827.

IX—2. SARAH CONVERSE; born March 7, 1829.

IX—3. EUNICE HOWE; born Nov. 10, 1830.

IX—4. APHIA DAVIS; born June 30, 1832.

IX—5. JEREMIAH JEFFERSON; born Sept. 16, 1834.

IX—6. HANNAH GIDDINGS; born Dec. 4, 1836.

IX—7. ABBIE RICE; born June 9, 1839.

IX—8. LOZINA WALDO; born Dec. 6, 1841.

IX—9. ELIZABETH ABBOTT; born Nov. 22, 1843; died May 15, 1854.

IX—1. WILLIAM CONVERSE (*William, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Stow, Mass., July 3, 1827; died Aug. 9, 1860; married, Oct. 7, 1851, EVELINE H. SLOPER of Bolton.

Child of William and Eveline:

X—1. EDWIN; born Aug. 15, 1855; married ADELINE A. KENDRICK at Aptos, Cal.

Children of Edwin and Adeline:

XI—1. EARLE VICTOR; born Dec. 9, 1892.

XI—2. MARJORIE EVELYN; born July 6, 1895.

X—2. FREEMONT; born at Stow Sept. 18, 1857; died March 6, 1872.

IX—2. SARAH CONVERSE (*William, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Bolton, Mass., March 7, 1829; died March 30, 1885; married ASA F. HALL of Wiscasset, Me., Sept. 29, 1849.

Children of Asa and Sarah :

- X—1. CHARLES FRANCIS; born in Stow June 7, 1850.
- X—2. MARY E.; born in Stow Sept. 21, 1852.
- X—3. WALTER HENRY; born in Stow April 12, 1855.

IX—3. EUNICE HOWE (*William, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Harvard, Mass., Nov. 10, 1830; married, June 20, 1848, FRANKLIN HEMENWAY of Framingham.

Children of Franklin and Eunice :

- X—1. FRANKLIN ROCKWOOD; born April 30, 1851.
- X—2. SIDNEY EUGENE; born April 3, 1853.
- X—3. LUCY EMMONS; born Aug. 14, 1857.
- X—4. ALICE LOZINA; born Nov. 21, 1863.

IX—4. APHIA DAVIS (*William, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Bolton June 30, 1832; married, Feb. 18, 1852, JOHN MARSHALL.

Child of John and Aphia :

- X—1. CORA A.; born April 27, 1858; died Sept. 18, 1861.

IX—5. JEREMIAH JEFFERSON (*William, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Bolton Sept. 16, 1834; married MRS. WARREN DAVIDSON.

Child :

- X—1. ELIZABETH J.; born July 16, 1855.

IX—6. HANNAH GIDDINGS, daughter of William and Eunice; born in Bolton Dec. 4, 1836. Unmarried.

IX—7. ABBIE RICE (*William, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Bolton, June 9, 1839; married, Oct. 9, 1854, JOHN B. BLAKE; died May 12, 1872.

Child:

X—1. GEORGE BLAKE; born in Stow Sept. 19, 1855.

IX—8. LOZINA WALDO (*William, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Stow Dec. 6, 1841; married, July 3, 1856, CHARLES H. HOSMER of Concord, Mass.; died Oct. 6, 1863.

Children of Charles and Lozina:

X—1. STEPHEN DEMERETT; born March 28, 1858.

X—2. CHARLES HENRY; born Aug. 19, 1859.

X—3. HELEN MARIA; born July 29, 1861.

X—4. FREDERICK PRESCOTT; born July 7, 1863.

IX—9. ELIZABETH ABBOTT; born in Stow Nov. 22, 1843; died May 15, 1854.

VIII—4. MARY CONVERSE (*Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Andover, Mass., Feb. 17, 1795; died Aug. 10, 1864; married, Nov. 4, 1825, GEORGE DALAND, born June 24, 1797; died June 6, 1867.

Mr. Daland was a Minister of the Baptist denomination. His itinerancy was remarkable, he having held ten pastorates from the date of his ordination at Peterboro, N. H., March 1, 1834, to 1863, averaging in duration less than two and one-half years. His death occurred while fulfilling an engagement for the supply of Dr. Surles' church in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Children of George and Mary:

IX—1. MARY GOLDSMITH; born July 25, 1826.

IX—2. CLARA GOLDSMITH; born July 25, 1827.

IX—3. SARAH CONVERSE; born Sept. 22, 1828.

IX—4. GEORGE; born Oct. 7, 1829.

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IX—5. WILLIAM BATCHELDER; born Jan. 5, 1831; died Sept. 7, 1831.

IX—6. WILLIAM BATCHELDER; born April 13, 1832.

IX—7. JOHN; born May 15, 1833.

IX—8. ELIZABETH ABBOTT; born March 17, 1834.

IX—9. BENJAMIN ABBOTT; born March 18, 1836.

IX—10. ADONIRAM JUDSON; born Aug. 3, 1837; died Dec. 28, 1856.

IX—11. HATTIE FOSTER; born March 27, 1843.

IX—1. MARY GOLDSMITH; born July 25, 1826; died Aug. 6, 1881; married, Sept. 26, 1847, JEREMIAH W. REED.

IX—2. CLARA GOLDSMITH; born July 25, 1827; married, Sept. 26, 1847, CYRUS THOMPSON.

IX—3. SARAH CONVERSE (*Mary, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born Sept. 22, 1828; died May 13, 1883; married, Aug. 27, 1845, ASA R. PORTER.

X—Children: 1. GEORGE PORTER. 2. MARY EVANGELINE. 3. ASA HERBERT. 4. SUSIE.

IX—4. GEORGE (*Mary, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born Oct. 7, 1829; married, March 12, 1850, FANNIE STILWELL.

X—Children: 1. FANNIE S. 2. CARRIE V. 3. GEORGEANNA. 4. FRED DALAND. 5. JOHN.

IX—6. WILLIAM BATCHELDER (*Mary, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born April 13, 1832; married, Nov. 28, 1854, ALEXINA J. KENWORTHY.

X—Children: 1. WILLIAM CLIFTON. 2. GEORGE GOLDSMITH. 3. ALEXINA. 4. DUDLEY AMERAGE. 5. HENRY. 6. GRACE. 7. ELMER. 8. MAY GOLDSMITH.

IX—7. JOHN (*Mary, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born May 15, 1833; died Dec. 31, 1877; married, Aug. 15, 1858, SARAH ELIZABETH BOWDITCH.

X—*Children*: 1. SARAH ELOISE STRONG. 2. MATTIE. 3. JOHN.
4. GOLDIE.

IX—8. ELIZABETH ABBOTT (*Mary, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born March 17, 1834; died July 8, 1895; married, May 4, 1856, GEORGE W. BAKER.

X—*Children*: 1. MARY DALAND. 2. GEORGE W. 3. SUSIE GOLDSMITH. 4. CHARLES DEAN.

IX—9. BENJAMIN ABBOTT (*Mary, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born March 18, 1836; married, June 6, 1859, JANE A. HAUTSINGER.

X—*Children*: 1. ADONIRAM JUDSON. 2. VIOLA IDA. 3. GEORGE.
4. JANE A. 5. FLORA.

IX—11. HATTIE FOSTER; daughter of George and Mary Daland; born March 27, 1843; married, July 3, 1864, WILLIAM HENRY FAY.

X—1. *Child*: HATTIE MAUD.

VIII—5. CLARISSA (*Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Andover, Mass., April 11, 1797; died Jan. 1, 1874; married JOHN WILSON of Danvers, Mass., June 21, 1831; born Jan. 18, 1778; died June 26, 1863.

Children of John and Clarissa:

IX—1. JOHN WILSON; born Oct. 13, 1832. [See Elizabeth, daughter of Lozina Goldsmith.]

IX—2. EDWARD HOOKER; born March 14, 1835; died July 26, 1887.

VIII—6. JEREMIAH (*Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Andover Oct. 24, 1799; died Jan.

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28, 1864; married, Dec. 31, 1831, ELIZABETH GLEASON of Billerica, Mass.; born Oct. 8, 1805; died Sept. 12, 1895.

Children of Jeremiah and Elizabeth:

- IX—1. WILLIAM GLEASON; born Nov. 28, 1832.
- IX—2. ELIZABETH; born Dec. 23, 1834; died Oct. 12, 1854.
- IX—3. JEREMIAH; born March 27, 1837; died Aug. 20, 1871.
- IX—4. JOSIAH; born Oct. 8, 1839; died May 24, 1883.
- IX—5. ALBERT; born June 11, 1842.
- IX—6. JOSHUA; born April 3, 1845; died Dec. 29, 1851.

IX—1. WILLIAM GLEASON (*Jeremiah, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born Nov. 28, 1832; married, March 29, 1865, JOANNA BAILEY HOLT, born Sept. 19, 1845.

Mr. Goldsmith graduated from Harvard College in 1857; was elected in 1858 Principal of the Punchard Free School in Andover, Mass.; resigned this office in 1870; re-elected in 1871, and held the position for several years. He has served as Acting Principal of Phillips Academy, and Peabody Instructor in Natural Science.

Children of William and Joanna:

- X—1. CLARA GLEASON; born Feb. 16, 1866; died March 4, 1873.
- X—2. CLARENCE; born May 29, 1874; student (1896) in Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- X—3. BESSIE PUNCHARD; born Nov. 21, 1882.

VIII—7. APHIA (*Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Andover Feb. 24, 1801; married, July 24, 1823, REV. JOSEPH DAVIS, a Baptist Minister of Nottingham West, N. H., who preached in Antrim and Manchester, N. H. Aphia died in Antrim about 1850. A daughter resides in Manchester. The location and history of the other children are unknown.

Mr. Davis married a second wife, and died in New Orleans, La. He is said to have been a distant cousin of the President of the short-lived Southern Confederacy.

VIII—8. JOSEPH C. (*Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born April 1, 1803; died Oct. 31, 1854; married, May, 1827, PHEBE RUSSELL, born in Andover March 30, 1807.

Children of Joseph and Phebe:

IX—1. SARAH JANE; born April 16, 1828; died Dec. 4, 1891; married, June 8, 1852, ALFRED DUNLAP. Six children.

IX—2. JOSEPH CONVERSE; born April 26, 1831; died Aug. 26, 1895.

IX—3. JAMES HENRY; born April 26, 1833.

VIII—9. HANNAH BURNHAM (*Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Andover May 17, 1805; died Jan. 22, 1892; married, May 17, 1837, ISAAC GIDDINGS of Andover; born May 22, 1795; died May 28, 1852.

The Giddings ancestral line runs thus: 1. GEORGE; who came from England in 1635, and settled in the town of Ipswich, Mass. He married JANE TUTTLE. 2. JOSEPH C.; married SUSANNA RINDGE. 3. ISAAC; married ABIGAIL DODGE. 4. ISAAC; married ELIZABETH GOLDSMITH. 5. ISAAC; married ELIZABETH KNIGHT. 6. ISAAC; married HANNAH GOLDSMITH.

Children of Isaac and Hannah:

IX—1. JAMES HUTCHINS; born Feb. 20, 1739; died Feb. 28, 1839.

IX—2. ISAAC EDWARD; born Feb. 15, 1840.

IX—3. HANNAH ELIZABETH; born May 27, 1843.

IX—1. ISAAC EDWARD (*Hannah, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Andover Feb. 15, 1840; died in Springfield, Mass., Oct. 30, 1876. Mr. Giddings was a manufacturer of the firm of P. P. Emory, Coppersmiths and Brass Moulders. His real forte was in Mechanical Engineering. He patented several parts of engines. For several years he was a resident in Flint, Mich.; afterwards was in business ten years in Springfield, Mass., where he died.

VIII—10. LOZINA (*Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Andover, Mass., Jan. 27, 1813;

married, July 29, 1832, JONATHAN WALDO of Andover, born Sept. 6, 1799.

Children of Jonathan and Loxina :

- IX—1. SARAH CONVERSE ; born Oct. 5, 1832.
- IX—2. ELIZABETH ABBOTT ; born March 14, 1834.
- IX—3. JOHN ; born Dec. 20, 1836.
- IX—4. ABBIE CORBIN ; born May 28, 1839.
- IX—5. CLARISSA WILSON ; born June 10, 1842.
- IX—6. MARY FRANCES ; born Dec. 16, 1845.
- IX—7. JOHN WARREN ; born July 6, 1849 ; died May 10, 1875.

IX—2. ELIZABETH ABBOTT (*Loxina, Sarah, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*) ; born in Andover March 14, 1834 ; married, Nov., 1856, JOHN WILSON (see CLARISSA, VIII—5) ; born Oct. 13, 1832 ; died July 17, 1867.

Children of John and Elizabeth :

- X—1. CHARLES PALMER ; born Dec. 3, 1857 ; died Dec. 10, 1857.
- X—2. JOHN BRAINARD ; born Feb. 11, 1860 ; married Oct. 24, 1894, ANNIE MABEL ELDER.

Child :

- XI—1. JOHN B. ; born Oct. 2, 1895.
- X—3. FREDERICK WILLIAM ; born June 12, 1861 ; died same day.
- X—4. ABIGAIL FRANCES ; born Jan. 10, 1863.
- X—5. MARY ANGELINE ; born Aug. 28, 1864.
- X—6. EMMA LUCINA ; born July 1, 1867 ; died March 3, 1871.

VII—4. JOSIAH (*Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*) ; born in Bedford, Mass., May 10, 1769 ; died in Chesterfield, N. H., Nov. 20, 1828. He was buried in the Family Lot. Married DEBORAH —, born 1777 ; died April 14, 1810. Probably no issue.

VII—5. REVEREND JAMES (*Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*) ; born in Bedford, Mass., July 26, 1772 ; died in Weathersfield, Vt., Jan. 14, 1839 ; preached

his New Year's sermon, and died of lung fever on the following Sunday. He married, first, MEHITABEL, daughter of William and Abigail COGSWELL of Marlboro, Mass., June 17, 1802. She was born Oct. 15, 1780; died April 21, 1810.

The descent of MEHITABEL COGSWELL was in the following line:
 1. JOHN COGSWELL, son of Edward and Alice Cogswell, born, 1592, in Westbury Leigh, County of Wilts, England; married, Sept. 10, 1615, ELIZABETH THOMPSON; emigrated to America in 1635; settled in Ipswich, Mass. 2. WILLIAM; born in England Dec. 15, 1700; married SUSANNA HAWKES, born in Charlestown, Mass., 1633. 3. JONATHAN; born April 26, 1661, in Ipswich, Mass.; married, May 24, 1686, ELIZABETH WAINWRIGHT, born in Ipswich, 1667. 4. FRANCIS; born in Ipswich March, 1698; married, March 14, 1727, ELIZABETH ROGERS, daughter of Rev. John Rogers, born in Ipswich July 28, 1707. 5. WILLIAM; born in Ipswich June 11, 1750; died May 27, 1823; married, May 24, 1773, ABIGAIL DAWES, born in Boston Dec. 27, 1752; died Nov. 19, 1833. Lived in Marlboro, Mass. 6. MEHITABEL.

JAMES married, second, CHARLOTTE WHITE of Watertown, Mass., Jan. 6, 1813. She was born March 30, 1787; removed with her parents to Windsor, Vt., in 1806; died June 16, 1851.

The lineage of CHARLOTTE WHITE may be traced thus: 1. JOHN WHITE; came to Boston from England in 16—; died in Brookline, Mass., in 1691-2; married FRANCES SCARBOROUGH, who died in Brookline Feb. 26, 1695-96. 2. JOSEPH WHITE; born (probably in Brookline) in 1642; died Sept. 1, 1725; married HANNAH —, who died Jan. 21, 1720. 3. BENJAMIN WHITE; born in Brookline —; first deacon of the church in Brookline; married MARGARET WELD July 16, 1701. 4. MOSES WHITE; born in Brookline Jan. 3, 1709-10; died Aug. 25, 1780; married RACHEL DAVIS of Roxbury, Mass., Jan. 10, 1740, who was born March 22, 1711; died March 22, 1781. 5. MOSES WHITE; born in Brookline, 1750; died in Windsor, Vt., Feb. 10, 1812; married SUSANNA DAVIS June 18, 1776, who was born in Roxbury, Mass., Sept. 22, 1726; died in Windsor, Vt., Sept. 12, 1842. 6. CHARLOTTE.

REVEREND JAMES was graduated from Harvard College in the class of 1799. After pursuing theological studies with Rev. Dr. Seth Payson of Rindge, N. H., he was ordained, Feb. 10, 1802, minister over the Church of Christ in Weathersfield, Vt. He held the same charge till his death. Through his long pastorate it is probable he had no higher ambition than to be a friendly and useful official, serving the causes of religion, pure morals, sound education, and good citizenship as at that period it was expected a typical New England divine located in a country district, influential in manifold ways, would do. Appreciation of him as a townsman well informed in civil affairs was shown in his election as Representative to the Vermont Legislature in 1819. He also served for a term as State Chaplain.

Telling as they do of earlier times and obsolete methods, some may be interested in the proceedings of the town, as separate from the church, preliminary to Mr. Converse's settlement. The form and terms of the invitation extended to him are still matters of record, and are as follows:

"At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Weathersfield, legally warned and holden on the first Monday in Sept., 1801, the said town unanimously voted to concur with the Church of Christ in Weathersfield in giving Mr. James Converse a call to settle with us in the gospel ministry. *Voted*, to give Mr. Converse one hundred pounds for his services yearly, so long as he shall remain a settled minister in said town;—one-half of the above sum to be paid in money, and the other half in wheat, rye or Indian corn. *Voted*, to choose a committee to treat with Mr. James Converse on the above premises, and receive his answer."

"At an adjourned meeting holden at Weathersfield the twenty-sixth day of October, 1801; *Voted*, to reconsider that part of a preceding vote by which one-half of the above sum is to be paid in money, and the other half in wheat, rye or Indian corn, and vote to have it stand, that the town of Weathersfield agrees to give Mr.

James Converse one hundred pounds, yearly, for his services in the gospel ministry."

Children of James and Mehitabel:

- VIII—1. ALMIRA; born May 29, 1803.
- VIII—2. MEHITABEL; born Sept. 6, 1804; died Sept. 24, 1805.
- VIII—3. ELIZABETH; born Dec. 16, 1805.
- VIII—4. JAMES COGSWELL; born Sept. 23, 1807.
- VIII—5. LUCAS; born Dec. 10, 1808.
- VIII—6. MEHITABEL; born April 9, 1810; died April 28, 1810.

Children of James and Charlotte:

- VIII—1. SUSAN; born Feb. 14, 1815.
- VIII—2. CHARLOTTE DAVIS; born Dec. 27, 1817.
- VIII—3. MARY PUTNAM; born April 20, 1820.
- VIII—4. HENRY J.; born April 11, 1822.
- VIII—5. EDMUND WINCHESTER; born July 12, 1825.
- VIII—6. HARRIET; born Aug. 30, 1828.

VIII—1. **ALMIRA** (*James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Weathersfield, Vt., May 29, 1803; died Nov. 10, 1892; married, first, ANTHONY JONES of Newfane, Vt., about the year 1832. Soon after their marriage they traveled in Europe, spending one winter, at least, in Italy. Married, second, DAVID CHANDLER of Saxon's River, Vt., January, 1845.

Mr. Chandler's first wife was a Ranney, of Townshend, Vt., by whom he had a son, Peter R. Chandler, born 1817; went to Chicago in 1858, and soon made his mark in business enterprises. His financial ability is indicated in the fact that for twenty-five years he was the financial adviser of Mrs. Hetty Green, who intrusted millions to his care. But better to relate than his making and handling of fortunes, was his constant and tender solicitude for his far-away step-mother, ordering everything possible to be done for her comfort. He died suddenly at his home in Chicago Nov. 10, 1896.

VIII—2. ELIZABETH (*James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Weathersfield, Vt., Dec. 16, 1805; living in New York City 1897; married, Jan. 30, 1830, Dr. SIMON CUMMINGS HEWETT, born in Ward, Mass. (now Auburn), in July, 1803; died in Boston, February, 1888. Dr. Hewett was one of the most celebrated practitioners of medicine in his day in Boston.

Children of Simon and Elizabeth:

- IX—1. ELIZABETH COGSWELL; born Sept. 19, 1831.
- IX—2. JAMES DANIEL; born Aug. 2, 1833.
- IX—3. WILLIAM WIRT; born June 14, 1835.
- IX—4. FRANK CONVERSE; born March, 1837.
- IX—5. GRACE ALMIRA; born Jan. 25, 1839.
- IX—6. FRANCES CONVERSE; born Oct. 27, 1841.

IX—1. ELIZABETH COGSWELL (*Elizabeth, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); daughter of Simon and Elizabeth; born in Boston Sept. 19, 1831; married GEORGE C. ROBERTS of Hartford, Conn., Dec. 23, 1850.

Children of George and Elizabeth:

- X —1. ELIZABETH CONVERSE; born in January, 1852, in Hartford, Conn.; married in December, 1886, HENRY EDMOND of Norwich, Conn. No children. Mr. Edmond died in 1894.
- X —2. GEORGE SIMON; born in New York City July 3, 1860; married FLORENCE MCKENZIE of New Haven, Conn., in 1886.

Children of George and Florence:

- XI—1. GEORGE SIMON; born in 1887.
- XI—2. WILLIAM BURR; born in 1888.
- XI—3. EDWARD MCKENZIE; born in 1892.

IX—2. JAMES DANIEL (*Elizabeth, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Boston Aug. 2, 1833; married ADELAIDE STOKES of New York City Jan. 14, 1863. No children.

James D. Hewett, M. D., was first a surgeon in the army; now a lawyer in New York City.

IX—3. WILLIAM WIRT (*Elizabeth, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Roxbury, Mass., June 14, 1835; married in December, 1861, CAROLINE ELIZABETH STOKES of New York City. Lawyer. *Child:*

X —1. WILLIAM WIRT; born Aug. 28, 1868, in South Egremont, Mass.; married ADELAIDE LOUISE BAIN of North Chatham, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1889. Removed to Providence, R. I., 1891.

Children of William and Adelaide:

XI—1. ADELAIDE BUDD; born April 22, 1891.

XI—2. ELIZABETH STOKES; born July 9, 1892.

XI—3. WILLIAM WIRT; born Sept. 4, 1894.

XI—4. MARIE NILES; born Jan. 19, 1896; died May 31, 1896.

IX—4. FRANK CONVERSE; born in Boston, March, 1837; died in that city Jan. 5, 1840.

IX—5. GRACE ALMIRA; born in Boston Jan. 25, 1839; married in May, 1880, JOHN HENRY CAHOON. No children.

IX—6. FRANCES CONVERSE (*Elizabeth, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Boston Oct. 27, 1841; married LEVERETT NELSON JARVIS of Brattleboro, Vt. Mr. Jarvis died in Roslyn, L. I., in July, 1887. No children. Residence New York City.

VIII—3. JAMES COGSWELL (*James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); son of James and Mehitabel; born in Weathersfield, Vt., Sept. 23, 1807; died in Greenfield, Mass., May 23, 1891; married, Jan. 8, 1834, SARAH ANN PEABODY, who was born March 24, 1810; died May 20, 1866.

MR. CONVERSE at the age of nineteen chose Boston for the field of his future activity; and there, for a protracted period, wrought a work which earned for him honorable distinction. Not long before his decease the Massachu-

setts Historical Society applied to him for a sketch of his business career for publication. He never accomplished this; but, when in declining health, began the record by dictation to his daughter. The manuscript is preserved; and for the particular and general interest the narrative may excite has been put in permanent print. It is the autobiography of one who in early life outgrew his rural environments, and by the force of native energy struck out for larger opportunities. After alluding to the ministerial settlement of his father in Weathersfield, Vt., and the farm attached to the homestead, assisting in the care of which he found agreeable and healthy employment, the relation proceeds as will be found in the APPENDIX to this book.

There comes to the most efficient of men a time for unloading the burden of care and responsibility that earlier may have been born without physical or mental fatigue. It was the good fortune of Mr. Converse to spend his last years of pleasant retirement in Greenfield, Mass., occupied as was most agreeable, and always happy in extending generous hospitality to his many friends.

Children of James and Sarah Ann:

IX—1. ELIZABETH; born May 11, 1836.

IX—2. KATHERINE PEABODY; born Jan. 20, 1839.

IX—3. ANNA HARPER; born June 22, 1841.

IX—4. JAMES BLANCHARD; born Feb. 17, 1846.

IX—5. EDMUND COGSWELL; born Nov. 7, 1849.

IX—1. ELIZABETH; born in Boston May 11, 1836; died May 13, 1859.

IX—2. KATHERINE PEABODY (*James, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Boston Jan. 20, 1839; married, June 8, 1864, EDWARD REYNOLDS BLAGDEN, son of Rev. Dr. Blagden of Old South Church, Boston. Mr. Blagden died in July, 1894.

Children of Edward and Katherine:

- X—1. ELLEN CONVERSE; born Sept. 16, 1866.
- X—2. EDWARD REYNOLDS; born June 30, 1868.
- X—3. JAMES CONVERSE; born Sept. 7, 1872.
- X—4. PHILIP; born Oct. 8, 1873.

IX—3. ANNA HARPER (*James, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Boston June 22, 1841; died in New York City Dec. 18, 1885; married, April, 1865, JOHN HOLDANE FLAGLER.

X—1. *Child*: ANNA HARPER.

IX—4. JAMES BLANCHARD (*James, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Boston Feb. 17, 1846; died Dec. 24, 1883; married, Sept. 17, 1874, LOUISE K. DUNSHEE.

Child:

- X—1. JAMES COGSWELL; born Sept. 6, 1875.

IX—5. EDMUND COGSWELL (*James, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Boston Nov. 7, 1849; married, Jan. 2, 1879, JESSIE McDONOUGH GREEN.

Mr. CONVERSE is Vice-President and General Manager (1897) of the National Tube Works Company, New York City, including several departments of production in different localities;—a position calling for rare administrative and executive ability.

Children of Edmund and Jessie:

- X—1. ANTOINETTE McDONOUGH; born Oct. 29, 1880.
- X—2. EDMUND COGSWELL; born March 21, 1881.
- X—3. KATHERINE PEABODY; born April 10, 1887.

VIII—4. LUCAS (*James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); son of James and Mehitabel; born in Weathersfield, Vt., Dec. 10, 1808; died in Weston, Vt., June 23, 1876; married in Brookfield, N. Y., AURELIA P. SMITH, who died Dec. 13, 1882.

Children of Lucas and Aurelia:

- IX—1. FRANCES C. ; born April 29, 1837.
- IX—2. JULIA ; born March 29, 1840.
- IX—3. HELEN ; born — ; died Oct. 29, 1878.

IX—1. FRANCES C. (*Lucas, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Hamilton, N. Y., April 29, 1837; married in Brewster, N. Y., Sept. 21, 1875, JOSEPH L. LYON.

IX—2. JULIA (*Lucas, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lebanon, N. Y., March 27, 1840; married, Dec. 3, 1867, ALPHONSO FIELD of Cavendish, Vt.

Children of Alphonso and Julia:

- X—1. HELEN ; born Nov. 11, 1868 ; died Nov. 13, 1869.
- X—2. LULU ; born Jan. 13, 1870.
- X—3. FORREST ; born June 15, 1872.
- X—4. CHARLES ; born Sept. 14, 1874.
- X—5. FRED ; born June 15, 1876.
- X—6. HERBERT ; born Aug. 22, 1880 ; died Oct. 23, 1880.

VIII—5. SUSAN (*James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); daughter of James and Charlotte CONVERSE; born in Weathersfield, Vt., Feb. 14, 1815; died Dec. 22, 1891; married, Nov. 27, 1844, Rev. NELSON BISHOP, born in East Hartford, Conn. (now Manchester), Nov. 20, 1802; died Jan. 10, 1871.

MR. BISHOP entered Bangor Theological Seminary in 1823; was licensed to preach Dec. 20, 1826; ordained and installed pastor of the Congregational Church in Clinton, Me., Nov. 19, 1828. Overwork so told on his strength during this pastorate that he felt compelled to resign in 1834. He went to Andover, Mass., entering the Theological Institution there as a resident graduate, preaching as opportunities offered. In 1839, after the

death of Rev. James Converse, he was called to the supply of the vacant pulpit in Weathersfield, Vt., and was installed as minister there in November of the same year. He remained over this charge till Feb. 22, 1842, when he accepted a position as associate editor and publisher of the *Vermont Chronicle*. His connection with this religious journal covered the period from March 5, 1842, to Jan. 1, 1866. Closing his relations with the *Chronicle*, he became associate editor of the *Boston Recorder*, occupying this position till the sale of the *Recorder* to the *Congregationalist* in 1869. Beyond this date he had employment under the direction of the Vermont Bible Society.

Children of Nelson and Susan:

IX—1. CHARLES HENRY; born Sept. 11, 1845; died Sept. 11, 1845.

IX—2. EDWARD NELSON; born Nov. 1, 1847.

IX—3. SUSAN ELIZABETH; born June 20, 1849.

IX—4. CHARLOTTE ELMIRA; born Nov. 30, 1850.

IX—5. SARAH FRANCES; born Aug. 28, 1852.

IX—2. EDWARD NELSON; son of Nelson and Susan; born in Windsor, Vt., Nov. 1, 1847; graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1866; died Nov. 23, 1889.

IX—3. SUSAN ELIZABETH; daughter of Nelson and Susan; born in Windsor, Vt., June 20, 1849; died Oct. 17, 1889.

IX—4. CHARLOTTE ALMIRA (*Susan, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Windsor Nov. 30, 1850; married, Oct. 6, 1885, WALTER J. NICKERSON of Melrose, Mass. Cashier of Melrose National Bank.

Child:

X—1. ATKINS NICKERSON; born Oct. 1, 1887.

IX—5. SARAH FRANCES (*Susan, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Windsor

Aug. 28, 1852; married, July 2, 1878, HORACE PRESCOTT MCCLARY, born in Peacham, Vt., Oct. 12, 1848.

Children of Horace and Sarah:

- X—1. LUCY SMITH; born July 9, 1879.
- X—2. SUSAN CONVERSE; born Oct. 8, 1881.
- X—3. CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH; born Aug. 29, 1883.
- X—4. MARGARET CONVERSE; born Feb. 18, 1886.
- X—5. HORACE PRESCOTT; born June 30, 1889.
- X—6. HARVEY CLARK; born Sept. 4, 1891.
- X—7. ANDREW BISHOP; born May 4, 1893.

VIII—6. CHARLOTTE DAVIS (*James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); daughter of James and Charlotte; born in Weathersfield, Vt., Dec. 27, 1817; married CHITTENDEN ROSSITER of Claremont, N. H., Feb. 22, 1844, who was born March 22, 1816; died May 8, 1892.

Children of Chittenden and Charlotte:

- IX—1. JAMES CONVERSE; born May 28, 1845.
- IX—2. HARRIET LOUISE; born Feb. 28, 1848.
- IX—3. KATHERINE ELIZABETH; born May 1, 1853.
- IX—4. WILLIAM CHITTENDEN; born Aug. 11, 1854.

IX—I. JAMES CONVERSE; son of Chittenden and Charlotte; born in Windsor, Vt., May 28, 1845; died Nov. 28, 1868.

IX—2. HARRIET LOUISE (*Charlotte, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Windsor, Vt., Feb. 28, 1848; married ALVAH B. CHILLIS of Meriden, N. H., Oct. 13, 1870.

Children of Alvah and Harriet:

- X—1. JAMES B., born May 16, 1879.
- X—2. CONVERSE A., born March 22, 1884.

IX—3. KATHERINE ELIZABETH; daughter of Chittenden and Charlotte, born in Windsor, Vt., May 1, 1853.

IX—4. WILLIAM CHITTENDEN; son of Chittenden and Charlotte; born in Windsor, Vt., Aug. 11, 1854.

VIII—7. MARY PUTNAM (*James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); daughter of James and Charlotte; born in Weathersfield, Vt., April 20, 1820; died April 2, 1885; married, Oct. 2, 1844, GEORGE BARRETT of Perkinsville, Vt.

Children of George and Mary:

IX—1. CHARLOTTE; born Nov. 8, 1845.

IX—2. JANE GERTRUDE; born March 8, 1847.

IX—3. GEORGE HENRY; born March 11, 1850.

IX—4. ELLA; born —; died June 24, 1895.

IX—1. CHARLOTTE; daughter of George and Mary; born in Perkinsville, Vt., Nov. 8, 1845.

IX—2. JANE GERTRUDE; daughter of George and Mary; born in Perkinsville, Vt., March 8, 1847; died August, 1866.

IX—3. GEORGE HENRY (*Mary, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Perkinsville, Vt., March 11, 1850; married March 27, 1872, MARY ELLEN STIMSON.

Child:

X—1. CHARLES HENRY; born in Sharon, Vt., Aug. 20, 1874.

VIII—8. HENRY J.; son of James and Charlotte; born in Weathersfield, Vt., April 11, 1822; died in Princeton, Ill., March 6, 1846.

VIII—9. EDMUND WINCHESTER (*James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); son of James and Charlotte; born in Weathersfield, Vt., June 12, 1825; died in Newton Mass., Jan. 6, 1894; married, May 11, 1854, CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA SHEPHERD ALBREE of Boston.

EDMUND CONVERSE went to Boston when seventeen years of age to enter the Dry Goods Jobbing House of Blanchard, Converse & Co., of which his brother James was a member. He was successively a partner in the jobbing houses of Blanchard, Converse & Co.; Converse, Harding, Gray & Co.; also a partner of the dry goods commission houses of Converse, Stanton & Davis; also Converse, Stanton & Cullen. He was actively at the head of the last-named firm, which had branches in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago at the time of his death. He succeeded his brother James as President of the National Tube Works Co. He was also President of the Canonicut Mills Co. of Fall River, besides serving as director in other manufacturing corporations. His public service was rendered as a member of the State Drainage and Sewerage Commission; a trustee of the Newton Public Library and Cottage Hospital; also chairman of the School Board of Newton.

Children of Edmund and Charlotte:

- IX—1. ELLEN MARIA; born Feb. 23, 1855.
- IX—2. CHARLOTTE; born Dec. 19, 1856.
- IX—3. EDMUND WINCHESTER; born June 5, 1859.
- IX—4. MARGARET; born Nov. 7, 1860.
- IX—5. CHARLES HENRY; born May 13, 1863.
- IX—6. JAMES; born Jan. 30, 1866.
- IX—7. FREDERICK SHEPHERD; born Jan. 5, 1871.

IX—1. **ELLEN MARIA** (*Edmund, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born Feb. 23, 1855; married, Aug. 15, 1878, ANDREW BARROWS COBB of Newton, Mass.

Children of Andrew and Ellen:

- X—1. ANDREW EDMUND; born in Calcutta, India, Nov. 17, 1879; died Feb. 15, 1895.
- X—2. MARGARET ELEANOR; born in Calcutta Sept. 18, 1884.
- X—3. KATHLEEN; born Sept. 1, 1893.

IX—2. CHARLOTTE (*Edmund, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born Dec. 19, 1856; married, June 21, 1882, HAROLD PIERCE of Bristol, Pa.

Children of Harold and Charlotte:

- X—1. GEORGE; born May 7, 1883.
- X—2. EDMUND CONVERSE; born June 16, 1885.
- X—3. MARGARET; born Nov. 1, 1886.
- X—4. MARY; born Dec. 25, 1888.
- X—5. ELIZABETH; born May 13, 1891.

IX—3. EDMUND WINCHESTER; born June 5, 1859; married, Dec. 21, 1882, JULIA ANN PIERSON of Newton, Mass.

IX—4. MARGARET (*Edmund, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born Nov. 7, 1860; married, Nov. 7, 1888, WILLIAM LOTHROP ALLEN of Boston.

Children of William and Margaret:

- X—1. CHARLOTTE; born July 19, 1889.
- X—2. WILLIAM LOTHROP; born Nov. 1, 1891.
- X—3. MARGARET; born Dec. 20, 1895.

IX—5. CHARLES HENRY (*Edmund, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born May 13, 1863; married, May 22, 1893, MARY HANNINGTON of London, England.

Child:

- X—1. CHRISTINE; born Oct. 29, 1894.

IX—6. JAMES (*Edmund, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born Jan. 30, 1866; married, Sept. 17, 1892, LUCY GRONINE VAIL of New York City.

Children of James and Lucy:

- X—1. JAMES; born March 5, 1893.
- X—2. GRONINE; born Aug. 21, 1894.

IX—7. FREDERICK SHEPHERD (*Edmund, James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born Jan. 5, 1871; married, June 7, 1893, EMMA CICILE TUDOR of Boston.

Children of Frederick and Emma:

X—1. EMMA LOUISE; born April 1, 1894.

X—2. CHARLOTTE AUGUSTA; born Sept. 7, 1896.

VIII—10. HARRIET (*James, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); daughter of James and Charlotte; born in Weathersfield, Vt., Aug. 30, 1828; married, Nov. 6, 1855, PTOLEMY P. SEVERANCE of Greenfield, Mass.

Child:

IX—1. CHARLOTTE CONVERSE; born in Greenfield, Mass., July 31, 1860; married, June 30, 1891, HERBERT COLLINS PARSONS.

Child:

X—1. HARRIET LOUISE PARSONS; born April 27, 1896.

VII—6. WILLIAM (*Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Bedford, Mass., Oct. 12, 1774; died in Westmoreland, N. H., Dec. 31, 1831; married, Nov. 13, 1800, SARAH HUNT of Concord, Mass. The officiating minister was Rev. Dr. Ripley. Sarah was born May 5, 1777; died Dec. 30, 1831, one day before the decease of her husband. They were buried together in the Converse Burial Ground in Chesterfield, N. H.

Immediately after his marriage William settled in Weathersfield, where his brother James was the minister of the town. There all their children were born. Two daughters and one son married and located in Ohio, the then *West*. It is probable that the parents passed some time in that region, but their last days were spent in Westmoreland. When they took up their residence there is undetermined.

Children of William and Sarah Converse:

- VIII—1. ELIZA FRENCH; born Oct. 10, 1801.
- VIII—2. SARAH; born April 12, 1804.
- VIII—3. WILLIAM; born June 10, 1807.
- VIII—4. GEORGE HUNT; born June 9, 1811.
- VIII—5. JOSEPH DAVIS; born Aug. 2, 1818.

VIII—1. **ELIZA FRENCH** (*William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Weathersfield, Vt.; died at Elyria, Ohio, March 1, 1853; married, Oct. 25, 1821, Dr. ELIJAH DEWITT; born in Weathersfield, Vt., May 22, 1800.

As far as traced the DEWITT lineal ancestry is thus: 1. THOMAS DEWITT of Hubbardston, Mass.; married REBECCA GOTT, daughter of Dr. Gott from Hesse Cassel, who served in the Colonial Army in the Revolution. 2. WAINRIGHT; born 1777; married SILENA RANNEY of Westminster, Vt. 3. ELIJAH; born 1800.

Children of Elijah and Eliza:

- IX—1. ROLLIN CONVERSE; born Oct. 9, 1827.
- IX—2. ELIJAH DEWEESE GOTT; born June 18, 1830.
- IX—3. HARRIET; born Aug. 3, 1841.
- IX—4. ELIZABETH; born Sept. 3, 1846.

IX—1. **ROLLIN CONVERSE** (*Eliza, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lodi, Medina Co., Ohio, Oct. 9, 1827; married, Sept. 8, 1851, CHARLOTTE PUTNAM, daughter of Austin and Mary Adeline BURCHARD of Fayetteville, Vt.

Children of Rollin and Charlotte:

- X—1. ROLLIN BURCHARD; born April 4, 1857.
- X—2. JOHN CONVERSE; born Sept. 1, 1858; married at Brattleboro, Vt., NINA JOSEPHINE THOMAS.

Children of John and Nina:

- XI—1. RUTH THOMAS; born May 12, 1890.
- XI—2. ARTHUR BURCHARD; born June 28, 1892.

X —3. FRANK AUSTIN; born Feb. 9, 1864.

X —4. DEWESE PAUL; born Nov. 25, 1868; married, June 4, 1891,
ORA ELLA HURD at Springfield, Vt.

IX—2. ELIJAH DEWESE GOTT (*Eliza, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born at Lodi, Medina Co., Ohio, June 18, 1830; died March 12, 1865; married, June, 1851, FANNIE PERKINS.

Children of Elijah and Fannie:

X —1. ELIJAH DEWESE; born —; died April 7, 1877.

X —2. FRANK LUZERNE; born Dec. 5, 1858; married, June 12, 1883, MINNIE C. MITCHELL.

Children of Frank and Minnie:

XI—1. LOUISE ELIZABETH; born July 24, 1884.

XI—2. FRANK DEWESE; born Dec. 28, 1888.

XI—3. DOUGLASS MITCHELL; born March 9, 1891.

XI—4. MARGARET KATHERINE; born June 16, 1893.

X —3. REV. WILLIAM CONVERSE; born Oct. 31, 1860; married MARTHA LOUISE COSSITT July 20, 1886. Mr. DeWitt is Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Chicago, Ill.

Children of William and Martha:

XI—1. HELEN COSSITT; born Dec. 18, 1887.

XI—2. EVELYN ISABEL; born Nov. 29, 1890.

IX—3. HARRIET (*Eliza, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born at Elyria, Ohio, Aug. 3, 1841; married, Aug. 6, 1865, ORRIN N. GAYLORD. Present residence Cleveland, Ohio.

Children of Harriet and Orrin:

X—1. GRACE; born Sept. 9, 1866.

X—2. ELIJAH DEWITT; born June 4, 1868.

X—3. WILBERT NATHANIEL; born Feb. 7, 1870; died April 27, 1893.

X—4. EDWARD ALBERT; born Nov. 11, 1872.

X—5. EUGENE RAY; born June 4, 1875.

X—6. ROLLIN CONVERSE; born Nov. 9, 1884.

X—7. EMILY GLADYS; born Sept. 11, 1886.

IX—4. ELIZABETH (*Eliza, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Elyria, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1846. Unmarried.

VIII—2. SARAH (*William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Weathersfield, Vt., April 12, 1804; married, June 12, 1835, at Lodi, Medina Co., Ohio, JEREMIAH HIGBEE, born (probably) in Middletown, Conn., about 1792; died in Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1878. Sarah died in Lodi, Ohio, Sept. 12, 1842.

Children of Jeremiah and Sarah:

IX—1. EDWIN CONVERSE; born Sept. 7, 1837.

IX—2. JOSEPH CONVERSE; born Sept. 6, 1842.

IX—1. EDWIN CONVERSE (*Sarah, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born at Lodi, Ohio, Sept. 7, 1837; married at same place Oct. 23, 1860, MARY ELIZABETH HAINES. He is a member of the firm of Hower & Higbee, Dry Goods Merchants in Cleveland, Ohio.

Children of Edwin and Mary Elizabeth:

X—1. HOWARD HAINES; born Aug. 13, 1861.

X—2. WILLIAM TRION; born Oct. 24, 1867.

X—3. ANNA CONVERSE; born Aug. 2, 1870. Deceased.

X—4. MARY EMMA; born May 16, 1872.

X—5. EDITH ALICE; born Dec. 30, 1874.

IX—2. JOSEPH CONVERSE; son of Jeremiah and Sarah; born at Lodi, Medina Co., Ohio, Sept. 6, 1842; died Oct. 18, 1842.

VIII—3. WILLIAM (*William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Weathersfield, Vt., June

10, 1807; died June 19, 1889 at Pasadena, Cal.; married, first, Nov. 7, 1833, ELIZABETH ANN BURR of Litchfield, Ohio; married, second, ABBEY PITMAN COLMAN of Newport, R. I.

DR. WILLIAM studied at Dartmouth College; afterwards graduated at Miami Medical College at Oxford, Ohio. He practiced medicine at Medina Co., Ohio; removed to Princeton, Ill., in 1845. He entered upon enterprises of magnitude, building the largest block in Princeton; the City Hall and Dime Savings Bank in Chicago, where he removed in 1876. He was President of the last-named institution. From Chicago he went to Pasadena, Cal., in 1884; where, after investing his property, he secured a fine home, in which he quietly enjoyed the remainder of his life. His second wife survived him, and in 1896 was living in Chicago.

Children of William and Elizabeth Ann:

- IX—1. LUCIUS BURR; born Nov. 23, 1835.
- IX—2. JAMES ARABELLA; born June 9, 1838.
- IX—3. SARAH ELIZABETH; born June 14, 1840.
- IX—4. JAMES WILLIAM; born Dec. 19, 1843.
- IX—5. CHARLES HENRY; born May 23, 1847.
- IX—6. EDMUND DEWITT; born July 9, 1850.
- IX—7. ANNA MAY; born Nov. 19, 1853. All the living children were residents of Chicago in 1896.

IX—1. LUCIUS BURR (*William, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lodi, Ohio, Nov. 23, 1835; married MARY L. COLE at Grinnell, Iowa, June 20, 1871. She was born in Fredericktown, Ohio, July 28, 1843, and is a graduate of Oberlin College. When a lad Lucius accompanied his father to Princeton, Ill., and after graduating from a Business College, followed different lines of trade in Chicago, Amboy and Brooklyn, Iowa.

IX—2. JAMES ARABELLA; born at Lodi, Medina Co., Ohio, June 9, 1838; lived only five years.

IX—3. SARAH ELIZABETH (*William, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lodi June 14, 1840; married, March, 24, 1868, WILLIAM KELSEY REED of Princeton, Ill., born at Hartford, Conn., Oct. 26, 1837. They first went to Cuba, and later settled in Chicago. Sarah Elizabeth was educated at Mount Holyoke Seminary. Mr. Reed organized the Illinois Land & Loan Company after the plan of the Dime Savings Bank.

Children of William and Sarah:

X —1. KELSEY; born March 27, 1870; died March 13, 1876.

X —2. ELIZABETH GERTRUDE; born Oct. 4, 1872; died Feb. 1, 1886.

IX—4. JAMES WILLIAM (*William, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Lodi Dec. 19, 1843; prepared for mercantile business; early employed in Cleveland, Ohio; went into business for himself at Muscalene, and afterwards at Brooklyn, Iowa. For the last eighteen years he has occupied the position of Teller in the Dime Savings Bank of Chicago. Unmarried.

IX—5. CHARLES HENRY (*William, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Princeton, Ill., May 23, 1847; married, June 20, 1878, at Chicago, MARY E. WRIGHT, born in Wisconsin May 23, 1847. After graduating from the High School in Princeton, Ill., Charles Henry began mercantile life with his brothers in Brooklyn, Iowa, and continued in the same line with Orrin Gaylord at Vermilion, Ohio. He was also Teller in the Dime Savings Bank in Chicago, succeeding to similar positions of trust. He went to Pasadena, Cal.,

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for his health in 1883, returning to Chicago in 1892, where he resides at present.

Children of Charles and Mary:

X—1. BESSIE W.; born in Wisconsin Nov. 8, 1882.

X—2. INFANT; born April 1, 1887.

IX—6. DR. EDMUND (*William, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born at Princeton, Ill., July 9, 1850; married, first, MILLIE A. WATERMAN Dec. 19, 1882, who died March 19, 1887. She descended, on her mother's side, Adelaide Lawrence, from the French Huguenots, who fled to Holland, and in 1702 came to this country, having received a grant of land in the city of Brooklyn, L. I., from Queen Ann of England. Her great grandfather was Dr. John Duffield, surgeon in the Revolution of 1776, and served with great credit. Dr. CONVERSE married, second, Oct. 1, 1895, LUCY LE REBA DRIVER, born Jan. 17, 1874, at Belvidere, Ill. She was a graduate of DeKolt High School, and Bryant & Stratton's Business College.

DR. CONVERSE, after graduating at the Princeton, Ill., High School, attended Knox College at Galesbury, then the Northwestern University, graduating at the Chicago Medical College in 1874. In the same year he was appointed House Surgeon of Mercy Hospital. Subsequently he was House Physician in the United States Marine Hospital at Lake View, and Surgeon for the Northwestern Railroad. Desiring to pursue advanced studies, he attended Columbia University, New York City, where he graduated in 1876. He served by appointment as Assistant Physician in the Illinois Southern State Hospital for the Insane during three years. In 1879 he took the position of Division Surgeon in the Missouri Pacific Roy, running west from Atchison, Kan. He was President of the United States Examining Board of Pensioners,

and Division Surgeon of the Union Pacific Railway; is a member of the American Medical Association, the State Medical Society of Illinois, the Chicago Medical Society, and at present (1897) is practicing medicine and surgery in Chicago.

Child of Edward and Millie:

X—1. WILLIAM WATERMAN; born Aug. 28, 1886.

IX—7. ANNA MAY (*William, William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Princeton, Ill., Nov. 19, 1853; married, June 20, 1878, ARTHUR H. CADWALLADER of La Porte, Ind., born Feb. 6, 1836. Living in Chicago.

Children of Arthur and Anna:

X—1. EDITH C.; born April 2, 1879, at Chicago.

X—2. RUTH FOX; born June 18, 1883, at Chicago.

X—3. CONVERSE; born Nov. 28, 1888, at LaCrosse, Wis.

X—4. CATHERINE R.; born Nov. 28, 1892, at Chicago.

VIII—4. GEORGE HUNT (*William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Weathersfield, Vt., June 9, 1811. He was eccentric, if not unbalanced in mind; student in Middlebury College, Vermont; school teacher in Ohio; afterwards went further West. He was last heard from in Illinois, near Princeton, in 1845. He was never married, and is supposed to be dead.

VIII—5. JOSEPH DAVIS (*William, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Weathersfield, Vt., Aug. 2, 1818; died in Litchfield, Ohio, March 31, 1838.

VII—7. MARY (*Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Bedford, Mass., July 13, 1777; died Sept. 14, 1853; married, 1801, JOHN PUTNAM of Chesterfield, N. H., born in Winchester, N. H., May 10, 1761; died Nov. 17, 1849.

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The American ancestry of John Putnam was: 1. JOHN, of Aston Abbots, County Bucks, England, and of Salem, Mass.; son of NICHOLAS and MARGARET (Goodspeed) PUTNAM; born 1579; died Dec. 30, 1662. 2. THOMAS (grandfather of General Israel); born March 7, 1615; died May 5, 1686; married, first, Aug. 17, 1643, ANN HOLYOKE; married, second, Sept. 14, 1666, MARY VEREN. 3. EDWARD; born April 5, 1654; died March 10, 1747; married, June 14, 1681, MARY HALE. 4. ELISHA (father of General Rufus); born Nov. 3, 1685; died Jan. 10, 1745; married, first, Feb. 10, 1710, HANNAH MARBLE; married, second, Feb. 15, 1713, SUSANNA FULLER. 5. STEPHEN; born April 4, 1728; died March 5, 1803; married, March 14, 1755, MARY GIBBS. 6. JOHN.

JOHN PUTNAM was a resident of Chesterfield from his early boyhood until his death. After his marriage he occupied a village residence and farm, and was in independent circumstances. The town honored him by election to the office of Selectman for the years 1808, 1809, 1820, 1821, 1826. He represented the town at the General Court for the years 1816, 1817, 1818, and for a considerable period served on the Board of Trustees of Chesterfield Academy, an institution of some note during the early part of the present century.

The service of JOHN PUTNAM as a soldier in the Army of the Revolution is entered in the State Records of New Hampshire. The following is a certified copy by the Adjutant General, dated Feb. 28, 1894:

"I certify that the following mention is found on the Revolutionary Records of this office: In a return of men raised by the State of New Hampshire, under the command of Col. Hercules Mooney, for the Continental service at Rhode Island, 1779, the name of John Putnam of Chesterfield appears as a private enlisted July 8, 1779; discharged Jan. 16, 1780. The Company was commanded by Captain Ephraim Stone. In another place there is an account of thirty pounds bounty received by John Putnam, and eleven pounds for travel of one hundred and ten miles; in all, forty-one pounds, received from Selectmen of Chesterfield for enlisting in the Rhode Island service. Also a muster-roll of the men raised in the Sixth

Regiment of Militia of New Hampshire for the defense of Rhode Island in 1778; in a copy of the original in the Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C., the name of John Putnam of Chesterfield appears. Revolutionary Rolls, Vol. IV, p. 255."

Children of John and Mary:

- VIII—1. MARY ADELINE; born Oct. 30, 1802.
- VIII—2. ELIZABETH; born May 3, 1804.
- VIII—3. CHARLOTTE; born March 1, 1807.
- VIII—4. CHARLES LEWIS; born Sept. 10, 1810.
- VIII—5. FRANCES MARIA; born July 18, 1816; died June 29, 1817.
- VIII—6. JULIA; born Aug. 17, 1819.
- VIII—7. JOHN JAY; born May 21, 1823.

VIII—1. MARY ADELINE (*Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., Oct. 13, 1802; died in Newfane, Vt., June 22, 1890; married, Sept. 30, 1824, AUSTIN BURCHARD, born in Wilmington, Vt., Dec. 5, 1793; died Sept. 12, 1879.

MR. BURCHARD was a beloved uncle of Rutherford Burchard Hayes, President of the United States 1877–1881. In 1833 and 1834 he was a member of the Old Council, a co-ordinate branch of the Vermont State government; in 1841 he was elected one of the board of the Council of Censors; in 1846 he was State Senator. He conducted mercantile business for many years in Newfane, having branch stores in neighboring towns. In January, 1854, he was appointed Treasurer of the Windham County Savings Bank, located in Newfane, and held the office for twenty years. He was handicapped through all his busy life by the infirmity of deafness.

Children of Austin and Adeline:

- IX—1. CHARLES AUSTIN; born Aug. 23, 1825.
- IX—2. MARY ROXINA; born Feb. 13, 1827.
- IX—3. CHARLOTTE PUTNAM; born Sept. 23, 1828.
- IX—4. SARDIS; born April 21, 1842.

IX—1. CHARLES AUSTIN. (See before.)

IX—2. MARY ROXINA; born Feb. 13, 1827; unmarried; was killed in the horrible Ashtabula, Ohio, railroad disaster, Dec. 29, 1876.

IX—3. CHARLOTTE PUTNAM (*Adeline, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Newfane, Vt., Sept. 23, 1828; married, Sept. 18, 1851, ROLLIN CONVERSE DEWITT of Elyria, Ohio, who died in March, 1882.

[For CHILDREN see ROLLIN CONVERSE, page 67.]

IX—4. SARDIS; born in Newfane, Vt., April 21, 1842. At the age of twenty-one he enlisted, June 27, 1863, as a private in the Civil War. He was First Sergeant in Company L, 11th Vermont Regiment; was taken prisoner on the Weldon Railroad June 23, 1864, and carried to Andersonville, Ga., where he died Aug. 20 following. While dying with all the horrors and pangs of starvation, he entrusted to a comrade a parting message to be delivered to his aged parents, such as only a heart overflowing with patriotic and filial love could dictate.

VIII—2. ELIZABETH (*Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., May 3, 1804; died July 2, 1877; married, Jan. 10, 1822, DR. TIMOTHY S. GLEASON of Claremont, N. H., born in Grantham, N. H., May 31, 1789; died April 5, 1843. A physician of large practice.

Children of Timothy and Elizabeth:

IX—1. JOHN PUTNAM; born April 19, 1824.

IX—2. CHARLES WISTAR; born March 5, 1826.

IX—3. HENRY CLINTON; born Sept. 7, 1828.

IX—4. MARY CONVERSE; born Dec. 26, 1830.

IX—5. TIMOTHY ALEXANDER; born May 13, 1837.

IX—1. JOHN PUTNAM; son of Timothy and Elizabeth; born in Claremont, N. H., April 19, 1824; unmar-

ried; served three years in the War of the Rebellion; is at the Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee.

IX—2. CHARLES WISTAR; son of Timothy and Elizabeth; born in Claremont, N. H., March 5, 1826; died in California July 4, 1875. Unmarried.

IX—3. HENRY CLINTON (*Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Claremont, N. H., Sept. 7, 1828; married in Fond du Lac County, Wisconsin, April 22, 1854, LUCY JANE HACKETT.

Children of Henry and Lucy:

X—1. Three died in infancy.

X—4. ARIAN ELIZABETH; born July 12, 1859.

IX—4. MARY CONVERSE; daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth; born in Claremont, N. H., Dec. 26, 1830. Unmarried.

IX—5. TIMOTHY ALEXANDER (*Elizabeth, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Claremont, N. H., May 13, 1837; died Jan. 6, 1884; married, Oct. 22, 1861, CLARA A. (Wilson) TRIBOU, born in Middleboro, Vt., May 15, 1840.

Children of Timothy and Clara:

X—1. HARRIET GERTRUDE; born Nov. 22, 1864; married, Sept. 21, 1892, CHARLES DAVIES.

X—2. CHARLES TIMOTHY; born Nov. 4, 1867.

X—3. JAMES EDWIN; born March 27, 1872.

VIII—3. CHARLOTTE (*Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., March 1, 1807; died Sept. 22, 1858; married, 1829, DR. ROBERT S. GLEASON, brother of Timothy, and a physician in Claremont, N. H.

Children of Robert and Charlotte:

- IX—1. ELIJAH; born Sept. 16, 1830.
- IX—2. FRANCES PUTNAM; born June 20, 1834.
- IX—3. LEWIS PUTNAM; born March 7, 1840.

IX—1. **ELIJAH**; son of Robert and Charlotte; born in Claremont, N. H., Sept. 16, 1830; died June 13, 1858. Killed by explosion of the Mississippi steamer Pennsylvania, returning from New Orleans.

IX—2. **FRANCES PUTNAM**; daughter of Robert and Charlotte; born in Claremont, N. H., June 20, 1834; died Jan. 24, 1880. Unmarried.

IX—3. **LEWIS PUTNAM**; son of Robert and Charlotte; born in Claremont, N. H., March 7, 1840; married in Lewiston, Me., Jan. 6, 1875, SERENE MAYERS CARNEY of Dresden Mills, Me. No children.

VIII—4. **CHARLES LEWIS** (*Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., Sept. 10, 1810; died in Worcester, Mass., July 17, 1877; married at Keene, N. H., June 23, 1835, Rev. Z. S. Barstow officiating, DOROTHY FLAGG, who died at the same place Aug. 19, 1841, aged 26 years. An accomplished, sweet-tempered, Christian woman, early a victim of painful disease, which she endured to the last in the most admirable spirit of resignation.

CHARLES LEWIS graduated from Dartmouth College in the class of 1830; a lawyer; many years Secretary of the Merchants' and Farmers' Fire Insurance Company of Worcester; Vice-President of the State Mutual Life Insurance Company; member of the State Board of Insurance Commissioners; Representative to the General Court from Worcester.

Child of Charles and Dorothy:

IX—1. MARY FLAGG (*Charles, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Claremont, N. H., May 16, 1837; married, June 5, 1860, HON. JOHN DAVIS WASHBURN of Worcester, born in Boston March 27, 1833. He graduated from Harvard College in the class of 1853; received the degree of LL.B. in 1856; member of the Massachusetts Historical and American Antiquarian Societies; officer of Insurance Companies; Representative to the General Court, and State Senator. In 1889 MR. WASHBURN received the appointment of United States Minister to Switzerland, which office he resigned in 1892.

Child of John and Mary:

X—1. EDITH; born in Worcester, Mass., June 1, 1863; married, April 23, 1884, RICHARD WARD GREENE, born Dec. 5, 1861.

VIII—6. JULIA (*Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., Aug. 17, 1819; died Jan. 16, 1897; married, Dec. 14, 1840, ORRIN RAWSON, a merchant successively in Worcester and Boston, Mass.; Cleveland, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky.; born in Richmond, N. H., Oct. 12, 1812; died in Louisville Aug. 1, 1874.

The Rawsons were descended from EDWARD, of Newbury, Secretary of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay from 1650 to 1686. The ancestral line runs: 1. EDWARD. 2. WILLIAM. 3. DAVID. 4. JOSIAH. 5. JOSIAH. 6. JONATHAN. 7. ORRIN.

Children of Orrin and Julia:

IX—1. JULIA PUTNAM; born May 7, 1842.

IX—2. MARY; born Aug. 17, 1846.

IX—3. FANNY LOUISE; born Jan. 27, 1849.

IX—4. CHARLES EDWARD; born March 3, 1854.

IX—5. STELLA LAVINA; born Aug. 12, 1856.

IX—6. NELLIE CORA; born Sept. 8, 1859; died July 28, 1864.

IX—7. WILLIAM PUTNAM; born Jan. 7, 1863; died Dec. 4, 1876.

IX—1. JULIA PUTNAM (*Julia, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Worcester, Mass., May 7, 1842; married, Nov. 9, 1865, RANSOM Y. SCOWDEN in Louisville, Ky., who died Dec. 12, 1881.

MR. SCOWDEN was a Civil Engineer. He first served officially in Cleveland, Ohio; then, in 1857, in entire charge of the Water Works System of Louisville, Ky.; later on the Louisville and Portland Canal; chief engineer of the Cincinnati Water Works, 1870-1874; the Water Works and Sewerage System of Dubuque, Iowa; City Engineer of Louisville from 1875 to 1890. At the time of his death he had nearly completed a three million gallon Water Works Plant in Poughkeepsie.

IX—2. MARY CONVERSE (*Julia, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Boston Aug. 17, 1846; married, Sept. 16, 1868, WILLIAM VERNON WOLFE at Louisville, Ky., Lieutenant U. S. A. Died May 8, 1881.

Child of William and Mary:

X—1. ORRIN RAWSON; born June 10, 1869. He is Lieutenant in 22d Infantry, U. S. A., stationed in Montana.

IX—3. FANNY LOUISE (*Julia, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Boston Jan. 27, 1849; married, Jan. 13, 1875, LIEUT. GEORGE S. HOYT, U. S. A.; afterwards Captain and Assistant Quartermaster U. S. A.

When the War of the Rebellion broke out MR. HOYT, then living in Wisconsin, joined the United States Army, and was thereafter a military man. He was engaged in many of the principal battles of the war. He continued in service after the return of peace, and was stationed at different times at Ft. Reno, Ft. Russell, Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Hays and Jefferson Barracks. He was at Ft. Harrison, Helena, Montana, when stricken with the paralysis that caused his death in October, 1896.

Children of George and Fanny:

X—1. NELLIE; born Jan. 24, 1876; died June 6, 1876.

X—2. GEORGE S.; born in Louisville Nov. 5, 1885.

IX—4. CHARLES EDWARD (*Julia, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Boston March 3, 1854; married, Dec. 18, 1877, ADELIA R. POOL.

Child of Charles and Adelia:

X—1. ETHEL PUTNAM; born in Louisville Sept. 19, 1879.

IX—5. STELLA LAVINA (*Julia, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 12, 1856; married, July 21, 1875, THOMAS N. LINDSEY, a merchant in Louisville.

Children of Thomas and Stella:

X—1. THOMAS RAWSON; born July 16, 1878.

X—2. FANNY HOYT; born Nov. 28, 1880.

X—3. JULIA RAWSON; born Nov. 30, 1883.

IX—6. NELLIE CORA; daughter of Orrin and Julia; born in Louisville Sept. 8, 1859; died July 28, 1864.

IX—7. WILLIAM PUTNAM; son of Orrin and Julia; born in Louisville Jan. 7, 1863; died Dec. 4, 1876.

VIII—7. JOHN JAY (*Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Chesterfield, N. H., May 21, 1823; married by Rev. Joseph H. Phipps of East Bridgewater, Mass., May 9, 1860, ISABELLA, daughter of Dr. William and Hannah (Bigelow) PARKHURST of Petersham, Mass.

The BIGELOW ancestry is thus: 1. JOHN, 1617-1703, son of Randall Biglo of Wrentham, County of Suffolk, England; settled in Watertown, Mass.; married, first, MARY WARREN, Aug. 30, 1642; married, second, SARAH BEMIS, Oct. 2, 1694. 2. JOSHUA; born Nov. 5, 1655; married, Oct. 20, 1676, ELIZABETH FLAGG. 3. DANIEL;

bapt. Aug. 29, 1697; married ELIZABETH WHITNEY; parents of Colonel Timothy. 4. DANIEL; born Jan. 4, 1729; married, first, Nov. 21, 1751, MARY BOND; married, second, MARY BULLARD. 5. DANIEL; born April 14, 1752; married, April 20, 1783, ANNIE JOHNSON; graduated from Harvard College, 1775; Lawyer, County Attorney, member of the State Senate and Executive Council. 6. HANNAH; born July 19, 1792.

JOHN JAY was educated at the Academy of his native town, and later at Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, N. H. He was diverted from his purpose to take a collegiate course by impatience to enter upon theological studies. The societies over which he has been settled were: Liberal Christian Society in Lebanon, N. H.; First Congregational Church, Bolton, Mass.; First Congregational Parish, Petersham, Mass.; First Congregational Society, Bridgewater, Mass. Protracted supplies of pulpits in Keene and Concord, N. H., and Northampton and Leicester, Mass.

After the close of his ministry in Bridgewater Mr. Putnam entered upon a secular enterprise, in accepting a General Agency of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston for a large territory in Southern New England. This business adventure was followed from January, 1865, until June, 1879, Worcester being the headquarters of operations.

Children of John and Isabella:

IX—1. CHARLES CONVERSE (*John, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Bridgewater, Mass., Aug. 15, 1861; died in Worcester May 14, 1891. Graduated from Worcester Classical High School, 1880, and in the same year passed the entrance examination to Amherst College. His health was insufficient to warrant his undertaking the prescribed course of study, and the purpose was relinquished.

IX—2. JOHN PARKHURST (*John, Mary, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Worcester, Mass., March 12, 1867. Graduated from Worcester Classical High School in 1886; from Harvard University in 1891; three years special course in Harvard Divinity School. In 1894 received from Harvard the degree of A.M. A candidate for the Unitarian Ministry.

VII—8. JOSHUA (*Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born in Bedford, Mass., Aug. 19, 1786; died Sept. 4, 1833; married JOANNA, daughter of Silas HILDRETH of Chesterfield, N. H., who was born Jan. 5, 1796; died April 4, 1841.

JOSHUA was a physician; graduated from Dartmouth College; commenced practice in Schoharie Co., N. Y.; returned to Chesterfield, where he died.

Children of Joshua and Joanna:

VIII—1. GEORGE; unmarried; settled in Jay, Essex Co., N. Y.

VIII—2. CLINTON; died in infancy.

VIII—3. MARY; born Sept. 6, 1832.

VIII—3. MARY (*Joshua, Joseph, Joshua, John, James, James, Edward*); born Sept. 6, 1832; married in 1851 NATHANIEL WEBB of Chesterfield, N. H.

Children of Mary and Nathaniel:

IX—1. CHARLES F. C.; born Oct. 20, 1852.

IX—2. SARAH E.; born Dec. 21, 1854.

IX—3. HATTIE M.; born Feb. 3, 1857.

IX—4. GEORGE W.; born March 7, 1858.

IX—5. WILLIAM A.; born Sept. 30, 1861.

CONCLUDING WORDS.

Such personal notices on the preceding pages as are at all extended, relate almost exclusively to *male members* of the family. It may seem invidious that such is the case. The protest against lack of chivalry, or prejudiced oversight of the real service and noble characteristics attributable to the other sex, would pass for nothing. There must be further search for the real cause of noticeable omissions. Such search will be likely to draw attention to one of great social agitations of comparatively recent date, which has to do with the proper and rightful sphere and occupations of woman. If the field of activity which lies open to her to-day be compared with the confinement to strictly domestic concerns which stifled her ambition and cramped her energies during much of the period which our history has covered, it will be seen that little could have been written of the wives and daughters whose names appear in this family record. Public opinion would not allow them to occupy the platform or pulpit; to take part in the organization of towns, and in providing the means of education; to receive official appointments and select business callings,—in short, to employ their talents in the manifold ways adopted by their latter day sisterhood. In the seclusion of their homes, busy with a monotonous round of labor that rose scarcely above wearisome drudgery, they spent their daily strength and found their daily comforts. Their environment and range of operation absolutely prevented them from becoming makers of history, afterwards to be read by their descendants. Husbands and sons for the common defense were obliged to do military duty; they made settle-

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

Each person brings to the world a unique contribution. It is our duty to use this contribution to the best of our ability. We must not be content with a mediocre life, but strive for excellence in all we do. We must be true to our principles and stand for what is right, even if it means facing opposition. We must also be kind and compassionate to all people, for we are all part of the same human family. In the end, it is not the material things we accumulate, but the good we have done and the love we have given that will truly matter. Let us live our lives with purpose and meaning, and leave the world a better place than we found it.

ments, planted churches and schools; were forced to take part in all local affairs, and thus had opportunity to make a record of service worthy of transmission to their posterity. All this while, hand, intellect and heart were engaged in a ministry of blessing within domestic circles, where capacity and fidelity were as marked as in many whose ability and qualities of character were shown on a broader arena of life. The age in which we live clamors for a change that will secure a more equitable distribution of duties, and recognition of the work and influence of man and woman in the world; so that the story of their lives will be less one-sided than in the past. The rearing of a family, including the direction of an orderly and happy home, may be as important as the building of a state, or the management of mammoth business enterprises. But clearly, in the first instance, the sphere of action is narrower, and the work done is not open to the gaze of the multitude. It would be out of place to argue here the question suggested by these remarks. A movement is well started that will rectify the disparities noticed without imperiling a valued social system. The day of woman's emancipation has already dawned; and that it was not earlier heralded is the reason for this apologetic explanation that more has not been recorded on these pages of her devotion and achievements. Yet, what other distinction is to be compared with that of having deserved the tender and affectionate tribute paid to so many mothers and daughters by the epigrammatic epitaphs still to be read on the moss-covered headstones to be found in however lonely and neglected burial-grounds? *Proverbs xxxi: 10-31.*

Appendix.

JAMES COGSWELL CONVERSE.

(Autobiographical. See pages 57, 58.)

My education was acquired in the village school until I was about fifteen years of age. I was then sent to the Academy at Chester, Vt. In 1823 I was sent to Keene, N. H., to be fitted for college. Returning home in the fall of the same year, I learned that my father wished me to keep school during the winter to obtain the money necessary for my college expenses. But having a desire to enter upon mercantile life, I became impatient at the delay of a college course, and consequently determined to start at once on my chosen pursuit. This led to a discussion with my father, and the result was that he started with me in his "one-horse shay" to visit an old merchant friend in Putney, Vt., Captain Green. On arriving at Putney I was pleased to learn that Captain Green had an opening for me in a branch store at West Townshend, Vt. I was left to enter his service, remaining with him about one year, and leaving of my own choice to carry out a plan I had formed of going to Boston.

Arriving in Boston in February, 1826, I took lodgings at the Holland Coffee House, Howard Street. My first year there I worked for \$3.00 per week. By taking an attic chamber I was enabled to get boarded for the same sum. I worked along, living very carefully until 1832; engaged in business for myself as junior partner in the firm of Farrington & Converse. In 1836 I formed a copartnership with John Blanchard, under the firm name, Blanchard, Converse & Co.

When in business at this time, we were largely engaged in Southern and Western trade, and suffered considerably for the want of better transportation facilities, as at that time Boston was far behind New York in this particular. For nine successive years, from 1843 to 1852, I personally visited what was then considered the "far West," canvassing for trade in competition with New York, and found the chief obstacle to building up a trade was the lack of transportation facilities.

In the spring of 1852, before leaving for my usual trip West, I formed the plan of organizing the merchants of Boston into a body, to meet the condition of things indicated. After some consultation with the leading merchants, a preliminary meeting was called to consider the matter, which resulted in the formation of the Boston Board of Trade, organized under an Act of the Legislature, approved May 10, 1854. Samuel Lawrence was chosen first president. I served as director; as committee on finance and transportation; as vice-president from 1860 to 1863; as president from 1863 to 1865; and as chairman of committees on transportation during my connection with the board, which continued until I left the State.

A convention was held in Philadelphia June 5, 1868, for the organization of a National Board of Trade, to which I was appointed a delegate from the Boston Board of Trade. The organization being complete, I was chosen vice-president and member of the executive council, serving till my removal to Pennsylvania. In the address of welcome by Hon. John Welch, president of the Philadelphia Board of Trade (since U. S. minister to England), occurs the following:

"In July, 1865, I had the honor to be a member of a Commercial Convention held in Detroit. During its session Mr. James C. Converse of Boston submitted two propositions, one for the creation of an additional department for the National Government, in whose charge should be all subjects connected with commerce; the other for the establishment of a National Board of Trade; a representative body to concentrate the commercial sentiment of the country, and through which to impart this to the community. A multitude of other subjects, seemingly of more immediate importance, were pressed on the attention of the convention, while these, with a hasty approval, were referred to the Boston Board of Trade, that, if possible, by its direct instrumentality, and by the co-operation of kindred institutions, they might be carried with effect.

"True to its trust, that active, intelligent and efficient body has kept them both in view, and at a convention held in Boston in February last, certain Articles of Association were determined on as a basis for a National Board of Trade. In accordance therewith, at the instance of the Boston Board of Trade, and on the invitation of the Commercial Exchange of Philadelphia, and the Philadelphia Board of Trade, you, gentlemen, are assembled to-day as representatives from the incorporated commercial bodies of the United States.

"The presence of this large assemblage is the assurance that the one proposition—a National Board of Trade—has already an existence, and as the other is a necessity, it likewise will soon spring into being.

"It is not always the case that he who plants can enjoy the fruit of his planting ; but in this instance I am happy to-day to recognize among us Mr. Converse himself, whose thoughtful forecast has been the means of bringing us together, and whose name, I trust, will be ever associated with these two instrumentalities, which are calculated to be so eminently useful."

Mr. Converse's sketch continues : While chairman of the Boston Board of Trade, I presented to the Massachusetts Legislature a petition for redress of transportation grievance of the city. This resulted in the appointment of a Board of State Railroad Commissioners, of which I was the chairman in 1869. After serving for a term of four years, although strongly urged to continue in office, I resigned to accept the position of president of the National Tube Works, engaging in the active service of the company, with a view of superintending the construction of its works at McKeesport, Pa., near Pittsburg. I remained at McKeesport four years, during which time I was constantly employed in laying the foundation of many branches of the now large iron works located there.

ALLEN CONVERS OF WOBURN.

It is a matter of record that one Allen Convers was living in Salem, Mass., in 1629. *Who was he ?* When, and from where, did he come to this country ? What was his relationship, if any, to the pioneer Edward ? It appears that for some reason he was drawn to Woburn, where Edward was already a leading man in town and church affairs. He located there in 1642, among the earliest settlers. Thirty-six years later he was a school teacher in town ; and his wife is mentioned as receiving a salary for like services. He died of small-pox April 19, 1679, his wife surviving him only three days. Their children were : Zechariah, Elizabeth, Sarah, Joseph, Mary, Theophilus, Samuel, Mary 2d, and Hannah,—all supposed to have been born in Woburn. Their records are not traceable with any clearness. On the authority from which the above facts are ob-

tained—Mr. Alfred C. Vinton, in Woburn Record of Marriages, Part III, p. 331—it is learned that “though his immediate family was thus numerous, his race is perhaps now extinct.” The obscurity of the case is increased by the will of Edward Convers, in which Allen is mentioned as my *kinsman*—a designation that admits of some latitude of interpretation.

Side by side dwelt these two families ; one steadily making a local reputation, and the other leaving no mark whatever ; the one greatly multiplying generation after generation, and the other early becoming extinct. Their intimacy or separation is wholly conjectural. The confusion of family names to the genealogist is what might be expected. The future can only darken the mystery, the key to its solution having been long lost. There is a legal document in which kinship was acknowledged ; but no one knows what it was.

Allen immigrated to this country earlier than Edward. They may or may not have known each other abroad. Identity of name would have been a mutual attraction far away from their native land. Savage supposes they may have been brothers, but the records do not favor this surmise. No known feud had alienated them. No dark suspicions have been raised ; but the circumstances connected with the parties are a puzzle to the genealogist.

COLLATERAL FAMILY BRANCHES.

EDWARD CONVERS the First, of Woburn, had *four* children ; James the Second, *ten* ; James the Third, *nine* ; John the Fourth, *five* ; Joshua the Fifth, *three* ; in all thirty-one, whose names appear on the preceding pages. Of this list, by far the larger number became heads of separate families ; and their children and grandchildren in like manner multiplied offshoots from the early ancestral stock. Hence the difficulty, increasing with every generation, of tracing more than a single line of descent.

In the common walks of life, in society, in business, in the associations of the church, and the whole round of entertainments, persons bearing the same patronymic are often introduced ; and naturally the question of family and relationship is suggested. The chances are that the particular sources of inherited names cannot be indicated ; and whether the connection be near or distant must be left

unsettled. The reason of the embarrassment, if any, has been explained. The writer remembers that once, on being introduced to the Rev. Dr. Putnam of Roxbury, he abruptly put the challenging question—"What right have you to your name?"—not expecting, of course, any genealogical details in reply. The multiplication of family histories is greatly enlarging the circle of known relationships, and often of intimate friends. The barriers of exclusiveness yield to the magic potency of household names. One group takes kindly to another, while a broadening interest yields its own satisfactions.

1. JOHN CONVERS⁶ (sometimes confounded with JOHN⁴, of Woburn), a brother of Joshua⁵, married Abigail Baldwin about 1727. This family, as the evidence points, moved to Leicester, Mass. The children were: John; born July 31, 1728. Benjamin; born May 20, 1732. Luke; born October 6, 1734. Robert; born April 20, 1737. Abigail, born March 5, 1739. The last four were born in Leicester.

Benjamin married Prudence Harrington of Spencer in 1754. With little doubt he was the person whose name appears on the list of Leicester's minute men who marched on the alarm of 19th April, 1775. Luke married Ruth Lamb of Spencer, 1759. The records point to him as the man who enlisted in 1754 in the service of the French and Indian war. Robert married Sarah Newton, 1762. There were nine children. See Washburn's "History of Leicester."

2. ZEBULON CONVERS, a younger brother of Joseph, of Bedford, settled in Rindge, N. H. There were numerous descendants who kept their residence in that locality. See "History of Rindge," by Stearns.

3. The only catalogued book on (exclusively) Convers Genealogy is one bearing the title, "Extract from the Family Record of Deacons James W. Converse and Elisha S. Converse, compiled and edited by William G. Hill, Malden, Mass. Privately printed, 1887." This Record shows the line of descent of the persons named from the first Edward, thus:

Edward¹, of Woburn; b. Jan. 30, 1590; d. Aug. 10, 1663.

Samuel², of Woburn; bap. Mar. 12, 1637; d. Feb. 20, 1669.

Samuel³, of Thompson, Conn.; b. April 4, 1662; d. ab. 1732.

Edward⁴, of Thompson, Conn.; b. Sept. 25, 1696; d. July 9, 1784.

*Jonathan*⁶, of Thompson, Conn.; bap. Apr. 28, 1723; d. —, 1761.

*Jonathan*⁶, of Thompson, Conn.; b. Jan. 27, 1760; d. Oct. 25, 1845.

*Elisha*⁷, of Woodstock, Conn.; b. June 19, 1786; d. Jan. 26, 1854.

The two sons of Elisha⁷, James W. and Elisha S. Converse, are much esteemed citizens of Malden, the place of their residence, where church and municipality have long shared the benefits of their unstinted co-operation, not to speak of wider circles. The mention of the memorial gift to the city of a costly and admirably equipped Public Library by the latter, it would be affectation and injustice to omit, however modestly the benefaction may have been bestowed.

4. The late Rev. JOHN KENDRICK CONVERSE, of Burlington, Vt., is remembered for the intelligent interest he manifested in the history of the Converse Family. The sketch of foreign ancestry which appears in the "History of Rindge," N. H., on the authority of his son, was from his pen. It will gratify many to follow his line of descent: *Edward*¹, *Samuel*², *Samuel*³, *Thomas*⁴, *Joel*⁵, *John Kendrick*⁶; born in Lyme, N. H., June 15, 1801; died in Burlington Oct. 3, 1880; married Sarah, daughter of Hon. Herman Allen, M. C. Seven children—three sons and four daughters.

MR. CONVERSE graduated from Hampden Sidney College in 1827, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1832; was Pastor of Congregational Church in Burlington, Vt., from 1832 to 1844; Principal of Burlington Female Seminary for twenty-five years; Superintendent of Public Schools, and Secretary of the Vermont Colonization Society. A recently erected Public School Building in Burlington is named "The Converse School," in memory of him; also a new Dormitory Building of the University of Vermont called "Converse Hall;" the latter a gift to the University by a son, John Herman Converse, who, with a brother, Charles Allen Converse, both graduates of this institution, are prosperous business men in Philadelphia, and otherwise connected with various societies and organizations of the city.

5. CHARLES CROZAT CONVERSE, of Highwood, N. J., is another lineal descendant from the first Edward; thus: *Edward*, *Samuel*, *Samuel*, *Edward*, *Jacob*, *Jacob*, *Manning*, *Charles Crozat*. The last named was born in Warren, Mass., 1831; graduated in Music at Leipsic, 1857, and in Law, 1861. Author of several publications in Literature and Music. He has been deeply interested in tracing

the family lines farther back than the immigrant ancestor, and has contributed the result of some of his researches to the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*. More may be expected from his pen.

6. Within a short time a book has been published in Chicago giving the Genealogy of the Ancestors and Descendants of Pamela (Converse) Morris. This Pamela Converse was the sixth in descent from Deacon Edward, of Woburn; thus: *Pamela, Jesse, Josiah, Josiah, James, James, Edward*. Not having the book at hand, no information can be given pointing to *residences* of the members of the last three generations of this branch; but they are supposed to be outside of New England.

7. As appears from a Circular of Invitation, dated Plain City, O., July 18, 1896, there is an Association of members of a Converse Family in that vicinity that for twenty-three years has held annual reunions of a most cordial and friendly character. Their officials speak of "a whole-souled social visit." Who are these kindred of such warm-heartedness and loyalty to family ties?"

Fragmentary sketches of Converse families are to be found in many New England Town Histories. They are detached links in some line of descent which it is not always easy to trace, and primarily intended to satisfy a local interest. Court records are also a source of information in genealogical researches, as also gravestones, that tell authentically of names, dates and relationships, so as to fill many a blank in the pages of the historian. The traditions that are lost by the daily passing away of elderly persons of intelligence and retentive memory, remind all of the necessity of securing what they can from lips that soon will relate nothing of departed generations. What is secured now is not only of present worth, but will have a surprisingly increased value as the years roll on.

THE MORAL SENSE THEN AND NOW.

On a preceding page the names of Richard Goldsmith and Increase Mather have been associated in connection with the sudden fatality that befell the former on a Sunday afternoon in 1673. Mather's description of the character of Mr. Goldsmith in his work on "*Remarkable Providences*," in style and sentiment is a unique

literary specimen that cannot fail to excite interest in the modern reader. It is as follows :

" Richard Goldsmith, who was thus slain, was a shoemaker by trade, being reputed a good man in the main ; but he had blemished his Christian profession by frequently breaking his promise, it being too common with him (as with many professors among us) to be free and forward in engaging, but backward in performing ; yet this must be added further that half a year before his death, God gave him a deep sense of his evils, and he made it his business, not only that his peace might be made with God, but with man also, unto whom he had given just offense. He went up and down bewailing his great sin of promise-breaking, and even became a very conscientious and lively Christian, promoting holy and edifying discourses, as he had occasion. At the very time he was struck dead he was speaking of some passages of the sermon he had newly heard, and his last words were, ' Blessed be the Lord.' "

Apart from its seriousness and pathos, the humor of this sketch, as read to-day, is in the fact that uncounted shoemakers, garment-makers, craftsmen and artisans of whatever sort, not to except members of the various professions, are proverbially careless about the peccadillo of promise-breaking. They are jocose and unconcerned when reminded that they have not kept their contracts to the letter. Rarely they humiliate themselves by an apology. They would smile if the matter was treated seriously, as if the moral law of contract had been deliberately broken, and shield their delinquency behind prevailing custom. Yet, this humble Richard Goldsmith, pegging away wearily the live-long day at his bench in the poorly requited service of his neighborhood ; possibly hindered by chronic disability, or emergency calls from his family ; perhaps losing a needed meal to gain time for his promised work ; often finding the rents to be mended more troublesome than he had hastily judged,—taking the whole situation into account, at last found himself unable to meet his stipulated engagements with his employers,—and what then ? For a time he was hardened against censure, and succumbed to no feeling of remorse ; but repeated accusations drove his thoughts inward, till at last he was quite overcome by the pang of conscious guilt. In a state of distraction he rushed wildly up and down bewailing his heinous offenses. Through much contrition—long and passionate beseeching for mercy, how glad one might be

that he found peace and hope, and experienced a joyful recovery.

Such is the contrast of the times. Puritan training showed itself not only in austere piety, but in profound moral conviction. It bore upon common duties. Righteousness, such as the old-time prophets enjoined, meant something real and solemn in the days when on the one hand the Sovereignty of God was contemplated with an awe bordering on terror ; and on the other, when the violation of the divine law governing human conduct took the severe name of rebellion, and was proclaimed to be a voluntary choice of satanic rule, with the fearful hazard of sharing the doom of the Rich Man in the Parable. *Motives* may be questioned, but somehow the moral sense was reached at lower depths in the days of the forefathers than in the easy-going times into which the lot of their descendants has been cast.

NOTE.—A History of the Goldsmith Family is in course of preparation by Mr. G. H. Chapin of Dorchester, who has generously furnished some of the material used in the branch of Sarah Converse Goldsmith of Andover. Family affection and loyalty are strongly shown by Miss H. Elizabeth Giddings, a granddaughter of Sarah, who has gathered all that is to be known of her kindred for a generation or two back, and loves to tell of them to any really interested inquirer.



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