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# DAMON MEMORIAL;

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### NOTICES OF

# THREE DAMON FAMILIES

WHO CAME FROM

### OLD ENGLAND TO NEW ENGLAND

IN THE XVIITH CENTURY.

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"Out of the distant, dim and shadowy Past, Our Name and Families arise at last."

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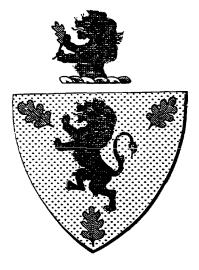
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IN THE
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### SHERMAN COAT OF ARMS.



"CREST, a demi-lion rampant; oak leaves in each corner of the shield. A lion rampant in the centre of the shield."

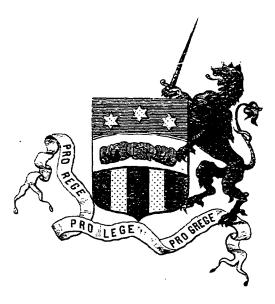
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### DAMON COAT OF ARMS.



"A lion rampant—azure—over a Jess gules three martlets argent."—Page 96.

### DAMON COAT OF ARMS.



"The very ancient Coat of Arms of this family consists of a shield in three parts. In the upper part, of azure, three stars argent, in the middle of argent with two "pals" gold in field of red. The descendants of Henry Damon add a lion which defends the shield, with the motto."—Page 97.



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# INTRODUCTORY.

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The settlement of New England in the Seventeenth Century is a notable event in the history of modern times. Bancroft estimates that four thousand families during that century left England for that part of America. He also conjectures that each family "multiplied on an average to one thousand souls; and their descendants are now not far from four millions." These millions are now scattered from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the great lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. Among the early immigrants were three, by the name of Damon.

Among this scattered and thriving population, although intermingled with the millions of other nationalities and races, it is possible to trace out the distinct genealogies of very many of the original English families. This interesting and important historical and genealogical undertaking is now in process of accomplishment. It is estimated that in not less than six hundred of these families, this work has already been accomplished, with a tolerable degree of accuracy, and with the most satisfactory results. Allowing thirty years to a generation, these historical and genealogical researches will cover only about eight or ten generations; hence the real difficulties may be overcome, when a careful search is made among Town and Church

Records, Family and Probate Records, and general history.

The author having expatriated himself from the shores of New England in the middle of the nineteenth century, as his ancestors did from Old England in the middle of the seventeenth century, desires to trace out the genealogy of his own family and that of the two other families, by the same name, so far as the unmethodical and historical materials in his possession will allow.

The family name, DAMON, during the past three hundred years, is discovered as spelled in many different ways, -viz.: Daman, Damman, Dammon, Damond, Daymon, Daming, Damon. The last has finally come to be that adopted by all branches of the three original families settling in America, while in England one family spells the name Daman and another Damon. The earliest mention of the name, in English history, is that of William Damon, author of a book of Music, published in 1591, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. A copy of this book is now in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. The name Damman is now common in Belgium, and Damon is occasionally met with in France. These facts were learned during the author's travels through those countries in the summer of 1880. F. W. Damon, while Secretary of the Hawaiian Legation, at Berlin, Germany, thus comments upon the name, in a letter under date of January 22, 1880: "Delightful as is the study of genealogy, at the same time it is slightly tantalizing. One goes back to a certain period and then comes to a sudden halt. I want to reach farther back, for instance, with our own name Damon. This purely classical name, is a source of much inquiry in my mind. How, when and why did this poetic name step out of Latin verse, into the practical and prosaic walks of every day life? How did we come to fill the long gap between the Poetic Damon and the John Damon?"

The late Rev. David Damon, D. D., of West Cambridge, Mass., who died June 25, 1843, devoted much attention to researches relating to the Damon families. A manuscript volume of more than twenty closely written pages remains as the fruit of his labors. This manuscript, or a copy, was carefully preserved by A. F. Damon, a merchant of Philadelphia. Another highly important source of information is Eaton's History of Reading, published in 1874. The History of the Fiske family, of Amherst, N. H., is a store-house of information relating to that branch of the Damon family, intermarrying with the Fiskes of New Hampshire. Town and Family records are the valuable aids which will be thorougly searched out by every writer upon genealogies.

Descendants of the three original families are now scattered through several of the Eastern States, including Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont. Some have migrated to the Middle and North Western States, while others have made their homes on the shores of the Pacific and Hawaiian Islands. It will not be possible, from materials now collected, to trace out each separate family, and give an unbroken genealogical line, showing on which branch of the genealogical tree each member may hang his name. A

careful study of the subject, however, fully convinces the author that there is not a person in the United States bearing the name of Damon, who may not trace back his genealogy, to either John or Thomas Damon of Reading, Mass., or John Damon of Scituate, Mass. It has been found impossible to trace out the exact relationship of these families to each other, or to assert that they were related before immigrating from England to America. The late Jonas M. Damon, of Lancaster, Mass., in a letter, dated April 13th, 1879, writes: "In regard to the three brothers, viz.: John, Thomas and Samuel, my authority is this, Savage in his Genealogical Dictionary, page 4th, says that, 'John Damon, and his si ter Hannah, were first to reach this country from England, about the year 1629. They settled in Scituate. About four years after their arrival, these three brothers came over to their Uncle Gilson, who was their guardian.' This statement is founded upon records at the 'Damon Mansion,' in Reading." Relying upon this authority, the Damons of Scituate and of Reading, originally belonged to the same family before immigrating to America, although the Damon family of Scituate, came from the county of Kent, a d the other families came from Reading, England, and originally settled in Reading, Mass. Eaton in his history of Reading, says, that "Thomas was perhaps a brother of John." (See page 60.) But respecting the Samuel referred to, no subsequent mention is ever made of his name, in any history or records, which have fallen under the notice of the author.

The Three Damon Families, to which reference is

now made, are those of John Damon of Scituate, John Damon of Reading, and Thomas Damon of Reading. A son of the latter removed from Reading, and settled in that part of Massachusetts now known as Wayland, hence the family of Thomas, is usually referred to, as the Wayland f. mily.

While the principal object of the author was originally to learn a few authentic particulars respecting his own immediate ancestry, yet as he has pursued the subject through many difficulties for several years, corresponding with branches of the three families and while traveling through the United States and England visiting various places connected with their homes, the subject has so broadened as to become invested with a peculiar fascination. He has been allured forward, from one stage of investigation to another, until he can most heartily subscribe to the following sentiments of the Rev. B. W. Dwight, author of those four goodly sized volumes of the genealogies of the Dwight and Strong families:

"Great and varied are the charms of genealogical "research. It is pleasant to discover the forms and "elements of ancestral virtue, to trace right beginnings "of hope and adventure, though small in themselves, "to their far off issues when great, to walk with open and delighted vision along the highway of God's cove- and keeping mercies through many generations. "There will come a day, and that not long hence, when no form of historical investigation will be more appreciated or better rewarded than thorough, compre- hensive and genealogical studies."

It is with much hesitation and diffidence that the author of these pages presumes to print, although he does not publish what he has gathered from so many sources. He has been compelled to carry forward his search for data while residing in the heart of the Pacific, many thousand miles away from that part of the world where the actors here mentioned, resided and made their homes. The newness of the field of investigation has been a constant and great obstacle in his pathway. Not fancying that his little book is free from errors and misstatements, he, nevertheless, sends it forth among those bearing the name of Damon.

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Manuscript History of the Damon Families, by Rev. D. Damon, D. D.

Cotton Mather's Magnalia.

Eaton's History of Reading, Mass.

Damon's History of Holden.

Town Records of Scituate, Dedham, Holden, Lexington, and other towns of Mass.

Dwight's Genealogy of the Dwight and Strong Families.

Savage's Genealogical Dictionary.

Bliss' Commemorative Sketch of Wakefield (Reading) Congregational Church.

Orcutt's History of Torrington, Ct.

Marvin's History of Lancaster, Mass.

Bond's Genealogies and History of Watertown, Mass.

Church Records, Reading, Mass., and Reading, Eng.

Correspondence with the descendants of the Damon Families in England and America.

"It is not the least debt we owe unto History, that it hath made us acquainted with our dead Ancestors."

SIR WALTER RALEIGH.

I.

## READING FAMILY.

DEACON, JOHN DAMON, 1620-1708.

"A man of note and pious will."

-Eaton's Bi-Centennial Poem, 1844.

sachusetts, was born in 1620, in Reading, Massachusetts, was born in 1620, in Reading, Berkshire Co., England. He was baptized June 25th, of the same year, "John," and was the son of John Damon, as appears upon the Parish Record of the St. Lawrence Church, Reading. The copy was made by Rev. Henry Daman, A. M., a master at Eton, July 9, 1880, who adds, "the writing is clear and unmistakable." It is a noteworthy coincidence, that this baptism occurred during the beautiful month of June, when the Pilgrims were making their arrangements to sail for the new world. During the last

of June, the "Mayflower" crossed over to July 1st, the Pilgrims left Leyden, on the 21st of the month they embarked at Delft Haven, and August 5th sailed from Southampton. Years of persecution followed. The Puritans finding no rest under Charles I. and Archbishop Land, many thousands of England's best subjects left never to return. Among them in 1633, the youth John Damon sails for America. landing, he found employment in the vicinity of Nahant, and in the township of Lynn. This part of the country was settled at a very early date. Colonists were attracted thither on account of the good fishing and agricultural inducements. Indian corn was their first crop. Remarks one historian, "Their corn was pounded with a wooden or stone pestle, in a mortar made of a large log, hollowed out at one end." A poet of an early date, thus speaks of their food:

- "If fresh meat be wanting to fill up our dish,
  We have carrots, and pumpkins and turnips and fish;
  And if there's a mind for a delicate dish,
  We hasten to the clam banks, and there we catch fish."
- "'Stead of pottage, and puddings, and custards and pies. Our turnips and parsnips are common supplies. We have pumpkins at morning, and pumpkins at noon, If it was not for pumpkins we should be undone."
- "Then you whom the Lord intends hither to bring, Forsake not the honey for fear of the sting; But bring forth a quiet and contented mind, And all needful blessings you surely will find."

The inhabitants of Lynn appear to have lived in those early days in most Arcadian simplicity. "In the most perfect democracy, they had town meetings every three months. They cut their wood in common, and drew lots for the grass in the meadows and marshes. The first settlers of Lynn were principally farmers."

Among the thriving inhabitants of Lynn, our vouthful and adventurous colonist commenced his life in America. At the age of 25 he becomes registered as a Freeman\* of Reading, the township having been set off from Lynn the previous year, 1644. He appears to have been upon intimate terms with some of the best people of Boston, for about the year 1645 he married Abigail Sherman, daughter of Richard Sherman, a merchant of that city. According to Rev. II. B. Sherman, of Esopus, N. Y., Richard Sherman was the uncle of the famous Rev. John Sherman, Pastor of Watertown, Mass. From the will of Richard Sherman, dated April 7th, 1660, it appears that he had four daughters, of whom Abigail was the youngest, viz.: Ann, Priscilla, Martha,

<sup>\*</sup> Those who wished to become Freemen were required to be members in good standing of the Congregational Church, and to take a solemn oath of allegiance to the Commonwealth, binding themselves to maintain the laws thereof. None but Freemen were allowed to hold office or to vote on public affairs. In 1664, this regulation was so modified as to admit all who could procure from the clergy certificates of being sound in doctring and correct in morals. This law continued in force in Massachusetts till about 1820.

and Abigail, to each of whom he bequeathed £10, besides an interest in his real estate.\* His religious character and standing in this growing settlement may be inferred from his being chosen a deacon of the first church of Reading. His wife Abigail's name is recorded among the original members of the church in Reading.

According to Eaton, the Historian of Reading, "John Damon settled on the common, where was formerly the Quinnapowitt House." He also lived on the old Damon homestead, on Cowdry Hill, where the author visited the site of his house and the deserted cellar, in 1876. The late J. M. Damon, of Lancaster, thus remarks, "As early as 1639 the inhabitants of Lynn village, petitioned the Colonial government, for more land. A grant of 160 acres was granted to each on condi-

<sup>\*</sup> The Damon and Sherman families intermarried in the 17th Century. It is a singular and interesting genealogical fact, that after two hundred years they should have again intermarried—Rev. S. C. Damon to Julia Sherman Mills, who is a lineal descendant of Rev. John Sherman, of Watertown, as will more fully appear on a subsequent page.

The Rev. John Sherman, and his uncle Richard, descend from the Shermans of Dedham, England, the Parish where the famous Martyr John Rogers lived and officiated. Edmund Sherman was the father of Richard, and was also closely connected with the common ancestor of Roger Sherman, General Sherman, and the numerous descendants of that name scattered all over United States. He bequeathed houses and lands in Dedham, to found a school for the "poore" of the parish, which went into operation, 1601, and said school has received subsequent bequests by members of the family. Hester, a half sister of Rev. J. Sherman, married Andrew Ward, the lineal ancestor of Rev. H. W. Beecher.—[Rev. H. B. Sherman, Esopus, N. Y.

tion that he raise 30 bushels of Indian corn in two years, and the account (copied from the records at the State House, Boston) says, that, 'John Damon, bringing good and satisfactory evidence, to that effect, and being a man of substance, having much cattle, took his lot on Bear Brook, at the head of the great pond." His son Samuel became an occupant of this "lot," and in 1751, his grandson built on the site, the Damon Mansion, in that day regarded as one of the best dwellings in Middlesex Co. Six generations have occupied that home, and, adds our informant of the 6th generation, "the descendants of the first Samuel have all lived to old age. They lived from 73 to 97 years of age. My father's youngest sister is still living in Amherst, N. H., at 93, and Mrs. Swain, of Nashua, at 90; Timothy Damon, my grandfather's uncle, and one of the first settlers of Westminster, I saw at the age of 97."

From the records of both Church and Town, it appears that John Damon was a man of influence and integrity. Doubtless it was owing to that influence that Reading\* was so named, after the city of that name, his birth-place in England.

<sup>\*</sup>The author while spending a few weeks in the vicinity of Reading, England, during the winter of 1870, often visited that beautiful city, and admired its ruined old Abbey, founded by Henry I, in 1121, and designed to accommodate 200 Benedictine Monks and weary travelers. His interest in the city would have been enhanced, had he then known, what he has since learned, that his lineal ancestor, John Damon, had been born there !— Vide Friend, June. 1870.

His descendants are exceedingly numerous, and are now to be found, not only in Reading, but in other parts of Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, California, and the Sandwich Islands.

His children were as follows:

John, born	1651
John 2d, born	.1652
Abigail, born	1654
Samuel, born	1656
Joseph, bornSept. 28,	1661

A grandson of the original John, and son of his son John 2d, removed to Charlestown, and founded the Damon family which has flourished there for nearly 200 years. His youngest son Joseph, removed to Dedham, Mass., and founded a family, from which the author descended, as will be made to appear on a subsequent page.

From a careful reading of the History of Reading and other sources of information, the descendants of the original founder of the family, have occupied an important position in both the Church and Town. Many are still living in Reading. Deacon Edgar Damon, of the old South Church, is a lineal descendant of Deacon John Damon. During the past two hundred and fifty years the Damons have married and intermarried with nearly every prominent family of the town. "As we should expect," remarks the Rev. C. R. Bliss, in his commemorative discourse, delivered in 1876, "some descendants of those early families

have become prominent in the world. list of Deacons we find three of the name of Bancroft, they were all lineal ancestors of the Hon. Geo. Bancroft, the American Historian; among our members is the honored name of Boutwell, he was an ancestor of the Hon. G. S. Boutwell, U. S. Senator of this State; very early among our members occurs the name of Dix,—Ralf Dix was probably the ancestor of the Hon. J. A. Dix, Ex-Governor of N. Y. One of our earliest Deacons was John Damon, he was an ancestor of Dr. S. C. Damon, now and for many years, missionary at the Sandwich Islands. Thomas Parker, was one of our earliest deacons, his Puritan orthodoxy did not though his blood did flow in the veins of Theodore Parker. Thomas Eaton, a prominent member of the church, was an ancestor of Gen. J. H. Eaton, U. S. Army. The lineage of several ministers of note, may be traced into this church. Among them the Rev. Dr. Burnap of N. H.; Rev. Dr. Aaron Bancroft, of Worcester; Rev. Dr. Brown Emerson, of Salem, and the Rev. Daniel Temple, missionary of the A. B. C. F. M.

Eaton in his History of Reading mentions the fact that before the close of the 17th Century, the Damons were intermarried with the Baucrofts, Batchelders, Boutwells, Braggs, Cowdreys, Emersons, Flints, Gerrys, Gowings, Holdens, Lemans, Nichols, Parkers, Pratts, Rands, Smiths,

Sweetsters, Symonds, Taylors, Thompsons, Townsends, Wileys, and Wrights.

The name is found on a multitude of tombstones in Reading. It is also found enrolled among the soldiers of the French and Indian Wars, from 1745—1760; Revolutionary War, from 1776—1783; Civil War, from 1861—1865.

That Slavery formerly existed even in New England, may be learned from the West Parish records of Reading:

"'Cæsar,' a clever man, was the slave of Joseph Damon."

In a poem delivered at the Reading Bi-Centennial Celebration, May 29, 1844, by Lilley Eaton, of South Reading, occurs the following reference to four generations:—

And near old Jonas Eaton's ground, I trace the spot, where once was found John Damon's ancient domicil, A man of note and pious will; Was Selectman for many years, Honest and faithful, it appears; Samuel, his son, as I've heard say, When he was feeble, old and gray, While riding 'long, 'side Reading pond, Near where A. Foster's house is found, His aged wife behind him sat, When by a sudden, hasty fright, They both were thrown from off their horse, And aged Samuel found a corse. A son of Samuel, John by name, Who, to this western parish came, Built yonder ancient Damon mansion, Now occupied by his great-grandson.

# THE DAMONS OF DEDHAM, MASS.

The following paragraph from Dr. Damon's manuscript-history, briefly sketches that branch of the Damon family which settled in Dedham, and remained until it became extinct, but covering a period of over one hundred and fifty years. "I find in the Proprietors' Records of the town of Dedham, that about the year 1680, one Joseph Damon, a young man, a tanner, from Reading, petitioned to be permitted to settle in that town, and be received as a citizen. A committee was appointed to enquire into his character. They reported favorably. He was accordingly received. He lived and died, leaving children and grand children. The name has been in Dedham ever since." It however became extinct a few years since, Miss Nancy Damon being the last of the name.

S. F. Haven, Secretary of the American Antiquarian Society, a native of Dedham, thus writes, Dec. 28, 1875: "I remember three intelligent ladies, Miss Rebecca Damon, Miss Nancy Damon and Mrs. Butterfield, sisters, who are dead, and I believe left no descendants." Other correspondents write most favorably in reference to the character, standing and intelligence of the Damons of Dedham. This town was among the most remarkable centers of influence in the early settlement of the colony. From here originated the Dwight family, so extensive and noted in American history. Here settled a large colony

from Dedham, England, the parish of John Rogers, the martyr, and hence the name of the town.

Joseph Damon, the founder of the Dedham family, was the youngest son of Deacon John Damon, of Reading, born Sept. 28, 1661. About the age of twenty he removed to Dedham, and married, Dec. 12, 1686, Elizabeth Kingsbury, born in Dedham, Nov. 23, 1668, daughter of an original settler of the town. In Mann's Annals of Dedham there is found this honorable record: "In 1779, Deacon Samuel Damon made a donation to the town of (\$1,000), one thousand dollars, on the following conditions, viz.: 1. The money to be unexpended, and remain a permanent fund. 2. Interest accruing annually to be expended among such of the inhabitants, as may be in low and indigent circumstances, but not to such as are at the time a charge to the town. oldest Deacon to act as Treasurer. 4. The money to furnish the poor with Bibles."

It is reported that \$300 of the fund still remains, and its thoughtful provisions are complied with, after a lapse of over a century.

The name has been held in so much esteem, that when a new school house was recently erected in Hyde Park, originally a part of Dedham, it was called the *Damon School*. The late town clerk of Dedham, J. H. Cobb, thus wrote, under date of July 22, 1875: "There is a square marble monument in our cemetery, and on one side is *Damon*. It is over a large tomb, in which are several families."

REV. GEORGE DAMON. He was a native of Dedham, and graduated at Cambridge, 1756. His first settlement was in Martha's Vineyard, but subsequently he removed with his large family to Woodstock, Vt. His youngest daughter married the Rev. Mr. Sabin, Pastor of the Congregational Church in Fitchwilliam, N. H.—[Damon Manuscript.]

# THE DAMON FAMILY OF HOLDEN, MASS.

Samuel Damon, a great grandson of the original Joseph Damon, of Dedham, and great-great-grandson of John Damon, of Reading, born Aug. 13, 1755, when twenty-four years of age left his native place and settled in the town of Holden, Worcester Co., Mass., and there his descendants, to the fifth generation remain unto the present time. He married Abigail Penniman, 1779, of East Medway. Their first home was on a site called "Bunker Hill," about one mile east of the center of the town. They subsequently removed to a house on the hill about half a mile west of the center, but finally the home of the family was in the center of the village, on a site once occupied by the first meeting house.

An older brother of Samuel, by the name of Jonathan Damon, born April 11, 1751, came from Dedham and lived in Holden. He had a son Samuel and two grandchildren, William and Mary. The latter died in Holden, and the former married and lived in Leominster, Worcester Co. Not able to obtain other memoranda.

#### GENEALOGICAL TABLE,

Showing the descent of the Damon Family of Honolulu, from John Damon of Reading, England:

- 1. John Damon, Reading, England.
- 2. John Damon, b. 1620, left for America 1633; m. Abigail Sherman, daughter of Richard Sherman of Boston, who died 1713.
- 3. Joseph Damon, b. in Reading, Mass., Sept. 28th, 1661, and removed to Dedham, Mass., 1680, and m. Dec. 12, 1686 to Elizabeth Kingsbury, b. Nov. 23, 1668, daughter of John Kingsbury.
- 4. Joseph Damon, b. in Dedham July 6, 1690, and d. ———, m. ———— to Mary ———.
- 5. Joseph Damon b. ——, and d. Sept. 30, 1775, in Dedham, m. —— Hopestill, ——
- 6. Samuel Damon, of Holden, Mass., b. in Dedham, Aug. 13, 1755, m. Abigail Penniman,\* of Medway, Mass., daughter of James Penniman, (d. March 17, 1804, aged 78 years.) and Abigail (d. Dec. 13, 1831, aged 9 years.) He d. May 27, 1813, aged 57 years. His wife, Abigail d.

<sup>\*</sup> Sisters of Abigail Penniman Damon, viz.:

Olive, m. a Shumway and d. at Medway, Sept. 17, 1823, aged 72 years.

Priscilla, m. a Daniels, and d, at Medway, March 1, 1825, aged 64 years.

Mercy, m. an Adams, and d. at Medway, April 23, 1829, aged 64 years.

Cybil, m. a Clark, and d. at Medway.

Becca was never m., but d. at Medway, Feb. 10, 1844, aged 80 years. One other sister, m. a Bullard, and lived in Medway, and another sister m. Joseph Daniels, and d. in Worcester, Mass. In the family there were eight sisters, no brothers. Descendants of the Clark family are now living on the old Penniman homestead in Medway.—[Family Bible of Abigail Penniman Damon in possession of the author.

March 18, 1842, aged 87 years, 11 months and 29 days. Their children—1, Penniman; 2, Abigail; 3, Samuel.

- 7. Samuel Damon, b. in Holden, June 11, 1786; d. in Holden, July 23, 1851, aged 66 years; m. Alony Chenery, July 4, 1810. She was the daughter of Dr. Isaac Chenery, b. in Holden, 1788, and d. Dec. 12, 1863, aged 75 years. They lived in the same house, in the center of the town of Holden, nearly all their married life, having a family of 4 sons and 5 daughters; on a subsequent page will be found a brief mention of their genealogy. This Samuel was a merchant and manufacturer, extensively engaged in business in various parts of Worcester Co.
- 8. Samuel Chenery Damon, of Houolulu, b. in Holden, Mass., Feb. 15, 1815, and m. Julia Sherman Mills, (her genealogy on a subsequent page,) Oct. 6, 1841, at Natick, Mass. They sailed from New York, for Honolulu, March 10, 1842, arrived Oct. 19, and have here made their home. Their family history on a subsequent page.
- 9. Samuel Mills Damon, b. in Honolulu, March 13, 1845, and m. Harriet M. Baldwin, daughter of Rev. D. Baldwin.
  - 10. Samuel Edward Damon, b. June 1, 1873.

#### GENEALOGICAL MEMORANDA,

Relating to the descendants of Samuel Damon, of Holden, in the 6th generation from John Damon, of Reading, England. There were two sons and

and one daughter in this family, whose births, marriages and deaths, together with those of their children, were as follows:

- 1. Penniman Damon, oldest son of Samuel Damon, of Holden, b. Oct. 31, 1779, d. Jan. 3, 1867, aged 88 years and 10 months. He married Lucy Wheelock, of Warwick, Mass. They had four children, one of whom died young, but three grew to maturity, who lived and died as follows:
- (1) Samuel Penniman, b. Feb. 15, 1809, and d. in Jamaica, L. I., Aug. 7, 1860. Married Amanda M. Weeks, May 28, 1844, b. in Philadelphia, Nov. 14, 1820, and d. in Jamaica, L. I., Sept. 3, 1868. Their children were
- i. George Weeks, b. in Middlebury, Vt., April 4, 1845.
- Samuel Franklin, b. in Middlebury, Sept. 25, 1851.
- iii. Emma Amelia, b. in Middlebury, Aug. 23, 1853, d. Aug. 31, 1854, at Middlebury, Vt.
- (2) Susan, second child of Penniman Damon, m. in Lancaster, Mass., but left no children.
- (3) Lucy, third child of Penniman Damon, d. in Holden, unmarried.

George Weeks Damon, married Emma L. Crossman, b. Sept. 22, 1868, at Jamaica, L. I.

- i. George Crossman, b. in Jamaica, Nov. 3, 1869.
- Edna Louise, b. March 20, 1872, d. July
   4, 1872.
  - iii. Lester, b. April 7, 1874.

- 2. ABIGAIL DAMON, second child of Samuel Damon, b. in Holden, June 3, 1783, d. in Phillipston, May 22, 1838, m. Ignatius Goulding, June 2, 1801. This Ignatius Goulding was b. in Holden, Aug. 5, 1774, d. July 15, 1841, having m. as his second wife, Mrs. Harriet Sawyer, June 3, 1840. She d. Sept. 9, 1871.
  - i. Jason, b. Oct. 26, 1801.
- ii. Samuel Damon, b. Jan. 1, 1805, d. Jan. 17, 1805.
- iii. Harriet, b. July 11, 1806. She married Rev. Philander O. Powers, Oct. 7, 1834, and accompanied him as Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., to Broosa, Asia Minor; but returned and died, Feb. 15, 1842.
  - iv. Mary, b. Jan. 5, 1811, d. May 11, 1868.
  - v. James Ignatius, b. Sept. 14, 1817, d. -.

The following memoranda relating to the marriages and families of Jason, Mary and James, mentioned above, were furnished by Hon. Jason Goulding, in a letter dated Dec. 25, 1874:

- (1) Jason Goulding m. his first wife Agnes Smith, March 14, 1825. She died March 3, 1826, and their son Frederick, b. Feb. 10, 1826, d. Feb. 18, 1826.
- Married his second wife Cynthia Knowlton, March 3, 1829, d. Jan. 23, 1845. Their children,
- i. Agnes Smith, b. Aug. 7, 1830, now Deputy Superintendent Reformatory Prison, Sherborn, Mass.
- ii. Cynthia Knowlton, b. Nov. 16, 1833, now Teacher in Mills' Seminary, Brooklyn, Cal.
  - iii. Abigail Carruth Damon, b. Aug. 10, 1825.

Third daughter of Jason Goulding, m. Rev. J. P. E. Kumbler, Pastor of Third Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, b. Oct. 16, 1830, and m. Oct. 1, 1856. Their children,

- i. Anna, b. March 19, 1859.
- ii. Ella L., b. Nov. 1, 1861.
- iii. Dwight Goulding, b. March 7, 1865, d. Feb. 27, 1871.
  - iv. Henry Knowlton, b. Jan. 31, 1867, d. —.
- Married his third wife Harriet B. Knowlton, March 2, 1846, d. April 12, 1878. Their children,
- i. Jason Damon, b. April 30, 1851, d. May 13, 1862.
  - ii. Ignatius, b. Nov. 1, 1854, d. Nov. 9, 1854.
- iii. Henry Ignatius, b. Dec. 18, 1855, m. Kate Newell, Springfield, June 25, 1878.
- (2) Mary, fourth child of Ignatius and Abigail Goulding, m. Thomas Goodspeed, May 13, 1830, and d. May 14, 1868. Their children, viz:
- i. Harriet G., b. May 16, 1831, d. Nov. 3, 1866. She married J. T. Miller, March 2, 1853, leaving three children.
- ii. Thomas H., b. Nov. 15, 1833, m. Elvina Richardson, no children.
- iii. Philander P., b. May 23, 1836, m. Susan —, Aug. 6, 1861, they have three children.
- iv. Mary Abbie, b. Aug. 20, 1838, m. ——Little, Sept. 20, 1865, no children.
- (3) James Ignatius Goulding, fifth child of Ignatius and Abigail Goulding, m. Elizabeth Clapp, Feb. 10, 1841. She d. July 28, 1871. Their child,

Harriet Elmira, b. Dec. 2, 1843, m. E. H.

Philps, Sept. 4, 1865. Their children all b. in Springfield, Mass.

- i. Mabel Goulding, b. June 6, 1866.
- ii. Walter, b. Oct. 9, 1868.
- iii. Jessie Hawthorn, b. Oct. 10, 1870, d. Dec.19, 1870.
  - iv. James Edward, b. Jan. 2, 1872, d. May 24.
- v. Edward Hunt, b. Dec. 29, 1873, d. Aug. 14, 1874.
  - vi. Agnes Mary, b. Nov. 21, 1876.

### MY FATHER'S FAMILY.

Samuel, second son of Samuel Damon, of Holden, was b. June 11, 1786, and d. July 23, 1851, aged 65 years. He m. Alony Chenery, July 4, 1810, the daughter of Dr. Isaac Chenery,\* of Holden. My parents honored and beloved, lived and died in their native town. Their portraits now adorn the parlor where they have hung for more than half a century, in the old family mansion, occupied by my brother Isaac. I saw them last, Oct. 20, 1880, and as I long gazed on those

<sup>\*</sup> Isaac Chenery, M. D., b. in Medfield, Mass., Nov. 1742, m. to Susannah Peirce, of Worcester, about 1769. She was b. Oct. 2, 1742. He d. in Holden, Oct. 20, 1822, aged 79 years, and she d. Jan. 27, 1821, aged 78 years. (The author attended both their funerals.)

The following lines were written after her death, by her husband:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Removed from all the pains and cares of life. Here rests a pleasing friend and faithful wife, Ennobled by the virtues of her mind, Constant to goodness and to death resigned, Sure in the silent Sabbath of the grave, To taste that tranquil peace she always gave."

Lieut. Commander, Leonard Chenery, of the U.S. Navy, appointed 1861, is a great-grandson. His father's name is

silent reminders of former years, I could exclaim, in the words of the poet Cowper, on beholding his mother's picture:

"O that those lips had language."

### Their children:

- i. Susan Abigail, b. Dec. 17, 1810, d. July 30, 1831.
  - ii. Alony Ann, b. Feb. 12, 1813.
  - iii. Samuel Chenery, b. Feb. 15, 1815.
  - iv. Isaac, b. Oct. 26, 1817.
- v. Frances Caroline, b. Aug. 10, 1820, d. March 21, 1834.
- vi. Harriet Amelia, b. June 29, 1823, d. Nov. 13, 1864.
- vii. Charles Frederick, b. May 21, 1826, d Feb. 9, 1860.
- viii. Augustus Franklin, b. June 21, 1828, d. May 14, 1861.
  - ix. Susan Abigail, 2d, b. May 7, 1833.
- (1) MY SISTER SUSAN ABIGAIL, b. Dec. 17, 1810, and d. July 30, 1831, aged 21 years. She possessed rare intellectual abilities, and enjoyed

Richard, and was formerly U. S. Naval Agent in San Francisco, and his grandfather's name was Nathan Chenery, of Montague, Mass., who m. a Miss Gunn.

<sup>—</sup> Mr. Babcock, a Chemist of Boston, and inventor of "Babcock's Fire Extinguisher," is another great-grandson of Dr. Isaac Chenery.

<sup>—</sup> Mrs. A. H. Pattison, of London, wife of Mr. Pattison, a successful Barrister of London, is a great-grand-daughter of Dr. Chenery. She is the daughter of the late F. Howe of Brookfield, Mass, The author and wife were kindly welcomed by this family, May 11, 1880, at Lyndhurst Road, Hampstead. London. They reside near the home of Mrs. Charles, author of "Schönberg-Cotta Family."

boarding school advantages, at Brookfield and Greenfield, besides all those of her native place. Her memory is tenderly cherished among surviving friends, after a lapse of half a century. I have now in my possession a copy of the Declaration of American Independence, beautifully copied on parchment, by her at the age of 17, and also a volume of Brown's Intellectual Philosophy, with her numerous pencillings. Her christian character was decided and beautifully developed. sudden death, just fifty years ago, was much lamented by her parents, and younger brothers and sisters. This sister's life, character and death remind me of Thomas Carlyle's allusion to his eldest sister, in his recently published Reminiscences, "She was the charm of her old father's life, deeply respected as well as loved by her mother and all of us, by none more than me; and was, in fact, in the simple, modest, comely and rustic form, as intelligent, quietly valiant, quietly wise and heroic a young woman as I almost ever The death of my eldest sister, in the have seen. flower of her youth, aged twenty-five, had fallen on us a very great, most tender, painful and solemn grief."

- (2) My Sister Alony Ann's Family—b. Feb. 12, 1813, and m. Nov. 27, 1834, Charles L. Knowlton, a merchant of Holden and Worcester, b. Bridgeport, Vt., Feb. 15, 1809, and d. Worcester, Feb. 5, 1868. Their children:
  - i. Caroline, b. Dec. 7, 1836, d. Oct. 14, 1851.

- ii. Charles, b. Aug. 17, 1839, d. Aug. 18, 1839.
- iii. Samuel, b. Nov. 28, 1840, d. Dec. 27, 1840.
- iv. Abigail, b. July 7, 1843. Marriage below.
- v. Cornelia Elizabeth, b. March 2, 1846. Marriage below.
  - vi. Charles, b. Aug. 4, 1848, d. Sept. 9, 1848.
- vii. Susan Annette, b. Sept. 27, 1850. Marriage below.
- viii: Charles Rand, b. April 14, 1853. Marriage below.
- (i) Abigail, m. G. F. Bolles, Sept. 24, 1867, b. Hartford, Ct., Dec. 22, 1833. Their children:
- i. George Gale, b. Minneapolis, Aug. 23, 1868.
  - ii. Walter Knowlton, b. April 7, 1871.
  - iii. Cleveland Damon, b. Oct. 21, 1873.
  - iv. Hamilton, b. —

The family now resides in Germantown, Penn.

- (ii) Cornelia E., m. April 28, 1868, A. M. Shuey, b. Oxford, Ohio, April 9, 1846. Their children:
  - i. Fannie, b. March 2, 1869.
  - ii. Florence, b. Dec. 29, 1870.

The family now resides in Minneapolis.

(iii) Charles Rand, m. in Philadelphia, Annie C. Rather, April 5, 1878.

One child, Charles Ferdinand.

- (iv) Susan Annette, m. Henry M. Morse, August, 1876. They have one son, Harold Knowlton.
  - (3) My Own Family.—Samuel Chenery, old-

est son of Samuel and Alony Damon, b. Feb. 15. 1815, in Holden, graduated Amherst College, 1836; Principal of Academy, Salisbury, Ct., 1837; studied at Princeton Seminary, 1838; private Tutor in the family of Mrs. (Dr. John) Chester, Burlington, N. J.; studied at Andover Seminary, 1840-41; m. Julia Sherman Mills, Oct. 6, 1841; embarked from New York for Honolulu, March 10, 1842, and arrived Oct. 19; visited Oregon and California, 1849, (see Friend); visited U.S., 1851; visted Micronesia, 1861, (see Morning Star papers); visited U. S., Europe, Palestine, Egypt, 1869-70; re-visited U.S., Centennial Year, 1876; re-visited England and Continent, 1880. lain A. S. F. Society, from 1841, to present time; Editor of the Friend, from Jan. 1843, to present time; honored with Degree of D. D. by his Alma Mater, 1867; member of Am. Antiquarian Society, Worcester, since 1869, and Corresponding Member of N. E. Historic, Genealogical Society, Boston, since 1879. Their children:

- i. Samuel Mills, b. July 9, 1843, d. June 2, 1844.
- ii. Samuel Mills, b. March 13, 1845, educated at Oahu College; visted U. S., 1865-6; Cashier of Bishop & Co.'s Bank, Honolulu; m Sept. 5, 1872, Harriet M. Baldwin, b. Lahaina, March 2, 1846, and educated at Oahu College, and Cooper's Institute, New York, daughter of Rev. D. Baldwin, descended from Joseph Baldwin, of Milford, Ct., 1643, as follows: Joseph, Jonathan, Ezra, Ebiel, Seth, Dwight Baldwin, who m. Charlotte

Fowler, of Northford, Ct., who descended from William Fowler, of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England. Their chirdren:

- (1) Samuel Edward, b. June 1, 1873.
- (ii) Mary Mills, b. Nov. 23, 1877.
- ini. Edward Chenery, b. May 21, 1848, educated at Oahu College, and Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.; m. Cornelia Beckwith, April 17, 1877, b. March 2, 1857, at Honolulu, who was educated at Oahu College, daughter of M. B. Beckwith, b. in Great Barrington, Mass., Dec. 16, 1824, d. Honolulu, July 5, 1881, aged 56 years, descended from Deacon George Beckwith, who removed from Lyme, Ct., to Great Barrington, Mass. The first wife of M. B. Beckwith and mother of Cornelia, was Sarah Mosely, who d. in Honolulu, June 26, 1870, aged 39 years. Their children:
  - (i) Frederick Beckwith, b. April 21, 1878.
  - (ii) William Francis, b. August 21, 1880.
- iv. Francis Williams, b. Dec. 10, 1852, educated at Oahu College, and graduated at Amherst College, 1874; Teacher of languages at Oahu College, 1873-76; visited Europe, 1876; Secretary of Hawaiian Legation at Berlin, 1878-80; returned to Honolulu, via India, 1881. See Friend, "Rambles in the Old World."
- v. William Frederick, b. Jan. 11, 1857, educated at Oahu College, Business College, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.; d. of Typhoid Fever, Oct 23, 1879. (See *Friend* of Nov. 1879.)

- (4) My Brother Isaac's Family—b. Oct. 26, 1817, m. to Mary Augusta Hartwell, of Princoton, 1839, b. June, 1816, and d. May 1, 1867. Their children:
- i. Helen, b. Aug. 6, 1839, d. Aug. 24, 1878. Marriage below.
  - ii. Marion, b. Feb. 29, 1841, d. May 24, 1843.
  - iii. Julia, b. March 6, 1842, d. April 15, 1842.
- iv. Mary Alony, b. June 6, 1844, d. June 3, 1878. Marriage below.
- v. Isaac Chenery, b. May 7, 1847, d. Sept. 20, 1849.
- vi. Marion Virginia, b. April 16, 1850. Marriage below.
  - vii. Harry Chenery, b. Jan. 7, 1853.
  - viii. Annie Clifton, b. Dec. 26, 1856.

Children of James M. Shute, jr., of Somerville, Mass., b. Nov. 7, 1838, who m. Helen, taught Government School in Honolulu, 1860-62, daughter of Isaac Damon, of Holden, Oct. 12, 1864:

- (i) James Watts, b. May 25, 1866, d. March, 1867.
  - (ii) Thomas Loring, b. Feb. 2, 1868.
  - (iii) Harry Damon, b. Aug. 5, 1871.
  - (iv) Helen Elizabeth, b. May 30, 1873.

Children of Emory Rogers, of Holden, who m. Mary Alony, fourth child of Isaac Damon, April 23, 1868:

- (i) Mary Helen, b. Aug. 5, 1870.
- (ii) Ada Marion, b. June 5, 1872, d. Sept. 21, 1876.
  - (iii) Winslow Hartwell, b. Aug. 9, 1873.

- (iv) Sarah Pearl, b. March 29, 1875.
- m. a second wife, Mary E. Morse, July 18, 1879.

Frank Shute, who m. Marion Virginia, sixth child of Isaac Damon, May 7, 1879, has one child, Frank Shute, jr., b, 1880.

(5) MY BROTHER CHARLES FREDERICK'S FAM-ILY—b. May 21, 1826, d. Feb. 9, 1860; m. Clara C. Flagg, Feb. 13, 1849, who d. 185—. One child, Ella A., d. young. He m Eliza Foskett, of Westminster, Mass. Their child Susan E., b. Sept. 14, 1860, d. Oct., 1880.

After his death, his widow m. John H. Lovewell, of South Gardner.

- (6) My Brother Augustus Franklin's Family—b. June 21, 1828, d. May 14, 1861, m. Caroline Chaffin, Dec. 28, 1852. After her husband's death, she m. Rev. John Scott. By first marriage, one child, Abbie Augusta, who d. Sept. 30, 1855.
- (7) My SISTER SUSAN ABIGAIL'S FAMILY—b. May 7, 1833, educated at Groton Academy, and Pittsfield Female Seminary, and m. Oct. 15, 1861, Samuel C. Gale,\* immediately subsequent to

<sup>\*</sup> Samuel C. Gale, b. Sept. 15, 1827; graduated at Yale College, 1854; studied law at Harvard Law School; descended from ancient family of the Gales, of Devonshire, Eng., running back to William the Conquerer. The earliest immigrant to America was Richard Gale, who settled in Watertown. Mass., 1640. A full and interesting notice of the family isto be found in the U. S. Biographical Dictionary, 108-12. His oldest son, Edward Chenery, entered Yale College, 1881. The Gale family

their marriage, removed to Minneapolis, Minnesota. Their children:

- (i) Edward Chenery, b. Aug. 21, 1862.
- (ii) Alice, b. Dec. 9, 1864.
- (iii) Anna, b. April 3, 1868.
- (iv) Marion, b. April 1, 1871.
- (v) Charles Sumner, b. Nov. 24, 1873.

# JOHN DAMON'S DESCENDANTS SCATTERED ABROAD.

The following paragraph is copied from Dr. Damon's sketch of the Damon Families:

"John Damon lived in the spot on which one of his descendants, an old man of the same name, died within the last year, (1840). From this stock is descended a part of the same name, still resident in the same parish. All of the name, in the North Parish of Reading, those of the name in Ashby and Lancaster, Mass., and Amherst, New Hampshire, and many others of the same name scattered about the country. I suppose this family has multiplied, more than either of the other families of the name."

intermarried among the Goddards. The Rev. John Sherman, Pastor of the Church in Watertown, (page 12,) issued the following certificate, respecting one of S. G. Gale's ancestors:—

<sup>&</sup>quot;March 27. 1680, these are to certify that Mr. William Goddard, whom the said town, by covenanting, engaged to teach such children as should be sent to him to learn the rules of the Latin tongue, hath those accomplishments which render him capable to discharge the trust confided to him.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Signed, John Sherman, Pastor."

### DAMON FAMILY OF IPSWICH, MASS.

In the summer of 1876, the writer met in Boston, James Damon, belonging to Ipswich, who gave his genealogy as follows, from Deacon John Damon of Reading, whose son, Samuel, b. June 25, 1656, d. 1724; his son Ebenezer, b. Aug. 9, 1686; his son David, b. May 2, 1716; his son Lieut. Ebenezer, b. Feb. 24, 1736; his son Joshua, b. Feb. 12, 1762; his son James, b. Aug. 16, 1800, and m. Sally Foster, of Billerica, b. Nov. 9, 1805. Their nine children as follows: 1 Samuel, 2 Foster, 3 Elmira Whitney, 4 James Everett, 5 Joshua Homer, 6 Curtis, 7 Sarah, 8 Edwin Hilton, and 9 Frederick.

At the "Centennial" in Philadelphia, 1876, there was on exhibition "a cane," captured from the English, by Lieut. Ebenezer Damon, grandfather of James Damon, at the evacuation of Boston!

# DAMON FAMILY OF CHARLESTOWN, MASS.

John Damon, son of Deacon John Damon of Reading, b. March 18, 1652, removed to Charlestown, Mass. His descendants continued to reside there over two hundred years. James F. Hunnewell, Esq., thus writes under date of Jan. 24, 1876, "James Damon, (engaged in busines I think with the West Indies,) lived in Charlestown, became quite wealthy and died several

years ago. His widow and two or three children, removed from town, perhaps five years ago. I think to New York City." They are reported as still living in that city.

From the records of the 1st Church in Charlestown, Mass., it appears, that John Damon, united with that church, Nov. 29, 1702, and his wife, March 18, 1704.

### DAMON FAMILY OF WESTMINSTER, MASS.

A descendant of Deacon John Damon, of Reading, about the middle of the 18th Century, bought land in Westminster, when the town was first settled. His son Timothy, b. Oct. 27, 1762, settled on the land, which has ever since remained in the family, and the farm is regarded as one of the best in town. He d. Jan. 20, 1820, and was succeeded by his only son Thomas, b. July 24. 1803, and was living in 1877. He has been thrice married. There were three children by that marriage, the oldest son removing to Carthage, The second son d. aged 20. mother dying when they were quite young. Two children were born by the second marriage, and one of these, Charles F. Damon, is now in prosperous business in Westminster, and has a young son. A third marriage was contracted, in 1872, with a lady from Hollis, N. H. who kindly has furnished this information.

### DAMON FAMILIES OF LANCASTER, MASS.

Jonas M. Damon, who died in Lancaster, June, 1880, aged 74, gives the following as the origin of his own family residing in this town:

"I am of the 7th generation of the first Deacon John Damon, of Reading. I have been forty years gathering the history of my family. I have a sister Mrs. Martha Grant, of San Francisco, a brother in Lowell, and a sister in Chelmsford, and we four are as unlike as the four cardinal points. My grandfather Samuel, of the 5th generation of Deacon John Damon, came to this town, in 1796. He had two sons, William and Samuel, who had large families, but they are all dead, or scattered abroad, and I am all that remains of the original family at this time in Lancaster, Feb. 6, 1879." The head of this family died in 1856, aged 90 years. At one time there were seven families, his descendants,—in Lancaster, but at the time our informant wrote, he was the sole survivor of all those families. A sister, Mrs. Grant, now residing in San Francisco, is reported by Marvin, the historian of Lancaster, as the author of two books, "Myra Dana," and "Life Scenes in our Native Village." It is also stated on good authority, that she made herself the heroine of this novel, "Myra Dana." Her brother Jonas M. Damon adds this remark, "Mrs. Grant I hope will furnish you with some episodes in her life,

one of which I will mention. In 1837, she was an operative in a Lowell factory, being young and inconsiderate, she stirred up a rebellion, and had such influence, as to stop every mill in the city, and harrangued ten thousand people for hours, on "Chapel Hill." Her book, "Myra Dana," (Martha Damon,) sold rapidly and went through two editions. With the proceeds, she went to Platt river, Nebraska, from thence to Montana, being the first white woman in Helena. Was successful and unsuccessful in mining and real estate."

Another Damon family is now represented in Lancaster, by Samuel R. Damon, whose son Chester graduated a few years ago from Amherst Agricultural College. Thus writes J. M. Damon, April 3, 1879: "With me our family dies out in town, but the name is likely to be perpetuated, through Samuel R. Damon, our worthy Representative, a descendant of Benjamin, of North Reading, who came to this town six or seven years ago, from Ashby. He is a Damon of the old stock. It is said he has made a half million of dollars since he came to town. His son Samuel Chester, bids fair to make good his place. I am 72 years old to-day."

# DAMON FAMILY OF LEXINGTON, MASS.

From a history of this town published in 1868, it appears that Isaac N. Damon settled there in

1835, coming from Asby, where he was born, Dec. 14, 1812. He traces his ancestry from Deacon John Damon of Reading, whose great-great-grand-son Benjamin, removed from Reading to Ashby. He died Sept. 24, 1832. He has occupied a prominent position in the town, at different times holding the office of Treasurer, Justice of the Peace, and Selectman.—[See history of Lexington.

#### DAMON FAMILY OF AMHERST, N. II.

From the history of the Fiske Family, it appears that Deacon Benjamin Damon, b. Reading, June 4, 1760, a lineal descendant of Deacon John Damon, having married Polly Hosea,\* of Plymouth, Mass., settled in Amherst, N. II. He served as a revolutionary soldier, up to the close

<sup>\*</sup> Polly Hosea was daughter of a Quaker, respecting whom Mrs. Estabrook thus remarks:—"My great grandfather was born in North Carolina. His mother was a Quaker. He followed the sea and lived in Plymouth, Mass., until 1775, when he removed to Amherst, N. H., with his wife and six daughters. They lived six miles from the meeting house. They would yoke the oxen in winter to the sled and carry to the meeting house men, women and children. He died in 1815."

men, women and children. He died in 1815."

The history of the Fiske Family of Amherst, N. H., was published at Chicago, Ill., in 1865, in a volume of 150 pages. The notices of the original Family and its numerous branches are most interesting. The Family has been remarkable for over two hundred years, for its number of ministers of the Gospel and eminent Professors and Teachers. Prof. F. W. Fiske, of the Chicago Theo. Seminary: the late Prof. N. W. Fiske, of Amherst College; the eminent Rev. Pliny Fiske, Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M. in Turkey: Dr. Wilbur Fiske, of the Wesleyan University in Connecticut, and many other distinguished Divines and Scholars, belong to this Family.

of the war. They had eight children, whose births and marriages are partially recorded in the history of the Fiske family.

The following notice of three of Deacon Benjamin's children is gleaned from the history of the "Fiske Family."

Stephen Damon, b. July 1, 1788, and d. May 3, 1854, m. Nancy Fiske, Sept., 1815, the youngest daughter of Hon. William and Emma Fiske. His son Charles A. Damon, b. Aug. 28, 1823, m. Mary E. Low, of Amherst, N. H. He served as a soldier in the late Civil War, and was present at the battles of "Fair Oaks," "Seven Pines," and finally retreated from Richmond, under General McClellan, but subsequently was killed July 4, 1863, on the memorable Gettysburg battlefield. His body was buried in the National Cemetery, where Lincoln uttered the memorable Address, containing the words:

"The world will little note nor long remember, what we say, but it can never forget what they did here."

SARAH DAMON, fourth child of Deacon Benjamin Damon, b. May 2, 1794, m. Richard Swain of Gilmantown, N. H., b. Pittsfield, N. H., June 4, 1787. Their three sons:

- 1. Charles, b. Concord, Nov. 2, 1819, became a Physician, m. in Tennesee, and settled in Warren, Bradley Co., Arkansas.
  - 2. Leonard, b. Feb. 26, 1821, became a Cler-

gyman of celebrity, and was settled many years in Providence, R. I., as Rev. Leonard Swain, D. D.

3. George, became a man of influence and good standing, in Nashua, N. H. See Fiske family, page 143.

Calvin C., b. Feb. 17, 1803, and d. Jan. 12, 1854, removed to Massachusetts, and became the head of the

### DAMON FAMILY OF CONCORD, MASS.

He m. March 13, 1832, Rebecca Poor Farnham, b. North Andover, Mass., Sept. 23, 1808. Their children:

- i. Edward Carver, b. Concord, July 19, 1836.
- ii. Helen Farnham, b. North Andover, Aug. 4, 1838.
- iii. William Johnson, b. Concord, April 15, 1841, d. Harrison Landing, Va., Aug. 5, 1862.
- iv. Benjamin Harper, b. Sept. 15, 1843, d. Nov. 11, 1866.
  - v. Annie Clara, b. Oct. 23, 1845.
  - vi. Elizabeth Means, b. Feb. 27, 1849.
  - vii. Henry Smith, b. March 20, 1852.

Descendants:

Edward Carver, m. Oct. 17, 1860, Anne Elizabeth Hagar, of Weston. Their children:

- (i) Ralph Hagar, b. Concord, Oct. 3, 1862.
- (ii) Mary Bliss, b. Concord, Aug. 2, 1863.
- (iii) Harriet Lincoln, b. Concord, March 12, 1865.

- (iv) Alice Harper, b. Concord, Oct. 11, 1867.
- (v) William Carver, b. Concord, Aug. 30, 1870.
- (vi) Rebecca Colton, b. Concord, June 15, 1872, and d. April 26, 1875.

Elizabeth Means was m. to George Willis Duncan, of Haverhill, Oct. 24, 1872. Their child, Helen Farnham, b. March 13, 1875, and d. July 30, 1875.

## DAMON FAMILY OF WORCESTER, MASS.

Charles B. Damon, a son of Benjamin Damon, jr., and a grandson of the original Deacon Benjamin Damon, of Amherst, N. H., m. Harriet, a daughter of William Jennison, Worcester, Mass. Recently the following appeared in the Proceedings of the Am. Antiquarian Society of Worcester, "Mrs. Charles B. Damon donated to the Amercan Antiquarian Society, as follows:—355 books, 19 vols. of Newspapers, 328 pamphlets, 4 maps, 2 engravings, and 5 vols of manuscript matter, including Whitney's history of Worcester Co. and Minot's history of the Insurrection of Mass. in 1786."

# DAMON FAMILY OF NAPA, CAL.

Mary Ann Hamilton Damon, b. at Concord, N. H., Nov. 30, 1811, daughter of Deacon Benjamin Damon, jr., and sister of Charles B. Damon, of Worcester, m. July 18, 1833, William W. Esterbrook, b. July 18, 1809. Their seven child-dren were all born in Concord, N. H., as follows:

i. Georgiana, b. July 25, 1834, m. Edward E.

Harvey, and the family resides in San Francisco, (1881). One son 8 years old.

- ii. Ellen Greenwood, b. Feb. 7, 1836, m. J. M. Mansfield. The family resides in Napa, Cal. They have five children, four sons and one daughter Walter, the oldest, is now (1881) studying Law, at Harvard University, and two daughters at school, in San Francisco. Mr. Mansfield is extensively engaged in raising wheat.
  - iii. John, b. Sept. 3, 1839, unmarried.
- iv. Charles Damon, b. May 12, 1842, unmarried.
- v. William Winship. vi. Mary Ann Hamilton—Twins—b. July 19, 1844. William is unmarried, Mary m. John Millington, M. D., b. in Prescott, Eng., March 31, 1833.
- vii. Harriet Jennison, b. Sep. 28, 1846, m. W. W. Thompson, a merchant in Napa.

Mr. Esterbrook, the father of the above family, came to California 1850, brought out his family 1855, and d. Feb. 25, 1869.

Mrs. Esterbrook thus refers to her honored parents: "My parents Benjamin and Sophia Damon, celebrated their golden wedding, Jan. 10, 1861, in Concord, N. H., in the house which he built before their marriage. After his election as Deacon of the First Baptist Church, in Concord, he remained in office until his death, Sept. 18, 1872, aged 88. My mother d. Oct. 29, 1866, aged 81." She adds: "My Aunt Lucy Damon, contributed on the occasion of my daughter Georgiana's wedding, a table cloth, woven

from flax, raised on my grandfather's farm, and the daughters wove and spun it. The cloth was very white."

#### DEACON BENJAMIN DAMON.

The head of the original Damon Family in Amherst, N. H., (page 38,) appears to have been a man of great moral worth and earnest piety. His residence and character are thus described by the author of the Fiske Family, "Deacon Damon's residence was in one of the quietest and most secluded valleys imaginable, lying between forest-covered hills on the east and the west. approaches on all directions were through the woods, and not a single house within sight or hear-There in the fear of God with his young ing. wife, he sat down in peace and content. There he lived and died, in a good old age, an humble and honest man, rich in faith and good works. There his eight children were born and reared, in all the loveliness of rural simplicity and Christian education. It is believed by those who knew them well, that no one of Deacon Damon's family was ever guilty of a dishonest or a dishonorable They were members of the Baptist Church in Amherst, lived spotless lives, and died in the He died Nov. 11, 1846, aged 86, and she died July 31, 1840, aged 76.

# DAMON FAMILY OF KERBY, VT.

Mr. George B. Damon of Boston, furnishes the following information respecting this family:

"My grandfather Ebenezer Damon, and a

brother migrated from Reading, Mass., and settled in Kerby, Vt. He married Rhoda Sheldon, from Conn., while his brother died single. Their family was large and named as follows: 1 Geo. B., b. 1807, d. 1862; 2 Sally; 3 Lyman; 4 Franklin; 5 Eben; 6 Ruth; 7 William; 8 John; 9 Job; 10 Esther." He thus adds: "You will see there is a fair sprinkling of Scripture names. My grandmother Rhoda was a good Methodist. Mvfather was a Physician and a good one. He married Lucy Josephine Burke, who is still living in my family (1877) at the age of 65. Their daughter Caroline died in Minneapolis, three years ago, she married C. A. J. Marsh and left one son, now grown up. I have been married twice. My sister Josephine lives with me. Respecting the children of my grand parents, let me say, Lyman and William are living in Vermont; Job at Council Bluffs, Iowa; Esther in West Boylston, while the other children are dead."

#### DAMON AND EATON FAMILIES.

When about printing the concluding paragraphs of this historical notice, of the Reading Family, a letter was most unexpectedly received from Prof. Daniel C. Eaton, of Yale College. Its contents impart an aroma so refreshing to one pursuing genealogical researches, that nearly the entire letter is here inserted. There is little doubt but the Damons and Eatons were related at that early date, 1635. They certainly intermarried subsequently. (See Eaton's History of

Reading, page 66.) Mary Damon, daughter of Joseph and Mary Damon, married Jonathan Eaton. Among their descendants were Dr. Joseph Eaton, Surgeon U. S. Army, and General Joseph H. Eaton, so noted in the Mexican and Civil Wars. The Damon and Eaton families lived in the same neighborhood, on Cowdry hill, in Reading, now Wakefield. (See foregoing, page 12.)

Thus writes Prof. Eaton, under date, New Haven, June 27, 1881: "I am not, so far as I know, any kin to the Damons; yet they are so associated with the family of my emigrant ancestors, John Eaton of Dedham, that I am much interested in them. The said John Eaton, in his will, dated Sept. 2, 1658, gives to "John Damant of Reading, and to his heyers, the sum of five pounds."

"Jane Dammand, aged 9, was a passenger with the family of John Eaton, in the Elizabeth Ann, which vessel came from London to New England, in Spring of 1635. (See Coll. Mass. His. So. Series III., Vol. 8, page 256.) The order of names thus: Robert Hawkins, 25 years; Jo. Whitney, 35; Jo. Palmerly, 20; Richard Morton, 12; Jo. Whitney, 11; then follows four other Whitneys, aged 9, 8, 6, 1; Thos. Eaton, 1; Marie Hawkins, 24; Ellin Whitney, 30; Abigail Eaton, 35; Sarah Cartrach, 24; Jane Dammand, 9; Marie Eaton, 9; Marie Brown, 10.

"A Jane Dammand,—perhaps the same—

married at Dedham, 1644. The record runs thus, '1644, John Plimpton and Jane Dammin were married, the 13 of 1 mo.'

- "To John Plimpton of Medfield, John Eaton, gave 'the like sum of five pounds.'
- "So I have guessed that John Eaton was in some way especially interested in the Dammant Family,—the name now written Damon.
- "The name Dammant, is still known in Norfolk and Suffolk, Eng., especially at Woodbridge, Ipswich, Guilteross and Diss. It abounded (and perhaps still abounds,) at Wickham Market, Suffolk, and it is just there that I am tempted to look for the origin of John Eaton. If I do not find him there I shall try Reading.
- "A Thomas Dammant Eaton was Chorister at Norwich Cathedral, and died a few years ago. His mother was a Dammant of Diss."

In closing our notice of the Reading Family, much remains that might have been added to these family sketches and genealogies. The perusal of these records leaves the most gratifying impression upon the mind, indicating that from generation to generation, many truly good and noble men and women have faithfully and conscientiously discharged their public, social and domestic duties. The Family and Town Records of Reading, Dedham, Holden, Lancaster, Concord and other towns of Mass., and those of Amherst

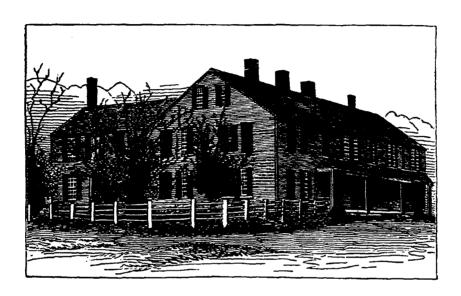
and Concord, N. H., abundantly testify to their many moral and Christian virtues.

If—John Damon—the Founder of the original Family was to re-appear on earth he might well feel an emotion of pride in contemplating his descendants, through eight generations.

"Oh, Holy and marvelous mystery of family life."

-Mrs. Charles.

#### THE OLD HOME OF THE DAMONS IN HOLDEN.



"A Building owned and occupied as a dwelling by Major Isaac Damon, a brother of the well-known Samuel C. Damon. Pastor of the Seamen's Church, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands. (The house in which he was born, Feb. 15, 1815.) Five Generations of the Damons have passed through the garden gate of this old mansion."—[Worcester Daily Press, Friday. Feb. 26, 1876.

"The first Storekeeper in this place was Samuel Damon, father of the late Col. Samuel Damon, who came to Holden, 1779, and established himself in the old Homestead of the family, now occupied by the grandson, Major Isaac Damon. The two Samuels kept store there successfully for half a century."—[Massachusetts Spy, July 11, 1873.

# II.

### WAYLAND FAMILY.

THOMAS DAMON, OF READING, 1659-1723.

HE Father of Thomas Damon first appears on the Records of Reading, Mass., 1681. No previous mention of his name can be found in any Colonial Records of Massachusetts, although Dr. Damon thinks he must have left England as early as 1650. He thus writes: "One Thomas Damon (from whom I am, of the fifth generation) I have received from old people now dead, came from the North of England; I believe that this Thomas had other sons besides the Thomas first named. Whether his children were born before or after he left England is un-He lived in that part of Charlestown certain. which is now Stoneham, near the South Reading line, and within a mile of the place where his son Thomas afterwards lived."

In our introductory the assertion is made, upon the authority of Jonas M. Damon, that this Thomas was a brother of John; but this is very questionable. Dr. Damon states that according to tradition in Reading there was no kinship between them. It is certain that the original Thomas lived in Reading, and that his son Thomas, b. new style January 31, 1659, m. Lucy Ann, daughter of Rev. Joseph Emerson, of Mendon, May 16, 1683, and d. October 20, 1723. Their children:

- 1. Lucy Ann, b. May 20, 1684.
- 2. Joseph, b. September 28, 1686.
- 3. Ebenezer, b. March 12, 1688.
- 4. Thomas, b. Feb. 9, 1690, d. May 24, 1703.
- 5. Elizabeth, b. June 26, 1693.
- 6. Hannah, b. September 16, 1695.
- 7. Mehitable, b. November 20, 1699.
- 8. Mary, b. August 31, 1701.
- 9. Thomas, b. December 25, 1703.
- 10. John, b. May 10, 1709.
- 11. Abigail, b. November 29, 1713.

# THOMAS DAMON, OF WAYLAND, 1703-1796.

Thomas, ninth child of Thomas and Lucy Ann Damon, removed from Reading, and settled in East Sudbury, now called Wayland, where he died March 6, 1796, aged 92 years 2 months and 9 days. His name, Thomas, has become the prescriptive family-name, being the same with an elder brother, father, and grandfather. He married Abigail Rice, a grand-daughter of Matthew Rice, probably the original settler of Wayland, or East Sudbury. His descendants have continued to dwell there, and cultivate their "paternal acres,"

while his brothers and sisters remaining in Reading, married and intermarried among the inhabitants of that town.

"Thomas Damon," remarks Dr. Damon, "was called Captain, because he held a Commission as Captain in a company of Cavalry. He was a man of courage and good natural abilities, and was never sick until his last sickness, which commenced with the close of his 92d year. He built two houses, one on the spot where his grand-son, Josiah Damon, now lives in Wayland." Our authority, Dr. Damon, has written much respecting the family history of the Damons in Reading, Wayland and elsewhere, which our limits will not allow to be copied. The following paragraph will indicate that theological discussion did not alienate family and fraternal affection. "Joseph and Ebenezer were nearly of the same age, and reported as very affectionate to each other as brothers, yet they very seldom met without a smart verbal dispute about religion—Joseph being Calvinist and Ebenezer Arminian." This glimpse at the inner life of New England reveals the fact that the members of the Damon families form no exception to the average type of humanity in that age and part of the world. Well remarks Macaulay, "The Puritans were men whose minds derived a peculiar character from the daily contemplation of superior beings and eternal interests." Compare Mrs. Stowe's Minister's Wooing, Chapter XXIII, and her other New England Sketches.

Abigail, the widow of Thomas, of Wayland, d. in Feb. 1806, nearly 97 years years old, and within one-fourth of a mile of the place where she was born. Her husband appears to have been a man of marked ability and sterling character.

#### DAMON FAMILY OF PHILADELPHIA.

ALBERT FOSTER DAMON, a merchant of that city, traces his ancestry direct to Thomas Damon of Reading, who married Lucy Ann Emerson, Her father, the Rev. Joseph Emerson, married the grand-daughter of Rev. Edward Bulkeley, of Concord, who was in the 14th generation from Robert Bulkeley, an English Baron, who lived in the reign of King John, in the thirteenth century. See Shattuck's History of Concord, Cotton Matha's Magnalia, Vol. I, page 361, and Burke's History of British Commons.

Isaac Damon, a son of Thomas and Abigail Damon, of Wayland, m. Lucy Cotting. Their son Isaac m. Persis Stone, and their son Joseph m. Rebecca Foster, of Charlestown, Mass. There were born a son and daughter, in this family, viz:

Albert Foster Damon, b. Wayland, June 21, 1818.

Ellen Augusta Damon, b. in Milton, April 21, 1820.

Children of A. F. Damon, who m. Nov. 19, 1846, at Pernambuco, S. A., Carlota, eldest daughter of John and Fellippa Mathues, of Pernambuco, b. in that city, April 1, 1829. Mr. Mathues was an English merchant, of Pernambuco.

- i. Joseph Augustus, b. Pernambuco, Nov. 8, 1847.
- ii. Eliza Henrietta, b. Clinton, Mass., Nov. 23, 1848, and d. Pernambuco, Feb. 28, 1853.
- iii. John Mathues, b. Pernambuco, July 17, 1850.
- iv. Albert Foster, b. Pernambuco, Sept. 16, 1853.
- v. Carlota Louiza, b. Pernambuco, Oct. 21, 1855, d. at sea Dec. 12, 1859.
- vi. Ellen Constance, b. Philadelphia, Nov. 23, 1857.
- vii. Caroline Matilda, b. Philadelphia, Nov. 8, 1860.
- viii. William Prentiss, b. Philadelphia, March 11, 1863.
- ix. Edwin Adams, b. Philadelphia, Nov. 12, 1866.

Joseph Augustus, eldest son of A. F. Damon, m. Charlotte Elizabeth Paschall, at King-Lessing, Philadelphia, Feb. 26, 1874. She was b. May 23, 1854. Their children:

- i. Carlota Mathues, b. Darby, Penn. Aug. 19, 1875.
- ii. Aubertine Woodward, b. Darby, Penn. Jan. 16, 1879.
- iii. Joseph Augustus, b. Darby, Penn. Oct. 30, 1880, d. Darby, April 19, aged 5 m. 20 d.

JOHN MATHUES, 2nd son of A. F. Damon, m. Patience Griffitt, in Philadelphia, June 24, 1872. She was b. in Dublin, Ireland, Dec. 17, 1851.

- i. Albert Foster, son of J. M. Damon, b. in Philadelphia, Aug. 27, 1873.
- ii. Ellen Constance, b. in Philadelphia, Sept.5, 1876.
- iii. John Mathues, b. at Darby, Penn. July 31, 1879.

ELLEN AUGUSTA DAMON, sister of A. F. Damon, m. Oct. 26, 1841, Rev. Charles M. Bowers, now a Baptist minister of Clinton, Mass. They have had eight children:

- i. Charles Albert, b. at Lexington, Mass. Dec. 2, 1842, d. Clinton, Mass. Oct. 29, 1865.
- ii. Helen Adelaide, b. at Concord, Mass. Aug.28, 1846, d. Clinton, Mass. Sept. 20, 1849.
- iii. Cornelia Vose, b. Clinton, Mass. April 23, 1848, d. Pejna, Ohio, May 13, 1880.
- iv. Arthur Forster, b. Aug. 4, 1850, at Clinton, Mass.
- v. George Cummings, b. at Clinton, Mass. Nov. 19, 1852.
- vi. Walter Prentice, b. at Clinton, Mass, May 19, 1855.
- vii. Clarence Henry, b. at Clinton, Mass. Sept. 14, 1857.
- viii. Edwin Forster Adams, b. at Clinton, Mass. Feb. 2, 1864.

Cornelia Vose Bowers, daughter of Charles M. and Ella A. Bowers, was m. to Edward Horatio Butterfield, of Pejna, Ohio, June, 24, 1875. They have had two children:

i. Caroline Louisa Butterfield, b. at Pejna, Ohio, May 11, 1878.

ii. Albert Forster Butterfield, b. at Clinton, Mass. Sept. 23, 1879.

Cornelia V. Butterfield d. at Pejna, Ohio, May 13, 1880.

Walter Prentice Bowers, son of Charles M. and Ellen A. Bowers, was m. to Miss Helen Matilda Burditts, Jan. 28, 1880.

### DAMON FAMILY OF ARLINGTON, MASS.

Samuel G. Damon, son of the late Rev. David Damon, has prepared the following memoranda respecting his own family, which was published in a recent history of Arlington:—

THOMAS, son of Thomas, was b. in Reading, old style 31-11-1658, or new style, Jan. 31, 1659, and m. Lucy Ann Emerson, May 15, 1683.

Their fourth son, and ninth child, Thomas, was b. at Reading, Dec. 25, 1703, and married at Woburn, Abigail Rice, of East Sudbury, now Wayland, Feb. 5, 1730; d. March 6, 1796, aged 92. She was b. March 27, 1709, d. Feb. 1806, aged 97.

Their first son, and second child, Thomas, was b. at E. Sudbury, Sept. 1731, and m. Elizabeth Stow, of Sudbury; he d. Nov. 1813, aged 82.

Their fourth son, and fifth child, Aaron, was b. at East Sudbury, March 1, 1761, and m. Rachel Griffin, of Sudbury, in the autumn of 1785.

Rev. David Damon was of the sixth generation in descent from Thomas Damon, who came from England about the year 1650, and settled in that

part of Reading which is now Wakefield. He m. Rebecca Derby, of Lynfield, Oct. 16, 1815.

REV. DAVID, \* installed minister of Church and Parish in West Cambridge, March 13, 1835; d. June 25, 1843. B. Wayland, Sept. 12, 1787; grad. H. U. 1811, studied theology at Univ. Camb. under Rev. Prof. Ware; ordained at Lunenburg. Feb. 1, 1815, dismissed Dec. 2, 1827; installed at Amesbury, June 25, 1828, dismissed Dec. 25, 1832, and preached there till April 1,

<sup>\*</sup> The following inscription was placed on Mr. Damon's grave stone in the new cemetery:

<sup>&</sup>quot;The Rev. David Damon, D. D., whose body rests beneath this marble, was for eight years minister of the First Congregational Society in West Cambridge. Honored for his genius and learning, revered for his piety and virtue, trusted for his simplicity and integrity of character, loved for his kind and gentle affection; his people mourn the loss of a pastor, whose daily life repeated the sermons of the pulpit; his family a husband and parent, whose love knows no measure; the public a valued citizen.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Mr. Damon was born in Wayland, Sept. 12, 1787, was graduated at Cambridge, a member of the class of 1811, was installed over the society in West Cambridge, April, 1835; seized with apoplexy at a funeral service, and died on the following Sunday, June 25, 1843, in the 56th year of his age. His body is the first interred in this cemetery, which was consecrated by him a few days before his death. This monument is erected by members of his late Congregation, as a humble tribute of affection and respect to his memory."

At the time when he was stricken by the fatal disease in the pulpit at Reading, after delivering an address and offering up a prayer with great fervor and earnestness, he beckoned to Dr. Gould to come to him in the pulpit. He said to the physician that before he had finished the exercises of the occasion he had felt a numbness creeping over his limbs, accompanied with violent pain in his head, adding with perfect composure that he supposed it to be an attack of paralysis.

The day before his death the corporation of Harvard University conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Notices of the Rev. David Damon appeared in the Monthly Miscellany for August, 1843, and the Christian World and Christian Register.

1833; removed in Oct. 1833, to Reading West Parish and supplied the desk of the Third Cong. Society till his removal to West Cambridge.—
Am. Quar. Register for 1839.

# THE CHILDREN OF REV. D. DAMON,

born at Lunenburg, were Norwood, b. Oct. 7, 1816; Samuel Griffin, b. Dec. 10, 1821; Hannah Mottey, b. March 5, 1823; Hénry, b. Nov. 6, 1824; Delia Augusta, b. July 19, 1826; Franklin, b. Oct. 11, 1827; Sarah Norwood, b. at Amesbury, Aug. 10, 1829.

Mrs. Rebecca Damon (widow of David Damon) d. at Boston, May 21, 1852. She was b. at Lynnfield, Aug. 9, 1787.

- i. Norwood (Damon) never m. resides in Boston.
- ii. Samuel Griffin (Damon) m. at Monson, Mass. Julia Fuller, of Monson, Jan. 23, 1849; she d. at Monson, April 1, 1850, without issue. He m. for his second wife, Ella Gertrude Whitman, at Boston, July 24, 1867. They reside at Arlington, on the spot where his father lived, and have had five children, all b. in Arlington:—Agnes Whitman, b. Dec. 20, 1869; David, b. July 26, 1871, and d. Dec. 22, 1877; Frederick Whitman, b. Dec. 1, 1873; Helen Gertrude, b. Oct. 19, 1875; Vida, b. Oct. 14, 1877.
- iii. Hannah Mottey (Damon) resides at Arlington, unmarried.
  - iv. Henry (Damon) m. at Marlboro', Lucy

Ann Winch, of Weston, April 10, 1846. They reside at Boston and have one child—Julia Fuller, b. in Wrentham, Mass., June 22, 1852; m. John Tremere Deblois, of Boston, Nov. 17, 1875.

v. Delia Augusta (Damon) m. at West Cambridge, John Burnham, Jr., of Brattleboro', Vt., Dec. 14, 1846. They have had two children—Julia Rossiter, b. at Ellington, Conn., July 12, 1850; d. at Chicago, Ill., Feb. 8, 1858; William Henry, b. at Ellington, Dec. 21, 1851. They reside at Batavia, Ill.

vi. Sarah Norwood (Damon) m. at Boston, Alfred Chamberlain, of Newburyport, Oct. 16, 1850. Their children were—Chauncey Ward, b. in Boston, Dec, 24, 1851; Caroline Fowle, b. in West Cambridge, June 18, 1857, and d. Sept. 10, 1858; Caroline Fowle, b. in West Cambridge, Nov. 16, 1858, and d. Aug. 9, 1859. Alfred Chamberlain d. at West Cambridge, June 27, 1859. Mrs. Chamberlain m. at West Cambridge, for her second husband, Daniel R. Stanwood, of Arlington, June 25, 1866. He d. March 19, 1874. She resides at Arlington.

# REV. JUDE DAMON, OF TRURO, MASS.

"My Uncle, the Rev. Jude Damon," remarks Dr. Damon, in his history, "was fitted for college by the Rev. Mr. Emerson, of Hollis, N. H., to whom he was introduced by his grandfather, wholly on the score of relationship."

He graduated at Harvard, 1776, and was or-

dained at Truro, 1785, and died Nov. 19, 1828, aged 77, and in the forty second year of his ministry. The church is on the nighest elevation in the town and may be seen from a great distance in any direction. Some forty years ago the old church was thus described by a visitor: "The dark, brown years have passed over it. It stands alone and on the hill of storms! It is seen afar by the mariner as he passes by on the dark, rolling wave."

## INTERESTING TRADITION IN THE DAMON FAMILY.

There are many interesting traditions in all families which never find their place in general The following is one of them. history. Damon thus refers to the famous Count Rumford. as associated in village gossip with a celebrated and beautiful Miss Damon: "Thomas Damon, son of Ebenezer and grandson of the Thomas who settled in Wayland, had a son Thomas and one daughter celebrated for her beauty. The old folks in Reading say that Count Rumford went to Europe to cure his disappointment, in not being able to obtain the hand of this celebrated beauty. She subsequently married a Mr. Gerry, but died soon after marriage, leaving one child, a son, who became Deacon Gerry, of Stoneham."

How influential this love-affair may have been, in shaping the subsequent career of Benjamin Thompson, of Woburn, it is impossible now to determine, but there is nothing absurd or improbable in supposing that an ardent, impulsive young man of twenty-one may have been thereby influenced to change his name and even his country. Others have often done the same.

The life and career of young Thompson, subsequently known as Count Rumford, has been ably delineated by the Rev. Dr. Ellis, of Boston. was a native of Woburn, and born in 1753, but becoming dissatisfied with the condition of political affairs in the early stages of the Revolutionary war, left for England, taking the news of the surrender of Boston. He was favorably received in London and became a Major in the British Army. Subsequently became a Minister of the Court of the King of Bavaria, where his career was most influential in revolutionizing the internal affairs of the city of Munich and the Kingdom of Bavaria. During a visit made by the author to Munich, in the summer of 1880, he became acquainted with the important changes effected in that Kingdom by this young man from The army, the city and many New England. local and public reforms were suggested and successfully carried out by him. In scientific matters he was a second Benjamin Franklin, and some assert even a greater. He became a Vice-President of the Royal Society of England. timonial to his character and career, the late King of Bavaria has erected a statue to his memory, in front of the National Museum. at Autueil, in France, near Paris, in 1814.

honored as a Count, instead of attaching to his name some city or landed estate of Bavaria, he assumed the title of Count Rumford, the name of a village in New Hampshire, where he once taught school. In his will he bequeathed valuable donations to Harvard University. One cannot but speculate upon his career, when thinking what it might have been had the beautiful Miss Damon said "yes" instead of "no."

#### DAMON FAMILY OF NAPA, CAL.

Reference is now made to another Damon family residing in Napa, (see page 41). Dr. Damon says: "John, son of the first named Thomas, lived in Western, now Warren, Worcester Co., Mass." Prof. W. C. Damon, now residing in Napa, thus writes under date, April 18, 1881: "My grandfather, Thomas Damon, lived in Warren, Worcester Co., and died there about 1855; my father, George Damon, was born in Warren, in 1807, and died in Bush, Dane Co., Wisconsin, 1860. His brothers, Pardon was a lawyer in Pennsylvania, William a farmer in Iowa, and killed by a horse, and John is supposed to have died in California."

"My father, George, m. Mary Tyler, at Warren, 1832, lived until 1845 at Madison, Lake Co., Ohio. He had 7 sons and 3 daughters, viz: Henry, Harrison, Mary, William (myself), Isaac, Francis, Edward, John, Charles and Martha. All now living except Henry, who d. in the war, 1863, in the siege of Vicksburg. Our family left Ohio and settled near Madison, Wisconsin, until my

father's death, 1860. Mother died soon after and both sleep in one grave at that place."

"I was born in Madison, Lake Co., Ohio, Aug. 2, 1841. In 1862 entered the University of Wisconsin, took the full classical course and graduated with the highest honors, in my class of 1869. Same year married Amelia Bailey, of Dane Co., Wisconsin, whose parents came from Vermont. We came to California the same year and I entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Most of the time since I have been a teacher in the Collegiate Institute of Napa, and now am Professor of Ancient Languages and History. I live two miles west of the town in a beautiful valley. I own 12 acres of land devoted to choice fruits. My time, not employed in teaching, is devoted to fruit culture, inheriting a strong taste for such pursuits from my father. We have three sons and two daughters. We intend to make California our permanent home. All the other members of our family are East of the Rocky Mountains."

#### DAMON FAMILY OF HARDWICK AND WARE.

Respecting these families, Dr. Damon thus writes: "Edward Damon, son of Thomas, first-named, lived in Hardwick, Worcester Co., and died at the advanced age of 95 years. He had four sons, Edward and Stephen who lived in Buckland, while Thomas and Abraham lived in Ware." Descendants of Dr. Edward and his brother John removed to N. Y.

Stephen b. Feb. 1757, a son of Dr. Edward, m. Nov. 1785, Rhoda Thayer, b. Oct. 1767. Their children:

- i. Melinda, b. Sept. 1786.
- ii. Matilda, b. Jan. 1789.
- iii. Bardin, b. April, 1791.
- iv. Stephen, b. July, 1793.
- v. Rhoda, b. Aug. 1795.
- vi. Jonathan, b. April, 1798.
- vii. Dexter, b. April, 1801, and d. in Oakland, Cal., Dec. 12, 1880.
  - viii. Micah T., b. Aug. 1803.
  - ix. Roxana, b. July, 1806.
  - x. Diana, b. Aug. 1808.
  - xi. Cyrus, b. March, 1811.

James E. Damon, a Loan and Real Estate Broker, is a son of Dexter Damon, mentioned above, and resides in Oakland, but has his office on Montgomery street, San Francisco. The family of Dexter formerly resided in Bennington, Vt.

#### THE REV. B. W. PARKER.

This veteran and useful Missionary of the A. B. C. F. M., late of Kaneohe, Oahu, arriving here 1832, was a lineal descendant of the original Thomas Damon, of Reading, Mass., agreeably to the following table:—

He was b. in Reading, Oct. 13, 1807, and d. in Honolulu, March 23, 1877, and was the son of Aaron Parker and Jerusha Damon. The latter b. Reading, 1764, and m. Aaron Parker, 1783. She was daughter of

Jabez Damon, b. 1722; d. Sept. 5, 1775; m. 1st, Elizabeth Gould; m. 2nd, Lucy Wyman, April, 3, 1755; son of Joseph Damon, b. 1685, m. Mary Bachelder. He was son of Thomas Damon, b. 1659; d. 1723, and son of the original Thomas.

Rev. B. W. Parker m. Mary E. Barker, of Guilford, Ct., Sept. 24, 1832. She was b. at Cranford, Ct., Dec., 1805. Their children:

- i. Henry H. Parker, b. Nuuhiva, Marquesas Is., March 2, 1834; is now Pastor of the Kawaiahao Church, Honolulu.
  - ii. Mary S. Parker, b. Kaneohe, Oct 16, 1835.
- iii. Harriett T. Parker, b. Kaneohe, Aug. 23, 1837.
- iv. Caroline D. Parker, b. Honolulu, Aug. 31, 1840.

Harriett m. (in Kaneohe) to Rev. J. P. Green, June 23, 1864. Their children:

- (1). Mary T. Green, b. Makawao, March 28, 1865.
- (2). Henry W. Green, b. Honolulu, May 14, 1866.
- (3). Harriett S. Green, b. Makawao, June 21, 1868, d. Makawao, June 14, 1869.
- (4). Caroline P. Green, b. Makawao, June 15, 1870.
- (5). Rhoda H. Green, b. Honolulu, July 16, 1872.
- (6). Emeline R. Green, b. Honolulu, May 7, 1877.

#### DAMON FAMILY OF WINDSOR, VT.

(FROM READING.)

Any one examining the list of Thomas Damon's children, on page 50, will see that only one of the family left Reading for Wayland. That one became founder of the numerous Wayland family. The other brothers and sisters remained in Reading. Among them was

JOSEPH, b. Sept. 28, 1686, m. his first wife Mary Bachelder, Nov. 27, 1707, and for his second wife Lydia Bancroft. Among his children by his first wife was

JABEZ, his second son, b. 1722, who m. his first wife Elizabeth Gould, and for his second wife Lucy Wyman, April 3, 1755. He died Sept. 5, 1775. His son

AARON, b. in Reading, 1767, m. Lucy Emerson, for his first wife, 8 children, and Abigail Gardner, second wife, 3 children. Among them, his son

LUTHER, b. in Reading, Dec. 17, 1795, m. Betsy Thayer, of Braintree, Mass., Nov. 15, 1819. They removed to Windsor, Vt., where he d. Dec. 28, 1872, and she d. May 27, 1861. The names of their 10 children are as follows:

- i. Luther Albert, b. Nov. 22, 1820, d. April 21, 1821.
- ii. Urias Edgar, b. May 27, 1822, d. in Windsor, April 14, 1877.
- iii. Luther Edward, b. Dec. 16, 1824, and d. in Canton, China, Nov. 19, 1843.
  - iv. Elizabeth Emerson, b. Dec. 18, 1827.

- v. Sarah Jane, b. Jan. 8, 1830.
- vi. Lucy Emerson, b. May 15, 1832, m. John Quincy Lamb.
  - vii. Aaron, b. Sept. 8, 1835, and d. 1835.
- viii. Lavina Faxon, b. May 1, 1836, m. M. F. Penniman.
  - ix. William Emerson, b. Nov. 15, 1838.
- x. Mary Ellen, b. Feb. 5, 1845, and d. Dec. 22, 1854.

#### SECOND GENERATION.

URIAS EDGAR DAMON m. HARRIET COTTON.— Their 6 children, viz:

- (i.) Mary Jane, b. Nov. 9, 1845.
- (ii.) Fanny Elizabeth, b. May 10, 1845.
- (iii.) Luther Edward, b. Oct. 21, 1853.
- (iv) William Edgar, b. Aug. 1, 1857.
- (v.) Harriet Cotton, b. Aug. 9, 1859.
- (vi.) Urias Edgar, b. May 31, 1865.

LAVINA FAXON DAMON, m. M. F. Penniman, April 22, 1862. Their 6 children, viz:

- (i.) Mary Ellen, b. Feb. 10, 1863.
- (ii.) Dora Thayer, b. Sept. 4, 1865.
- (iii.) William Merritt, b. Feb. 19, 1868.
- (iv.) Bessie Thayer, March 12, 1871.
- (v.) Jessie, b. April 29, 1872.
- (vi.) Luther Thomas, April 4, 1878.

WILLIAM EMERSON DAMON m. Alma C. Otis, daughter of Timothy B. Otis, of Windsor, Vt., Feb. 14, 1865.

LUCY EMERSON DAMON m. John Quincy Lamb. Their children,

(i.) Charles Damon Lamb, b. Dec. 7, 1854; graduated at Dartmouth College, N. H., and now in the employ of the U. S. Government Engineer Corps.

(ii.) Lizzie Esther Lamb, b. May 17, 1856.

The above memoranda relating to the Damons of Windsor, Vt., were furnished by W.E. Damon, the 9th child of Luther Damon, now residing in New York city, connected with the firm of Tiffamy & Co., Jewellers, Union Square. He is not only actively engaged in business but devotes much time to the study of Natural History. is most enthusiastic as an amateur Naturalist. The author heard Prof. Yeomans remark, in regard to him, that he was the best observer in his department, of any naturalist in the United States. He has written a work entitled "Ocean Wonders; A Companion for the Seaside," which was published by Appleton & Co., 1879. In the preface of this book, he pays the following beautiful tribute to his sister Elizabeth and his wife: "First of all to my dear and honored sister, whose suggestive spirit and practical example awakened in my mind a love for this charming science, I express my affectionate gratitude for the introduction she gave me to a knowledge of aquarial life, feeling, that to her, and the intelligent assistance of my wife, in my favorite studies, I am indebted for some of my happiest hours." Respecting his mother, our correspondent thus writes: "I am disappointed, as well as my sister Lizzie, that we are not able to say more respecting our sainted mother's history." It is most gratifying to meet with such allusions to domestic and family life, in our correspondence respecting the members of the Damon families. Had time and our limits allowed, many a beautiful picture of family life might have been sketched.

The following paragraph from a letter of the late Jonas M. Damon, of Lancaster, Mass., dated April 13, 1879, affords a glimpse of family life and marked characters, which would doubtless fill a volume if studied up: "John, the younger brother that succeeded my grandfather in the mansion in Reading, became a rich man, but gave a large portion of his property to Amherst College and Andover Seminary. His son John inherited the old house, which he sold and it was removed last year. He holds a little cottage which is all that remains of the old homestead. He is about 90 years old at this time. Hezibeth Damon, sister of the last-mentioned John, was highly educated, her father lavished his wealth upon her, except what he gave to colleges and missionaries. She was very curious to preserve whatever related to the history of our ancestors, and to her I am very largely indebted for what information I have obtained. She married a son \* of Dea. Temple, who was lost at sea about 1831. Afterwards she married a southerner who took her to Jacksonville, Ill., where she soon died, and

<sup>\*</sup> He was a brother of the Rev. Daniel Temple, the celebrated Missionary of the American Board of Missionaries in Turkey.

I suppose the valuable documents once to be seen at the old mansion, have perished with her."

## THE DAMON, EMERSON AND BULKLEY FAMILIES.

Dr. Damon appears to have taken great pains to trace out the relationship of these families. Perhaps the idea that "noble blood" flowed in the veins of the Bulkleys had some influence in urging him forward in his researches, for in answer to the question, "who was Lucy Ann Emerson, afterwards Mrs. Thomas Damon?" he notes "I believe she was the daughdown this answer: ter of the Rev. Joseph Emerson, first minister of Mendon, and grand-daughter of Rev. Edward Bulkley, second minister of Concord, and great grand-daughter of Peter Bulkley, first minister and one of the first 'settlers of Concord.'" was married to Thomas Damon, May 16, 1683, and the names of their 11 children are recorded on page 50.

The following historical record, relating to the

#### BULKLEY FAMILY

may be read with interest by the numerous descendants of Thomas and Lucy Ann Damon, in Reading, Wayland, Philadelphia and in whatever part of the world they may now reside:

Robert Bulkley, Esq., an English Baron, was Lord Manor of Bulkley, in the County Palatine of Chester, in the reign of King John, who died in 1216. The names of lineal descendants of

Robert, Lord of Bulkley, to Peter Bulkley, B. D., first minister of Concord, Mass., (as furnished by Charles Bulkley, Esq., of New London, Conn., for Shattuck's History of Concord,) is as follows: 1st. Robert aforesaid; 2nd. William; 3rd. Robert; 4th. Peter, who m. Nicholaus Bird, of Haughton; 5th. John, who m. Andryne, daughter and heiress of John Colley, of Ward, and d. 1450; 6th. Hugh, who m. Hellen Wilbrabum, of Woodley; 7th. Humphrey, who m. Cyle, daughter and heiress of John Mutten; 8th. William, who m. Beatrice, daughter and heiress of William of Bulandale; 9th. Thomas, who m. Elizabeth, daughter of Randelle Governor; 10th. Edward, D. D., of Woodhill, who m. Olive Jolby, of Lincolnshire; 11th. Peter, B. D., of Concord, b. Jan. 31st, 1583, m. for his first wife, Jane, daughter of Sir Thomas Allen, of Goldington, succeeded his father in the ministry at Woodhill, in Bedfordshire, was silenced for non-conformity and came to America in 1634 or 5, and expended most of a large estate in settling Concord, of which he was the first minister, and d. March 7, 1659, in his 77th year; [see Mather's Magnalia and Shattuck's History of Concord. The descent may be continued. Edward, oldest son of Peter, who came to America with his father, was settled in the ministry first at Marshfield, afterwards succeeded his father at Concord, d. at an advanced age while on a visit at the house of his grandson, Edward Emerson, of Chelmsford, and he was buried at Concord. It is not known whom he m. but the names of his

children are known, of whom Elizabeth is supposed to have been the only one who had issue; 13th. Elizabeth Bulkley, daughter of Rev. Edward Bulkley, of Concord, was m. to Rev. Joseph Emerson, first minister of Mendon, Dec. 7, 1655, and after his death, which took place in Concord, January 3, 1680, (she m. for a second husband, John Brown, Esq., of Reading); 14th. Lucy Ann Emerson, probably the oldest child and only daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Emerson, was m. to Thomas Damon, of Reading, May 15, 1683, 17 years, 5 months and 8 days after the marriage of the father and mother. Of course she must have been young at the time of her marriage, but her youth at the time of this important event is fully confirmed by the fact that her youngest child, Abigail, was b. Nov. 29, 1713, 30 years, 6 months and 14 days afterwards; 15th. Thomas, 9th child of Thomas and Lucy Ann Damon, was b. at Reading, Dec. 25, 1703, and m. when about 25 years of age, to Abigail Rice, of East Sudbury; 16th. Thomas, oldest son and 2nd child of Thomas and Abigail Damon, was b. in East Sudbury, Sept. 1731, and m. Elizabeth Stowe, of Sudbury, when he was 19 years of age, she being about two years older; 17th. Aaron, 4th son and 5th child of Thomas and Elizabeth Damon, was b. in East Sudbury, March 1, 1761, and m. Rathel Griffin, of the same nlace, Dec. 1785; 18th. David, the oldest son and child of Aaron and Rachel Damon, was b. in East Sudbury, Sept. 12, 1787, m. Rebecca Derby, of Lynnfield, Oct. 16, 1815; 19thNorwood, oldest son and child of David and Rebecca Damon, was b. in Lunenburg, Oct. 7, 1816.\*

\* Lineage.—This family deduces from remote antiquity its surname, derived from a ridge of mountains in the County Palatine of Chester, was spelt in the reign of John, and for generations preceeding, Bulclogh, (or large mountain). In the 20th Henry 4th and in the visitation of Edward 4th, its designation was Bulclogh, Lord of Bulclogh de Perurycle and de Stanlow. Subsequently it was described as Bulkley, Lord of Bulkley in Cheshire, and of the Manors of Eaton, Presland, Alprove, Norbury, Wore and Stanlow, and in Inquisition post mortem of later date, of Stoke and Mayfield. Robert Bulclogh, Lord of Bulclogh, in the time of King John, was father of William Bulclogh, of Bulclogh, who left five sons (Robert his Successor) viz: Willcock of Petty Hall in Cheshire, m. Mary, daughter of Henry Venables, Baron of Kinderton, and had an only son, Willcock.

Roger, of Orton Madock.

Ralph, of Rudal Heath, died issueless.

David of Bickerton.

The eldest son, Robert Bulclogh, of Bulclogh, married a daughter of Thomas Butler, of Warrington, and had (with daughters) Peter, ancestor of the Bulkeleys of Wore, in Salop, and an eldest son, his heir, Wm. Bulclogh, (the descent is here continued to the present representive, Henry Bulkely, Esq.)

The Peter just referred to, is the one mentioned in Rev. Mr. Damon's account, as the fourth from the original Robert.

COAT OF ARMS.

The arms of this family are Sable, a Chevron, between three Bull's Heads Caboshed Argent Armed or Crest, out of a Ducal Coronet a Bull's Head Argent. Estates in Staffordshire. Seat in Standlow, in that County.

#### VOTERS IN WAYLAND, JULY, 1881.

THOMAS J. DAMON, ISAAC DAMON, JUDE DAMON ISAAC C. DAMON, ELBRIDGE DAMON, CHARLES R. DAMON.

### III.

#### SCITUATE FAMILY.

John Damon.—1628—1677.

HROUGH the kindness of J. W. Austin, Esq., of Boston, who has searched the Colonial Records in Boston Libraries, and James L. Merritt, who has searched the Town Records of Scituate, the following historical and genealogical summary has been collected relating to John Damon, the founder of the Scituate Family and his descendants. The name was spelled with an a, Daman. He came with his sister Hannah, to the Colony of Plymouth, probably as early as 1628. Their uncle, WILLIAM GILSON, was their guardian. This man is referred to as "a man of education and talents," and held offices of trust and responsibility in the Colony. He was an "assistant in the Government" from 1633 to 1638, except 1635.

William Gilson associating with himself, Anthony Annable, Thomas Bird and others, settled in Scituate, 1633. They were called "Men of

Kent," having come from that county in England. They laid out the village of Scituate, according to Dean, the historian of that town, with great regularity, "allowing to no one more than four acres for a house lot." This was done for "mutual defence." The principal street was called "Kent Street." The first lot was assigned to Edward Foster, and the second to Mr. Gilson. He also owned land in other parts of the township. In 1636 he erected a windwill, supposed to be the first one erected in that plantation, if not in the Colony of Plymouth, or in America. By an Act of the Colonial Government, he was allowed to take "not above one twelfth part of the toul of the grindings of corne." He was also engaged in public works and became a contractor for cutting a passage between Green's Harbor and the Bay.

He died young, and from his will, dated 1639, the following legacies are copied: "to my wife Frances," various gifts, and to his "nephew John Damon my lot on the third cliff, after the next crop is taken off," "to niece Hannah Damon, £20 in money." "To my pastor, John Lathrop, £5 in money." As he left no children, after the decease of his wife in 1649, "John and Hannah Damon, were made his sole heirs."

#### JOHN DAMON'S FAMILY.

In 1649, by the of the Court of Plymouth, he with his sister were recognized as the lawful heirs of William Gilson. Their mother was his sister.

He succeeded to his uncle's residence, in Kent Street. In 1644 he married Katherine, daughter of Henry Merritt, and by this marriage, there were 6 children, viz.:

- 1. Deborah, b. 1645.
- 2. John, b. 1647.
- 3. Zachary, b. 1649, d. young.
- 4. Mary, b. 1651.
- 5. Daniel, b. 1652.
- 6. Zachary 2d, b. 1654.

By a second marriage, with Martha Howland, of Plymouth, 1659, there were 6 children, viz.:

- 7. Experience, b. 1662.
- 8. Silence, b. 1663.
- 9. Ebenezer, b. 1665.
- 10. Ichabod, b. 1668.
- 11. Margaret, b. 1670.
- 12. Hannah, b. 1672.

John Damon, d. 1677, and his widow Martha, was Executrix. She subsequently married Peter Bacon, of Taunton.

In the Colonial Records, it appears that John Damon, a son of the original founder of the family, served as soldier in King Philip's War, and received a grant of land for his services in 1676. Zachary also served as a soldier in the same war, and was promoted to become a Lieutenant. He m. Martha Woodward, in 1679 and left a numerous family, and d. in 1730, aged 76 years.

Zachary, a son of the above mentioned by that name, m. Mehitable Chittenden, 1711. His brother Daniel m. Jemima Stetson, 1721, and settled

near him. Daniel of the next generation, b. 1716, became a man of distinction, and a Representative. His descendants are still living in the same vicinity. Mr. Merritt, town clerk of Scituate, thus writes, under date of March 25, 1875: "The posterity of Zachary 3d, (whose wife was a daughter of the Rev. Mr. Eells,) are also in the town, viz.: the families of Edward and Galen, lately deceased. Experience, (son of John, sen.,) lived in Pincin Hill; he had a son, Experience, and a grandson, Seth. Ichabod also had a family, a son, Ichabod, and grandsons, Israel, Caleb, Ichabod, Reuben. Some of this family removed to Chesterfield."

The Damon families are quite numerous, in Scituate, and in towns set off from Scituate, as appears from the following list of voters in 1881:

#### VOTERS IN SCITUATE, MASS.

Franklin Damon,	• • • • • •	S	scituate.
Henry C. Damon,	• • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	- 66
Frank M. Damon,			66
Frank W. Damon,	•••••	Scituate	Centre.
Marsena W. Damon,	•••••	66	66
Virgil Damon,	•••••	"	66
Caleb L. Damon,	• • • • • •	. "	66
Walter L. Damon,		66	"
Eugene A. Damon,	• • • • • •	66	66
Charles Damon,N	orth	Scituate	Centre.
William Damon,	66	66	66
Sylvanus Damon,	66	66	"
Lincoln T. Damon,	46	66	44

George H. Damon,.....North Scituate Center. Virgil H. Damon,.....South Scituate Centre. Israel Damon,.....Greenbush, South Scituate. Israel Damon,.....

#### DAMON FAMILY OF SEATLE, WASH. TERR.

The Rev. John Fox Damon, a Congregational Minister of Seatle, communicates the following facts respecting his family, descending from the Damons of Scituate:

"I am doubtless of the Scituate stock, as my earliest memories locate my uncles and aunts in that vicinity. I was born in Waltham, Mass. Feb. 17, 1827. About fifty years ago, my father, Calvin Damon, was overseer of the first Cotton Factory in Waltham, and was drowned, when repairing some machinery. My mother was Jane Campbell Taylor. She was born in Salem, 1793, and died in Lynn, 1854. Their children, Jane, Calvin, Mehitable, Samuel, John, Converse, and Lewis. The youngest, Lewis, is Editor of the Lynn Record. Calvin, my oldest brother, was a Printer, and became a Universalist Preacher, of forty years' standing. He now resides in Haverhill, Mass. My sister Jane was educated as a school teacher, but subsequently married the Rev. Giles Oberlin Bailey, an Universalist Preacher, and now resides in Portland, Maine. My sisters were all educated as teachers. Samuel became a Printer, but for about fifteen years, was connected with the "Boston Journal," and died 1861. I was also a Printer, and have been more

or less connected with newspapers on this coast, since 1851. I was once Editor of the "Oregonian," at Portland. I organized the Congregation-Church in Seatle, in 1870, but was compelled to resign in 1872 on account of ill health. I married 1863, a niece of the Rev. Dr. Yantis, of O. S. Presbyterian Church. We have four living children, 'one has gone before.'"

#### DAMON FAMILY OF HAVERHILL, MASS.

The Rev. Calvin Damon, to whom allusion is made by his brother residing in Seatle, W. T., thus writes briefly respecting his own family:— "My father's name was Calvin, and he married Jane Campbell Taylor. The first three of their eight children were born in Scituate, viz.: Jane, Calvin and Mehitable. The remaining five were born in Waltham, Mass., where my father died in 1831, aged 39. (See above.) I am married and (having parted with two daughters) have two sons, C. Willis Damon and Charles E. P. Da-The former carries on quite an extensive business in architecture, being located in Haver-The latter is preparing hill, and unmarried. himself for the Bar. I am a clergyman of the Univertalist denomination, ordained in 1843, settled at Pautucket, R. I., and South Boston, but for the last twenty-six, in Haverhill."

#### DAMON FAMILIES NORTHAMPTON, MASS.

In the Summer of 1876, the author called upon two Damon families in Northampton, living very near each other; but professing to be in no way akin. One of these families descends from Capt. Isaac Damon, (son of Jonathan Damon, of Waymouth,\* Mass.,) b. July 16, 1783. He m. Sophia Strong, b. June 22, 1791. They were m. March 20, 1813. See a full and satisfactory genealogy of this family, in Dwight's Genealogy of the Strong Family, page 586. The head of this family was an Architect, and was known far and wide for his ability as a Builder of bridges.

(The other family is supposed to have descended from the Reading—Damon—Family, but the author has no memoranda relating to the marriages, births or deaths of this family.)

Their children:

- i. Isaac Damon, jr., b. Jan. 21, 1814, m. Lavinia Colton, of Chicopec, Oct. 6, 1847. No children.
- ii. Jane Sophia Damon, b. Feb. 22, 1816, m. Josiah White Smith.
- iii. David Strong Damon, b. Oct. 25, 1819, storekeeper, U. S. Navy, d. of Yellow Fever, Aug. 16, 1862, at Key West, Florida. He m. Oct. 4, 1843, Harriet Paulina Newell, of Wilbraham. No children.
- iv. Jonathan Damon, b. April 4, 1821, and m. Mary Jones, of Poultney, Vt. No children.
  - v. Joseph Holbrook Damon, b. Nov. 4, 1823,

<sup>\*</sup> The Damons of Weymouth are confidently believed to have belonged to the Damon families of Scituate, although the exact connection cannot now be traced.

became a hardware merchant in Springfield, and d. unmarried.

vi. Mary Towne Damon, b. April 10, 1826, and d. Nov. 1, 1831.

vii. Martha Strong Damon, b. Nov. 27, 1829. A teacher in a public school in Boston.

viii. Samuel Strong Damon, b. Aug. 10, 1831. A mechanic in Springfield Armory. He m. July 12, 1860, Lydia Stockwell, of Northampton, daughter of Francis Stockwell.

#### SECOND GENERATION.

Children of Jane Sophia Damon, who m. May 27, 1841, Jonah White Smith, son of Col. Horace Smith, of South Hadley, and Rebecca Moody, viz:

- i. Isaac Damon Smith, b. April 6, 1845, an Insurance Agent in Northampton. He m. Aug. 21, 1867, Kate Louis Hand, b. Aug. 21, 1843, daughter of George Hand, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Eliza Knighton. They had one child in 1871, viz.: Grace Damon Smith, b. in Brooklyn, Sept. 24, 1868.
- ii. Jane Smith, b. April 13, 1853. [Dwight's Strong Family, pages 586-7.

#### THE DAMONS OF CHESTERFIELD, MASS.

Towards the close of the 18th Century, certain persons by the name of Damon, removed from Scituate, and settled in the town of Chesterfield, Hampshire Co., Mass. It is situated upon the hills or summits of the Green Mountains, west of Connecticut River. It is a farming district, and

the inhabitants enjoy the reputation of great frugality, industry and piety. The only authentic information relating to the Damon Families has been gleaned from Dwight's History of the Dwight Family. See pages 812, 814.

REUBEN DAMON, b. Oct. 4, 1789, son of Isaiah Damon, of Chesterfield, m. DIMMIS DWIGHT, Aug. 27, 1828. She had two children by her first husband, Eli Bird, who d. Dec. 27, 1825, viz: Amanda, who m. Edward Stebbins, and Sarah, who m. Gershom Damon.

Children of Reuben Damon and Dimmis Dwight, viz.:

- i. Martha Damon, b. April 25, 1830, m. Cotton Munson.
- ii. Eli Damon, b. June 16, 1833, d. Oct. 22, 1833.
- iii. Orpha Damon, b. May 11, 1835, m. Henry Dwight Graves.
  - iv. Hudson Damon, b. June 26, 1838.
- v. Elvirah Dwight Damon, b. April 30, 1841, m. Ambrose Cudworth.
- vi. Lester Ferdinand Damon, b. Aug. 31, 1843. Children of Gershom Damon, who m. Sarah Bird. He was born in Chesterfield, April 1, 1822.
  - i. Sarah Jane Damon, b. Dec. 10, 1842.
  - ii. Charles Damon, b. Oct. 22, 1847.

MARTHA DAMON, b. April 25, 1830, m. April 22, 1850, Cotton Munson, of Whately, Mass. Their two children:

- i. Jenny A. Munson, b. June 3, 1854.
- ii. Helen Leola Munson, b. March 6, 1859.
- 2. Orpha Damon, b. May 11, 1835, m. June 15, 1854, Henry Dwight Graves. Their children, viz:
  - i. Elwood Forester Graves, b. Aug. 16, 1857.
- ii. Ida Estella Graves, b. Feb. 19, 1861, d. Oct. 11, 1861.
- 3. Elvira Dwight Damon, b. April 30, 1841, m. Ambrose Cudworth. Their children:
  - i. Ada Cudworth, b. Sept. 30, 1861.
  - ii. Nellie Orpha Cudworth, b. May 19, 1867.
- 4. Lester Ferdinand Damon, b. Aug. 31, 1843, m. May 23, 1866, Sarah L. Smith of Ashton, R. I., one child, George Warren Damon, b. Dec. 1, 1868.

#### DAMONS OF FAIRHAVEN, MASS.

The Rev. William B. Hammond, thus writes, under date of Sept. 14, 1881:

- "I am one of the 'Iowa Band,' in Andover Theological Seminary, with you, in 1840, and of the class of 1843. I am in the 4th generation of the Damon Family of Fairhaven, Mass. The members of the family have requested me to answer your letter of March 10, 1881.
- "Your first enquiry is, do the Damon Families of Fairhaven, trace their ancestry to Scituate? They do. The late Deacon Tucker Damon, (who died, January 25, 1864, 84 y. 9 mos., was the son of Joseph Damon) when alive, stated, that his father came from Scituate, and settled in Fair-

haven, and also, that his father had two brothers, who settled in Chesterfield Mass. (See page 80.)

- "JOSEPH DAMON, the founder of the family in Fairhaven, married a wife by the name of Lovey, and the following are the names of their children; (It is not known, when he settled in Fairhaven.)
  - i. Calvin, married-unknown.
  - ii. Joseph, married, 1st. wife, Lovey Babcock.

    " 2d " Polly Delano.
  - iii. Tucker, married Lucy Ayers.
  - iv. Jane, married, a Mr. Hiller.
  - v. Rebecca, married, a Mr. Warner.
  - vi. Betsy, married, a Mr. Hammond.
  - vii. Deborah, married, a Mr. Wing.
- viii. Catharine, married, my grandfather, on my mother's side, William Blankenship of Rochester, Mass.
- "My mother's name was Harriet, who married Wilson Hammond, of Fairhaven. She had a brother named, 1 William, and sisters 2 Catharine, 3 Eunice, 4 Ruby, and 5 Joanna Blankenship
- "Joseph Damon's children, were, 1 Charles, 2 Bridget, 3 Emily, 4 Louisa, 5 Henry, and 6 Mary.
- "Tucker Damon's children were, 1 Barnard, 2 Eliza, 3 Joseph, 4 John, 5 Tucker, 6 Lucy. My Grandmother's children, married, viz:
  - i. Catharine, married, James Hammond.
  - ii. Harriet "Wilson Hammond.
  - iii. Emma "Stephen Allen.
  - iv. Ruby "Freeman Hammond.
  - v. Joanna "Eliphilet Pierce.

"I send you all I know at present of the Damon Family."

In the month of February 1881, died in Fairhaven, Joseph Damon, about whom, Eben Akin, Jr, of Fairhaven, communicates as follows. "He died at the age of 71 y, 11 mos. He lived a bachelor, and was by trade, a blacksmith, as were his father and grandfather before him. When quite young, he accumulated a few thousand dollars, and retired from business. In his will he bequeathed to the Congregational Church of Fairhaven, \$4,000, and \$1,500 to Home and Foreign Missions, but only the interest to be thus devoted. He was perfectly moral, and injured no one."

The following persons, by the name of Damon, are among the voters in Fairhaven, 1881, viz: John Damon, Tucker Damon, Frederick H. Damon, Herbert A. Damon, and John F. Damon.

#### DAMONS RESIDENT IN BOSTON.

This list of persons by the name of Damon, is copied from the latest edition of the Directory of Boston, 1881. It is quite impossible to define the pedigree of these persons, or define their original family, but there is no manner of doubt, but each one might be traced to the Reading, Wayland or Scituate Families:

Albert D. Damon	Condor st.
Albert P. Damon	11 Otis st.
Alexander Damon,	East Boston.
Miss Amelia Damon	

Willard A. Damon38 State st.
Charles E. Damon172 Washington st.
Charles H. DamonClerk, at Lowell.
Converse Damon24 Eutow st.
Alfonzo C. Damon Carpenter, 38 Woodbine st.
C. E. DamonSalesman, 435 Washington st.
Daniel N. Damon67 Dover st.
Davis Damon Carpenter, 72 Trenton, E. Boston.
Edwin Damon109 Atlantic Av.
E. Thurston Damon112 Dartmouth st.
Franklin B. Damon Winthrop Square.
Fred. M. Damon27 Lynde st.
Frederick Damon57 Washington st.
George Damon84 Chelsea st., East Boston.
Geo. A. Damon152 Albany st.
Geo. B. Damon684 Tremont st.
Geo. F. Damon72 Tremont st., E. Boston.
Geo. H. Damon200 Congress st.
Geo. L. Damon108 and 110 Sudbury st.
Geo. A. Damon1089 Washington st.
Henry Damon79 W. Dedham st.
Henry Damon25 Essex st.
Herbert Damon38 State st.
Howard F. DamonPhysician, 2 Decatur st- Mrs. H. T. Damon150 Chandler st.
Mrs. H. T. Damon150 Chandler st.
John F. Damon351 Columbus Av.
Jonathan L. Damon34 Williams st., Roxbury.
Joseph N. Damon42 Oliver.
Margaret Damon29 Cherry st.
Martha S. Damon12 Woodbine st.
Mary A. Damon24 Eutow st.
Maurice Damon117 Merrimac st.

Our notice of the three Damon Families—Reading, Wayland and Scituate—closes with this list from the Boston Directory. Some members of these widely scattered families may be disappointed in not finding their names recorded, but the fault cannot be attributed to the author, who has been searching family, town and national records for years, and as the result has endeavored to assign each name its proper place. He sincerely regrets that family records of births, deaths and marriages have not been more accurately kept. It is to be hoped the perusal of this volume will induce heads of families, to be more pains-taking, in recording the births and deaths of their respective households; the importance of such records cannot be overestimated. Heed the following hint of Rev. B. W. Dwight, one of the most learned of American Genealogists:—"Forth from any one, and indeed from the many of the obscurest portions of the family-development, hitherto, may come in future years, some of the noblest thinkers and actors." Remember also the words of Edmund Burke,—"Respecting his fore fathers he is taught to respect himself."

Many, priding themselves upon their literary attainments and culture, would slightingly if not

sneeringly look down upon the pains-taking and laborious genealogist, but the searcher of old family Bibles and obscure town records, often lights upon historical and family memoranda, which are of immense importance. In most instances the genealogist labors for something more valuable than silver or gold, for his labors are seldom rewarded by satisfactory pecuniary results. We never heard of one who could say that his publications paid pecuniarily. It is a most interesting fact, that God in causing a volume to be prepared as the Text Book of the human race, and to guide the nations, saw fit that no inconsiderable portion of the Sacred Volume should be made up of genealogies!

In closing this record of the Damon Families, the author is called upon to note the sad fact, that three of those who have rendered important assistance in furnishing materials for this volume, have already passed away. Reference, is made, to Jonas M. Damon, of Lancaster, Mass., who died, June, 1880, (See page 36.); Rev. H. B. Sherman, of Esopus, N. Y., who died, 1881; and S. F. Haven, Esq., the well known Curator of the Antiquarian Library, Worcester, Mass.

"Posterity," remarks Jonathan Edwards, "is concerned in the actions of their ancestors; and persons by their virtue may be great benefactors through all succeeding generations."

"Nobler men than the Puritans are not to be found in all English history."—Froude.

"Our dead are never dead to us until we have forgotten them."—George Eliot.

### DAMON FAMILIES

IN

# "OUR OWN OLD HOME,"

OR

# OLD ENGLAND

"Where once we dwelt, Our NAME is heard no more." [Cowper.



St. Lawrence Church, Reading, England, where John Damon was baptized, June 25th, 1620. See page 9.

#### "OUR OWN OLD HOME."

📑 IIIS is a peculiarly apt and appropriate phrase of Hawthorne to designate England as "Our Down old Home." It is a cherished dream of all intelligent Americans claiming an English ancestry, to visit, once at least, the home of their This privilege has been twice experancestors. ienced by the author, having made his first visit in 1869-70, and his second in 1880. After visiting London, Windsor, York, Oxford, Cambridge and many other famous localities, he can fully endorse the sentiment of Hawthorne, "I hope I do not compromise my American patriotism by acknowledging that I was often conscious of a fervent hereditary attachment to the native soil of our forefathers, and felt it to be

'Our Own Old Home.'"

"It requires," he adds, "no long residence to make one love their island and appreciate it as thoroughly as the English do themselves." Daring our last visit, while sojourning in London, during the charming month of May, 1880, and attending the May Anniversaries, as well as visiting many noted historical places and buildings about the great metropolis, it was our privilege to receive the following letter of invitation to visit families by the name of Daman, residing in Windsor. Rumor had told of these families, but we confess to a strange feeling arising in the mind at the thought of meeting members of "our family" in "our own old Home," between whom, it might confidently be asserted, there had been little if any intercourse or communication, for nearly two hundred and fifty years:

"School House, St. Marks, Windson, May 18th, 1880.

To the Rev. Dr. Damon:

MY DEAR SIR:—Accept my thanks for your kind and interesting letter, received some time ago, from Honolulu, dated January 29th of this year, and for the paper which accompanied it.

"You said you expected to be in London this month. My health does not admit of my going to London, nor in fact, of my doing much more than of assuring you that my son, the Rev. Henery Daman, of Eton College, will be happy to see you some day which may be fixed upon to suit your convenience as well as his own. Will you let him know how long you are likely to be within reach, and what days are most likely to suit you. It is an easy journey of three-quarters of an hour from London, and so near to Windsor that you might be so kind as to call on me also. I am not well enough to get about much.

"We have always spelt our name Daman. My father and grandfather lived in Hampshire. My great-gandfather and I believe his father in Dorsetshire. The spelling may formerly have been varied, as Damen, but not (I think) as Damon. My son, I doubt not, will be interested to talk over this matter with you, and welcome you as a New Englander. He was himself in America last year.

Believe me, Dear Sir,
Yours Sincerely and Respectfully,
CHARLES DAMAN."

A most cordial welcome awaited the Damons from Honolulu, at the home of their namesake in Windsor, under the very shadow of the Royal Standard of England, displayed upon the tower of Windsor Castle, the favorite residence of the Queen. The Rev. Charles Daman, marrying the sister of the Rev. John Hawtrey, is associated with him in the highly popular school of "St. Marks," only second in its character to "Eton," where his son, the Rev. Henry Daman, is a Master. homes of these gentlemen are centres of elegance and refinement, fully sustaining the typical ideal "English home," which is so much admired and The 21st of May, 1880, will long often described. be remembered by members of the Damon Families from the new world visiting their kin in the old world. It was our privilege to dine with the elder, and after tea in the family of the younger, to be conducted over the grounds and through the College Halls and venerable apartments of Eton, so justly celebrated as the school where the sons of the aristocracy of England have, for so many centuries, been educated. Of course we did not visit Windsor without a drive through the "Forest" and a visit to the Castle, where, standing upon the tower, such a view is presented as rarely greets the tourist's eye in any land. One of our party thus describes Windsor and its environs:

"If you want a glorious view, mount up the many stairs of the great round tower, and drink in that superb view of forest-land and winding river, and village-dotted plain and garden-like beauty spread out before you. The castle is most imposing—a city in itself, and a fitting home for the good Queen of so great a people. And more beautiful than almost anything I ever saw before, or hope to see again, is the glorious avenue of giant trees stretching away, away into the misty distance, some three miles or so, this ria triumphalis of royalty. We did not see the Queen, this we had scarcely anticipated, but we found ample compensation in the cordial welcome from friends, in one of the pleasant homes of the old town of Windsor, who bear in common with us the old family name, and who, here on English soil, in the "Old Home," greeted those returning from the other side of the world, after two centuries and more of absence. One of the name is a Master at Eton, famous for its school, lying near by, and we had a most interesting opportunity of seeing this great and historic institution. Should you find time to wander farther on, you would come to the "ivy mantled tower" of which Grey so exquisitely sings in his plaintive "Elegy." And I would advise you to go to charming Richmond. But of all places do not fail to see Hampton Court with its treasures of Art, and its perfect grounds, and near at hand Bushey Park. Should you see the superb avenue of stately horse chestnuts there, and in bloom of a spring evening, when the setting sun tinges those billows of waxen clusters with rosy light, and the great trees grow greater in the uncertain twilight, and seem to mingle with the clouds of the upper sky, you would. I think, forget for the moment that life had its trials, privations, denials, and welcome and cherish the grand hopes and ideals which seem to be sent to you in this vision of beauty. But I scarcely think I need to tell you where to go, far better than all guiding or direction is that subtle something, like a poetic instinct, which tells you oftentimes in travel, as in life, where it is best to go."—[The Friend, September, 1880.

From facts there learned and elsewhere gathered, families of Damons have resided for many generations in Dorsetshire, Hampshire, Somersetshire, Berkshire, Sussex and Kent. The following memoranda will be of interest in a notice of these Damon families:—

The Rev. Charles Daman, late Tutor and formerly Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, graduated in 1834, first in "Literae Humaniores." \* He m in 1841, Emily Hawtrey, second daughter of the Rev. John Hawtrey, formerly of the Army, who had a numerous family.

His son Rev. Henry Daman, of Magdalene College, Oxford, graduated 1866, first in Mathematics, and second in "Literae Humaniores."

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;LITERAE HUMANIORES."—A phrase in use at the University of Oxford, signifying "learning of rather a polite cast, or learning of a description more polite than usual," namely "Greek and Latin; the Classics."—[Dictionary of Latin Quotations, &c.

He m. in 1878, Catherine Eleanor, the daughter of the Rev. Jabriel Cromwell, Principal of "St. Mark's" Training College, Chelsea, descendant of Oliver Cromwell through his son Henry. They have one son, Gerald William, b. Nov. 16, 1880.

WILLIAM CHARLES DAMAN, second son of Rev. C. Daman, is a Captain in the English Army, quartered in Guernsey, June 1881.

#### COATS OF ARMS.

The "Coat of Arms" of the "Damon Family" was found there. Rev. II. Daman states that a few years ago, an almost identical "Coat of Arms" was seen by him in the records of "Herald-visitations" in the College of Heralds, London, and assigned (without date) to Sir Gerard These names, and other similar names, would indicate that originally the family was of French origin. For many generations families by the name of Damen, have resided in Poole, Dorsetshire. The guardian of Dublin Castle communicates as follows to Rev. H. Daman, Sept. 26th, 1873: "I find, in a very old Catalogue of Arms here, this entry, 'Damner-or, a lion rampant—azure—over all a Jess gules three martlets argent,' and in my 'general Armery' I find the same coat assigned to Damend, or Damenor."

Since writing the foregoing paragraphs, some interesting data have been received from E. C. Damon, Esq., of Westvale, Mass., (Concord,) relating to the Damon families of England. It ap-

pears that he visited England in 1867, and gathered some important historical and genealogical information relating to this subject. From a reliable source he furnishes the following:—"Amon—Damen—D'Amon—D'Hammond, an ancient and illustrious family which has flourished at Chertsey in Surrey, and Stowe in Buckinghamshire, England; at Blois and at Cherbourg, France, and although its name is written with a varying authography, it may always be considered one and the same family."

"It counts a long series of personages, among whom is Henry, an ardent retainer of Charles I, and his almoner. He suffered many persecutions and d. 1666."

"Anthony, an English writer, b. 1668, Commissary of the Admiral and member of the Chamber of Commerce, mentioned with praise by orators."

"James, Poet and Savant of the past century."

"John, a celebrated Physician and man of Letters, b. at Cherbourg, 1618, and many others."

The family "Coat of Arms" is thus described: "The very ancient Coat of Arms of the family consists of a shield divided into three parts. In the upper part of azure, with three stars argent, in the middle of argent with two 'pals' gold in field of red."

"The descendants of Henry Damon add a lion which defends the shield, with the motto, 'Pro Rege, Pro lege, Pro grege.'"

The above historical statements settle the ques-

tion of the French origin of the Damon Families of England. At what period they crossed the British Channel cannot, as yet, be settled. Many incidental allusions and historical hints would indicate that the Damon families crossed over at a very early date, it may have been with William the Conqueror, though probably in the 13th or 14th century. Great difficulty attends the investigation of this subject, as there were no parish records until 1538.

A third "Coat of Arms" has been found by the Rev. Calvin Damon, belonging to the Scituate Family, (See page 78). A copy must have been handed down among the family relics, in the family of Mr. Gilson, under whose care John Damon of Scituate, came to the colony of Plymouth.

These several "Coats of Arms" are intrinsically of little value, but they are indications that the family in past centuries was above want and occupied a highly respectable position in society.

From reading Neal's "History of the Puritans," it is learned that the Rev. Mr. Dammon was one of the Secretaries of the famous Synod of Dort, convened in Holland, in 1618. See Harper's edition of Neal, page 264, Vol. I.

# DAMAN FAMILY OF POOLE, DORSET, ENG-LAND.

WILLIAM DAMAN, m. Hannah Bird, 1706. Their son

WILLIAM DAMAN, b. 1706, m. Amy Street, 1731, d. 1774, aged 68 years. Their son

WILLIAM DAMAN, b. 1733, m. Miss Cailletean, d. 1787. He was town clerk of Southampton. They had a large family of children but no record except of Lucy, who m. William Day, and

WILLIAM CHARLES DAMAN, m. Ann Julia Warrick. He d. in 1844 or 5. Their children were (1.) Warrick; (2.) Julia; (3.) Anne; (4.) William, m. Elizabeth Garland, of Romsey, Harts, and (5.) Jane, m. Charles John Tyler, (their children were Jane, and Thomas Gerard, Minor Canon of Carlyle.) and

- (6.) CHARLES DAMAN, m. Emily Hawtrey. Their children
  - (1.) Henry Daman m. Eleanor Cromwell.
  - (2.) William Charles, Captain of 22d Regiment.
    PARISH RECORDS.

Memoranda copied by Rev. II. Damon from the Parish Records of St. Giles Church, Reading: Barbary Damon, christened Aug. 17, 1606.

Margaret Damon, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth, Nov. 1642.

Burial of Barbary Damon, May 7, 1608.

Burial of Anthony Damon, a child, Aug. 25,1608.

Burial of Margaret Damon, Sept. 5, 1608.

Burial of Thomas Dammon, Aug. 20, 1617.

From St. Mary's Church, Reading:

Burial, 1634, Nov. 26, Margaret Damon, late of Lilhurst.

The names of William Demen and Wylliam Damond, occur about the same time in the Parish Records of St. Lawrence Church and baptism of John, Son of John Damon, June 25, 1620. [Page 9.

# DAMON FAMILY OF WEYMOUTH, ENG.

From correspondence with Robert Damon, Esq., of Weymouth, England, the following extract is made:

"I belong to Dorsetshire, in which county Weymouth is situated. The name is not uncommon in Dorsetshire, and the neighboring county of Somerset, but I never met with the name in any other part of Great Britain. For six generations the name has been in Dorsetshire, prior to that at Broadwindsor, a village in Somersetshire. The names Dayman, Damen, occur in another near county, Hampshire. The latter were formerly of our family with the 'Damous.'"

The writer is an author of works upon Geology, as appears from the following title-page of his book:

#### **HANDBOOK**

TO THE

# GEOLOGY OF WEYMOUTH,

AND THE

# ISLAND OF PORTLAND.

WITH NOTES ON THE NATURAL HISTORY OF THE COAST AND NEIGHBOURHOOD.

BY ROBERT DAMON, F. G. S., MEMBER OF THE IMPERIAL NAT. HIST. SOCIETY, MOSCOW, &c., &c,

ACCOMPANIED BY A MAP OF THE DISTRICT, GEOLOGICAL SECTIONS, PLATES OF FOSSILS, COAST VIEWS, AND NUMEROUS OTHER ILLUSTRATIONS.

#### LONDON:

EDWARD STANFORD, 6, CHARING CROSS.

APPENDIX.	

While these pages have been passing through the press, the assassination, sickness and death of President Garfield have been the general topic of conversation and discussion in all parts of the world. These sentiments and ideas upon the "Mystery of Life and Character," by our beloved President, seem not inappropriately to find a place in these pages of historic genealogy:

## "MYSTERY OF LIFE AND CHARACTER."

"In this world all is relative. Character itself is the result of innumerable influences, from without and from within, which act unceasingly through life. Who shall estimate the effect of those latent forces enfolded in the spirit of a newborn child—forces that may date back centuries and find their origin in the life, and thought, and deeds of remote ancestors—forces the germs of which, enveloped in the awful mystery of life, have been transmitted silently from generation to generation and never perish? All-cherishing nature, provident and unforgetting, gathers up all these fragments that nothing may be lost, but that all may ultimately reappear in new combina-Each new life is thus the 'heir of all the ages,' the possessor of qualities which only the events of life can unfold."

PRESIDENT JAMES A. GARFIELD.

# LOVE'S TRIBUTE.

To the memory of Samuel Mills, infant son of Rev. Samuel C. and Mrs. Julia M. Damon, who died at Honolulu, June 2, 1844, aged 10 months and 23 days.

(Refer to page 29.)

I loved thee well, when first I saw Upon thy mother's breast, A new born infant pillowed there In nature's balmy rest.

With tenderness and care I marked
Each budding infant grace;
And joyed to think that thou wouldst live,—
A blessing to thy race.

I loved thee more, when months passed on And brightened as they flew, The hopes thy bow of promise gave In colors fair and true.

With chastened reverence I thought
Upon that sainted band,
Thy pious ancestors—whose lives
Had blessed their favored land;

And not their native land alone;
For in \*one ardent breast
Rose the first beam of light that shone
On heathen wretchedness!

And when I clasped thee to my breast And kissed thy brow so fair, I thought perchance his spirit bless'd Rested in embryo there.

<sup>\*</sup> The above is an allusion to the Rev. Samuel J. Mills, great-uncle of the deceased, and generally regarded as the pioneer of foreign missions in the American churches.

I loved thee most, when to thy heart The dreaded shaft had flown; And tidings came that we must part, For God had claimed his own.

Alas for all those cherished hopes
That in thy young life lay!
"Father, if it be possible,
Let this cup pass away."

It might not be!—For while we pray'd
The fell disease wrought on;—
Till our submissive hearts could say—
Oh! "not our wills be done"

Bright seraphs hovered o'er the place, Chanting a heavenly lay; And from thy parents' fond embrace, Bore their loved babe away.

Fuith followed to the spirit's rest— Thy heavenly home on high; And saw thee on thy Savior's breast Folded, no more to die.

And now, each smitten heart responds—
"Father, thy will be done."
For tho' from earth a CHILD is gone,
Heaven has a CHERUB won.

A. W. SMITH.

Honolulu, June 3, 1844.

THE FIRST!—How many a memory bright that one sweet word can bring,

Of hopes that blossomed, drooped, and died, in life's delightful spring,—

Of fervid feelings passed away—those early seeds of bliss

That germinate in hearts unseared by such a world as this!



MONUMENT

TO THE PIONEERS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN AMERICA, IN MILLS' PARK, AT WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS.

#### DESCRIPTION OF THIS MONUMENT.

It is erected in Mills Park, attached to Williams College, Williamstown, Mass., and dedicated July 28, 1867. It was erected in honor of the five young men whose names are inscribed upon one of its sides. The name of Samuel J. Mills stands first. At its dedication one of the speakers thus described it: "Its shaft, cap and base are square, its surface polished, its color silver-blue. It is mounted by a globe three feet in The entire height diameter, traced in map lines. is twelve feet. On its eastern face and immediately below the globe, are inscribed the words:

## 'THE FIELD IS THE WORLD.'

"Then follows the similitude of a hay-stack sculptured in bold relief, and encircled with the words:

'THE BIRTHPLACE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1806.'

Samuel J. Mills, James Richards, Francis L. Robbins, Harvey Loomis, Byram Green.

"Above appears the names of five young men, who held a prayer-meeting under the shelter of a hay-stack. As a specimen of fine material and artistic sculpture it is strictly a Berkshire production."

It was erected by Harvey Rice, Esq., of Cleveland, Ohio, a graduate of the college.

#### SAMUEL J. MILLS.

There are three names associated with the history of Missions in America, which the church will not allow to be forgotten, Elliot of the 17th century, Brainard of the 18th century and Mills of the 19th century. The propriety of allowing the last to appear in this Memorial volume will be admitted, as his nearest living relative, Mrs. Julia Mills Damon, is the wife of the author.

He was b. in Torringford, Litchfield Co., Ct., April 21, 1783, and was the son of the Rev. Samuel J. Mills, so extensively known as "Father Mills." On another page of this Appendix will be found his genealogy. He graduated at Williams College and became a Resident Graduate at New Haven, where his incipient plans in behalf of Missions were more fully matured.

This beautiful structure was erected in the vicinity of Williams College, Mass., in 1867, to commemorate the birth-place of the Foreign Missionary Enterprise. On that spot, in the shelter of a hay-stack, five undergraduates, in the summer of 1806, were wont to meet for prayer.

"The vows assumed beneath that hay-stack shade, By Heaven were witnessed; Heaven has seen them paid; There prayed they to the Power Divine, There found they wisdom on their path to shine."

The biographer of Mills, Dr. Spring of New York, thus remarks: "He is justly entitled to the praise of originating the plan of this noble institution, the American Board of Commission-

ers for Foreign Missions. He also had much to do in promoting the organization of the American Bible Society. He travelled extensively through the Middle, Southern and Western States to promote the circulation of the Bible.

With him originated the idea of sending a Mission to the Sandwich Islands, being at the time—1809—associated with Obookiah in New Haven, Ct. This is his language, in a letter to a friend: "Brother Hall, do you understand it? Shall he be sent back unsupported to attempt to reclaim his countrymen? Shall we not rather consider the Southern Islands a proper place for the establishment of a Mission?" As the American Board delayed, he contemplated a mission of exploration to the Sandwich Islands, in 1816, on board the ship "Eagle," Captain Davis. (Read "Obookiah's and Mills' Memoirs.") not opening, his mind ere long became absorbed in another enterprise, to establish a colony of freedmen on the western coast of Africa. To carry out this noble enterprise, supported by the friends of the Colonization Society, and the approval of the American Government, and becoming associated with the Rev. Mr. Burgess, he sails for Africa, via England, in the Autumn of 1817. His vessel was wrecked and loses her commander, but finally succeeds in landing her explorers at St. Malo, in France. They find their way to London, where they were welcomed by Mr. Wilberforce and other friends of humanity, among them the father of the late Lord Macaulay, who introduced the young men to Lords Bathurst and Gambier, and His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester, Patron of the African Institution. With introductory letters from those friends of missions and humanity, they sail for Sierra Leone where they were favorably received. They proceed to explore the region now occupied by the Republic of Liberia, with a population of 1,500,-000, and after obtaining favorable pledges from native chiefs, they re-embark for England. ing the passage, on the 16th of June, 1818, Mills died and was buried at sea. His biographer thus remarks: "In the thirty-fifth year of his age did this beloved man close his life of distinguished piety and usefulness, and leaves Africa and the world to mourn. No monumental marble records his worth; no fragrant dews shall descend on his tomb. His dust sleeps unseen amidst the pearls and corals of the ocean and long shall his name swell upon the breeze and be echoed from the wave."

For more than half a century the name of Samuel J. Mills has been cherished in most grateful remembrance by the friends of Missions, African Colonization and Bible distribution.

At the 72nd Annual Meeting of the A. B. C. F. M., held this year—1881—at St. Louis, Mo., Dr. Goodell's farewell address contained the following paragraph:

"It is very fitting that this meeting should occur in St. Louis. From Samuel J. Mills came the first conception of this Board. He was a leading spirit in all its earliest councils till organized. Then, with Rev. Daniel Smith, he rode over 1,200 miles on horseback, through morass and jungle, till he reached this city, where, in 1814, he preached the first, or among the very first Protes-It was a little French town of mud tant sermons. and log huts. The few Protestant families desired him to remain, but instead, Rev. Salmon Giddings, of Connecticut, came and organized the first Protestant church, and lived to organize a group of seventeen churches. So Protestantism here was born of the American Board. In coming here for this meeting, it is coming to its own. The cordial hospitality extended by these pastors and churches is the bread which the missionary, Mills, cast upon the waters, coming home after many days."

The name of no graduate of Williams College calls forth more tender and grateful remembrance. At the very last Commencement in July, this year—1881—Dr. Irenæus Prime, of the N. Y. Observer, being present, thus refers to the gathering around the Monument:

"In the open fields, surrounded by great trees, the people sat down on the grass, as did the multitude whom Christ fed. In the center of the great circle stood the Monument, a solid marble block surmounted by a marble globe; for this marks the spot where the young men by the hay-stack were wont to meet to pray for the world and to give themselves to work for its salvation. Dr. Mark Hopkins stood forth and addressed the

multitude, Rev. Drs. George Hale and Charles A. Stoddard offered prayers, and missionaries fresh from Foreign fields, Mr. Leavitt from Japan, Mr. Reynolds from Turkey, and Mr. Pixley from Africa and the Zulus, told of the progress of the war and the work." \*

## OBOOKIAH.

The memoir of this Hawaiian youth who visited America in the early part of this century, contains many allusions to the Rev. Samuel J. Mills and other members of the Mills family in Torringford. He spent many months in that family, where he was thoughtfully cared for. accompanied him thither in 1810. In one of his letters, Obookiah thus writes: (See memoir, page "I left New Haven and went home with Mr. Mills. I lived with the family in 1810. These people were the most judicious and kindest people. I was treated by them in the most affectionate manner. It seemed to me as my own And I have made my home It was. there frequently. I could say much of them, but what more can I do but to remember their kindness toward me. While I was with them 1 continued my study in spelling, reading and writing to Mr. Jeremiah Mills, [father of Mrs. Julia Mills

<sup>\*</sup> The mahogony writing desk of Mills came into the author's possession in 1841, or just forty years ago, and upon it ever since, he has done most of his writing, including 1,000 sermons, thousands of letters and a great amount of editorial writing, and the composition and copying of this Memorial Volume.

Damon] a brother of Mr. Mills whom I was acquainted with at the first. Here I learned some sort of farming business; cutting wood, pulling flax, mowing, &c."

While Obookiah remained in the family of the Rev. Mr. Mills "every possible attention was paid to the improvement of his mind." He soon learned to read and to write. He refers in one of his letters to Mrs. Mills, the mother of Samuel J. Mills, a Christian lady whose piety has been so widely celebrated. He says of her "she used me kindly and learned me to say the catechism."

As is well-known Obookiah left Torringford, went to Andover, Mass., and travelled much among the churches of New England. His influence was very powerful in awakening an interest in behalf of a mission to these islands. He finally was sent to the Cornwall Mission School in Connecticut, where, after spending some years, he died and was buried. The following is the inscription upon his gravestone in Cornwall, Ct.:

"In memory of Henry Obookiah, a native of Owyhee. His arrival in this country gave rise to the Foreign Mission School, of which he was a worthy member. He was once an Idolater, and was designed for a pagan priest; but by the grace of God, and by the prayers and instructions of pious friends, he became a Christian. He was eminent for piety and missionary zeal. When almost prepared to return to his native isle to preach the Gospel, God took him to himself. In his last sickness, he wept and prayed for Owyhee, but was submissive. He died without fear, with a heavenly smile on his countenance and glory in his soul, Feb. 17th, 1818, aged 26."

# THE WILL OF SAMUEL DAMON.

On page 20 will be found the notice of Samuel Damon's birth, marriage and death, and on subsequent pages memoranda, relating to his descendants. He was the founder of the Damon families of Holden. The following document is his will, copied from the Probate Court Records, in Worcester, Mass. Some items in this will are most thoughtful respecting the provisions made for his surviving widow, and it affords the writer much satisfaction to testify that they were most scrupulously carried out by their son Samuel:

# In the name of God, Amen:

I, SAMUEL DAMON of Holden, being weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind, calling unto mind the mortality of my body, do first recommend my soul to the grace of God, and my all to the merciful care and protection of my Almighty Benefactor, and to such worldly estate wherewith it has pleased God to bless me, I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form:

My will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be paid by my Executor. My will is that my beloved wife Abigail should be handsomely supported, clothing excepted, by my Executor hereafter named, during her natural life, in sickness and health. That she should have the use of a horse and chaise, and due attention in accommodation as to this, that she should have the use of the west front room in my dwelling house and the chamber over it and the west part of the back kitchen, also a privilege in the kitchen cellar and garret, and that she should be supplied with wood sufficient for the fire and brought into the house. That it should be at the option of my wife to eat at the table of the Executor or be furnished with food cenvenient and eat at her own table. That such women's help as she may need be furnished for and that she should have wherewith to treat a friend or visitant in a decent and hospitable manner. Also I give to my wife one thousand dollars to be paid in ten years, one hundred dollars a year, with interest till paid, to be at her disposed of by her as she may think fit. The clock is included in these. The use of that part of the house which is now given to my wife is to her own personal use and not to be rented to another. Also I give to my wife my wearing apparel to be distributed among my children at her discretion. I give to my son Penniman Thirty-four dollars, which, with what I have already given him by deed of land, &c., is the whole of

his portion of my estate. I give to my daughter Abigail Sixteen Hundred and Twenty-five dollars and the use of my pasture in Princeton during her natural life, the said pasture to be put and kept in good repair by her while she improves it which and what she has already received from me is the whole of her portion out of my estate. And the oldest son of the said daughter, whose name is Jason, I give the right of soil of the said pasture at her decease, and in case he should die before he come into possession of the soil, the right to it is to be equally divided among the surviving children of my daughter. I give to my son Samuel all my real and personal estate in Holden except what is otherwise disposed of in this will. The said Samuel is to pay out of what is now given him, all the legacies specified in this will, to his Mother, Brother and Sister. I give to Susanna, \* wife of my son Penniman, the use of a pasture near Captain David Smith's, which I hold by deed from my son Penniman, during her natural life, and the right of soil, at her decease to her oldest son Samuel, and should he be removed from life before he comes into possession, then the right to be equally divided among the surviving children of the said Samuel.

I give to my sister, Sarah Damon, ten dollars per year during her natural life to be paid by my Executor in such articles as she shall most need according to his best skill and judgement. I give to the town of Holden, for the use of schools in said town, the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid in two years after my decease, by my Executor. My will is that the sixteen hundred and twenty-five dollars given to my daughter Abigail be paid, one-third in six months after my decease, another in twelve months, and the remaining third in two years after my decease.

My will is that my son Samuel, as soon as he can conveniently do so, if he can, obtain a place in the burying place of the town for the purpose, build a tomb for the use of the fam-

ily.

I do now constitute and appoint my beloved son Samuel to be the sole Executor of this, my last will and testament, and I. do utterly disallow and disanull all other testaments and wills by me willed and bequeathed; rectifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereunto I have set my hand and seal this Twelfth day of January, One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Thirteen.

Signed, sealed, pronounced and declared by the said Samuel Damon to be his last will and testament in presence of us

JOSEPH AVERY, LEMUEL ABBOTT,

SAMUEL DAMON. JOSEPH DODD. I accept the trust of this will June 3, 1813. SAMUEL DAMON.

<sup>\*</sup> Erroneously printed Lucy, Page 22.

#### THE WILL OF RICHARD SHERMAN.

The late Rev. H. B Sherman, of Esopus, New York, furnished the writer much most valuable information respecting the Sherman families, and their intermarriage among the Damon and Mills Families. Abigail Sherman, m. Deacon John Damon, founder of the Reading Family, see page 11th, and the following is the Will of Richard Sherman, her father, a merchant of Boston, baptized at Dedham, England, March 3, 1577;

I RICHARD SHEARMAN being weake in body but by ye mercy of God Retaineing my understanding and memorie doe make and ordaine my last will and testament in forme as followeth my soule I doe Comend unto ye Lord God my Redeemer hoping for salvasion only through ye meritts and mediation of the Lord Jesus Christ my savior. And for my temporall estate I order and bequeath as followeth viz. I give and bequeath unto my two daughters Ann Shearman and Priseilla Garett the wife of Martin Garet to each of them tenne pounds also to my daughter Martha Browne tenn pounds and to my daughter Abigail Damine tenn pounds all which Legacies I doe appointe to be payd out of my Estate that shall remaine after the decease of my wife Elizabeth Shearman within sixe moneths after her decease by my overseers hereafter nominated. Provided that if my said wife shall see cause with ye advise of my overseers to sell ye dwelling house and ye ground adjoyning to it during hir life time then ye said Legacies shall be payd within six moneths after such sale made the two tenn pounds to my daughters in England into ye hands of my couseine Mr. Anger of Cambridge to be sent unto my daughters if then liveing or else to ye child or children of them, if either should dye without issue before ye time mentioned then ye survivor of hir child or children to receive it, if both should dye before ye time above mentioned then leaving no issue my will is yt ye whole fortie pounds should be disposed of to my two daughters Martha and Abigail or to their children at ye discretion of my overseers.—I do further give and bequeath unto Mary and Elizabeth Spawle my grand children to each of them five pounds upon same termes as ye Legacies of my daughters above specifyed to be all payd by my wife or hir successors in some current pay of New England.

In consideration of all such I doe hereby acquitt and discharge my wife Elizabeth Shearman from ye paymt of fifteene

pounds mentioned in a deed of sale whereby I have made over my orchard to my said wife, the said deed beareing date the 25th day of August 1658 and I doe hereby confirme ye said deed of late to my said wife, such deed was made to me John Joyliffe on hir behalf who is hereby discharged also, from ye said paymt of fifteene pounds, further I doe make and appointe my loving wife Elizabeth Shearman sole Executrix of this my last will and testament: I doe alsoe appointe my loving friends and kinsman me Edmund Anger and John Lovermore of Watertowne overseers of this my last will. In witnes of all which above written I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of Aprill 1660.

Leaving all ye rest of my Estate unto my said wife and Ex-

ecutrix.

Signed and delivered by Richard Shearman with ye clause on ye margent on ye other side in ye originall will in prince of us ye clause being in these words. Leaving all ye rest of my Estate unto my said wife and Executrix.

RICHARD SHEARMAN.

Witnes: WILLIAM BARTHOLOMEW, JOHN JOYLIFFE.

At a Countre Court held at Boston 31th July 1660, William Bartholomew deposed faith that haveing subscribed his name as a witnes to this will was prsent when Richard Shearman signed and published this as his last will and testament and yt he signed and published this as his last will and testament and yt he was of a sound disposeing minde when he signed it to his best knowledge.

Reg. of Probate, Vol. 1st, page 336. Co. Suffolk, Mass.

# THE WILL OF THE REV. JOHN SHERMAN.

According to the genealogical records, furnished by Rev. H. B. Sherman, of Esopus, New York, Julia Sherman Mills descends from the Rev. John Sherman of Watertown, Mass, (See pages 12, 29, 33,) b. Dedham, Eng., Dec. 26, 1613, d. Aug. 8, 1685, (See Cotton Mather's "Magnalia," pages 461-467.)

KNOW all men by these presents, that I, John Sherman, of Watertown, in the County of Middlesex in the Mattachusetts Colony in new England, being at present (though weake in body) yet in memory & understanding good & perfect (blessed be the Lord for it), In consideration of my departure out of the world, knowing that all flesh must yield to death when it shall please God to call, do make, constitute, ordeyne & declare this my last will & testament, in manner & forme following: Revoking & annulling by these presents all & every Tes-

In witness whereof I have sett to my hand & seale this Sixth day of August in the yeare of or Lord one Thousand Six hundred Eighty & five.

JOHN SHERMAN, Seale.

In presence of us John Sherman, Sr. Joseph Child, Sainer.

CAMBO, 6, 1685.—The witnesses made oath hereto in Court, JONATHAN BENNINGTON, Clerk. Reg., of Prob., Mid., Co., Mass., Vol., 6, New Book 387; Old Book 268.

# LIST OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE REV. DAVID DAMON, D. D.

#### (SEE PAGE 56.)

(1) Sketch of the Life and Character of the late Rev. Joseph Mottey, of Lynufield. From the Christian Disciple for Nov. and Dec. 1821. Boston, 1822. Pp. 16.

(2) A Sermon preached at Concord, Massachusetts, May 15, 1323, at the semi-annual meeting of the "Evangelical Missionary Society in Massachusetts." Boston, 1823. Text, Rom. x. 14, 15. Pp. 10.

(3) A Sermon preached at Charlton, Mass., Sept. 14, 1826, at the Annual Meeting of the Auxiliary Bible Society in the

County of Worcester.

(4) Sermon, delivered at Worcester, in or about 1826.

(5) A Sermon delivered at Lunenburg. Dec. 2, 1827, by David Damon, at the close of his ministry in that town. Lancaster, 1828. Pp. 22.

(6) Address delivered at Amesbury, Aug. 2, 1829, previous to the organization of the Salisbury and Amesbury Society for Promoting Temperance.

(7) Sermon, Human Life a Tale. Text, Ps. xc. 9. Pp. 11.

- (8) Sermon, The Faith common to Christians. Text, Eph. iv. 5, 6. Pp. 15.
- (9) The Means of Attaining Religion. Dover, 1832.—Text, Matt. 15:27. Pp. 16.
- (10) Sermon published in or about 1834. Text, "What is Truth?"
- (11) Sermon, text, "Truth Lord, but the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the children's table."
- (12) Sermon. Text, "We spend our years as a tale that is told." Pp. 13.
- (13) An Address delivered before the Ministerial Conference in Berry Street, Boston, May 27, 1840.

(14) Centennial Sermon, West Cambridge, 1840.

(15) A Sermon at the Annual Election, Jan. 6, 1841, of the Congregational Church in West Cambridge. Boston, 1841.

(16) A Sermon preached at West Cambridge, Aug. 1, 1841, the Sabbath after the Death of Philip Augustus Whittemore, oldest son of Philip and Sarah Whittemore.

(17) A Poem, written and read by him at the Fourth of July Celebration in West Cambridge, 1842. The procession mustered at the Universalist meeting-house, and marched to the Unitarian meeting-house, led by a band of music from Woburn. The Declaration of Independence was read by Rev. Mr. Damon, and an address delivered by Rev. J. C. Waldo. A repast was prepared by the ladies at a grove.—See Lowell Journal, for July 8, 1842.

(18) The Sinfulness of Sin, a Sermon in The Monthly Miscellany of Religion and Letters for March, 1843. Boston. Text. Rom. vii. 13. Pp. 7.

(19) Notice of the Rev. William Gray Swett, in The Monthly Miscellany of Religion and Letters for April, 1843. Boston.

Pp. 5.

(20) An Address delivered at the Consecration of the New

Cemetery in West Cambridge, Mass., June 14, 1843.

(21) Several poems in a bound volume of a paper published at Cambridge, while he was in college, given to Edward Everett his classmate, after Mr. D.'s death. It contained articles by the students, among them many by Mr. Everett.

A Dudleian Lecture, delivered by him in the College Chapel, Wednesday, the 12th of May, 1841. (MS.) Text, Rev. 18:2.

# PRINTED SERMONS, ADDRESSES AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS.

#### BY REV. S. C. DAMON, D. D.

- (1) Centennial Historical Address at the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Holden, Mass. Delivered May 4th, 1841.
  - (2) History of Holden, printed Worcester, 1841. 144 pages.
- (3) Discourse on Hawaiian National Fast, July 31, 1845. [See Friend, Aug. 15, 1845.

(4) Temperance Address, 1845. [See Cascade.

(5) Sermon in behalf of Hawaiian Bible Society, May, 1846.

[See Friend, June 1, 1846.

(6) Discourse occasioned by the wreck of the Maria Helena on Christmas Island, preached in Bethel, Honolulu, April 23, 1848. [See Friend, June 1, 1848.

- (7) Thanksgiving Sermon, 1850. [See Polynesian.(8) Address on the Departure of the first Missionaries to Micronesia, July 11, 1852. [See Friend, August 1852.
  - (9) Thanksgiving Sermon, 1852. [See Friend, Dec. 1852.
- (10) Discourse on the Death of His Excellency Chief-Justice, Hon. W. L. Lee, May 31, 1857.
- (11) Discourse on Japanese Embassy to Washington, delivered in Honolulu. [See Friend, March 18, 1860.
- (12) The Puritans and their Descendants. A Thanksgiving Discourse delivered, Nov. 29, 1860. [See Friend.
- (13) Funeral Address, on the occasion of the death of Mrs. Doane, Feb. 17, 1862. [See Friend.
- (14) English Preaching in Honolulu, 20th Anniversary of Chaplain's arrival, October 19th, 1862. [See Friend.
- (15) Historical Discourse, Hawaiian Independence. [See Friend, Sept. 1, 1863.
- (16) Sermon on the death of Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, preached May 14, 1865. [See Friend. This

sermon was republished in the United States.

(17) Puritan Missions in the Pacific. A Missionary Discourse delivered June 14, 1866. Printed in Honolulu; reprinted in London under the direction of Rev. W. Ellis, and again printed in United States by J. Hunnewell, Esq., 2,000 copies for gratuitous circulation.

(18) The American's Goodly Heritage. A Thanksgiving Dis-

course, Nov. 29, 1866.

(19) Sermon on the death of His Honor, G. M. Robertson, Associate-Justice of Supreme Court, March 1867. [See Friend.

(20) America; A strong Nation. A Thanksgiving Discourse,

Nov. 26, 1868. [See Friend.

- (21) A walk about Zion. A sermon on the Pastor's return from America, Europe, Palestine and Egypt, May 22, 1870. [See Friend.
- (22) Jubilee, Missionary Anniversary Discourse, preached in Fort Street Church, June, 1870. [See supplement to Friend.
  - (23) China viewed in the Light of Prophecy. A discourse

preached August 7, 1870. [See Friend, Sept. 1870.

- (24) "They all escaped safe to Land." A discourse on the wreck of the whaling fleet in the Arctic, 1871. [See Friend, Nov. 1871.
- (25) Memorial Discourse on the death of Rev. William Ellis and his wife, preached in Fort Street Church, August 17. 1872. [See *Friend* for August.
- (26) American Government; the creation of the people. A Thanksgiving Discourse, Nov. 28, 1872. [See Friend, Dec. 1872]
- (27) Tribute to the memory of Rev. A. Bishop, fifty years a Missionary of A. B. C. F. M., Dec. 22, 1872. [See Friend, Jan. 1, 1872.

(28) Nations honoring God, He will honor. A Thanksgiv-

ing Discourse, Nov. 16, 1874. [See Friend.

- (29) Christian Missions Essential to a True Progressive Civilization. A Missionary Discourse in behalf of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association, June 20, 1875.
- (30) Centennial Thanksgiving Discourse, 1775-1876, preached in Honolulu, Dec. 25, 1875. [See Friend, Dec.
- (31) Address on Decoration Day, May 20th, in Holden,

1876. [See Worcester Spy.

- (32) Centennial Reflections. A discourse preached Sabbath morning after returning from America. [See Friend, Sept. 1876.
- (33) "God's way is in the Sea." A Discourse preached in New York City, May 14, 1876, 48th Anniversary of the A. S. F. Society.
- (34) Tribute to the Memory of Rev. D. Dole. [See Friend, Oct. 1878.
- (35) International Reciprocity. A Thanksgiving Discourse preached in Honolulu, Nov. 28, 1879.

(36) God's Loving kindness manifest in Evangelization of Seamen. Annual Sermon on behalf of the British and Foreign Sailor's Society, preached in London, May 5, 1880.

(37) A higher Christian Education and its claims on the Foreign Community of the Hawaiian Islands. A Discourse preached in Honolulu, July 10, 1881. [See *Friend*, August.

(38) Memorial Discourse on the death of President Garfield. [See Honolulu papers, 1880.

(39) International Friendship. A Thanksgiving Discourse, preached in Honolulu, Nov. 24, 1881.

(40) The published Journals and Letters of the author while

traveling in foreign lands, will be found in the *Friend*.

(41) "A trip to Lower Oregon and Upper California," 1849.

(42) "Morning Star Papers." A voyage through Micronesia, 1861.

(43) "Editor's Notes and Reflections" while passing along through the New World and the Old World, 1869-70.

(44) "A Trip to the Centennial," 1876.

(45) "Editor Abroad; In United States and Europe," 1880.

(46) "Damon Memorial," Honolulu, 1882.

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#### BY

# FRANCIS W. DAMON,

SECRETARY OF HAWAIIAN LEGATION AT BERLIN, AND SUPERINTEND-ENT OF THE MISSION TO THE CHINESE ON THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS. The marriage of the author took place in Natick, Mass., Oct. 6, 1841, and the Rev. Samuel Hunt was the officiating clergyman, who subsequently became private secretary of Vice-President Wilson and assisted him in writing "The Rise and Fall of the Slave Power in America." The following is a copy of the original certificate:

"NATICE, Dec. 1st, 1841.

"This may certify that on the sixth day of October, eighteen hundred and forty-one, I united in marriage the Rev. Samuel C. Damon, of Holden, and Miss Julia S. Mills, of Natick.

"SAMUEL HUNT,

"Pastor of First Congregational Church of Natick."

# A SILVER WEDDING.

"PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER," OCT. 13, 1866.

We have often read of wooden, silver and golden weddings, but never till last week did Honoluluans have an opportunity of witnessing a "silver wedding." Before detailing it, we may state that in the "old countries"—Germany, England and other European countries, as also in America—wedding anniversaries are often celebrated, though generally confined to the relatives of those honored with them. A wooden wedding is the fifth anniversary; a tin wedding, the tenth; a crystal wedding, the fifteenth; a silver wedding, the twenty-fifth; a golden wedding, the fiftieth; and a diamond wedding, the seventy-fifth anniversary. It is customary on the observance of these to make presents of the nature of the anniversary, i. e., at a "wooden" wedding the presents all consist of wooden articles, at a "tin" wedding of tin, &c.

The very quiet observance of the "crystal wedding" anniversary of the pastor of the Fort Street Church a few months ago, suggested to some of the members of the Bethel Church that it would be pleasant to celebrate the "silver wedding" anniversary of their worthy pastor, which, it had in some way leaked out, would occur on the 6th of October. and thus to

"Remind him of the autumn When she became his bride."

In this case the "wish became father to the thought," and the thought inspired action, which led to an effort to raise a few hundred dollars to purchase silver ware to be presented on the occasion. The necessary amount was spontaneously forthcoming, and the order for the articles sent to Mr. Charles W. Brooks, of San Francisco, by the bark D. C. Murray, which had so long a passage over to the coast, that there was little hope of seeing the presents back again in time. Sea Serpent arrived two days before the date of the anniversary and simply brought a letter stating that the goods would be sent "by the next ship." Dum spiro, spero was uttered by more than one, and when it is remembered that half the eclat of the occasion centered in the arrival of the presents, it can be imagined how eagerly the telegraph arms were watched. At 12 m. of the sixth, the telegraph announced the coming of the expected vessel, and the news sped like wild-fire, though almost "too good to be true." At 4 P. M., just two hours before the time they were needed, the box arrived, on a ship so square in the bows that a gentleman remarked, "if that box had not been on board, she would have been ten days longer in making the passage to Honolulu." In all our experience we have never known a more opportune arrival, or one that created more good feeling. Nothing more remained to render pleasant the anticipated silver wedding.

Beyond the congratulations of their friends during the day, we believe the worthy Seamen's Chaplain and his wife knew nothing of the singular proceedings on foot. About 61/2 P. M., as they were seated quietly by their evening lamp, thinking, perhaps, that their friends might have done something had they only thought of it in time, two of their parishioners, a lady and gentleman, dropped in, and after congratulating them on their 25th wedding anniversary, told them it would be well to prepare for their friends, provided any should call in during the evening, and requested the privilege of taking possession of their dining-room, where very soon after, might have been seen a crowd of fair ones, with smiling faces and nimble hands. busy as a swarm of bees, preparing a supper table that would have graced a royal feast. A stream of good things -cakes, conserves, meats, fruits and flowers in endless variety-flowed in from, no one seemed to know where, and yet in almost exhaustless supply. Friends and strangers continued to congregate in numbers till the rooms were overcrowded, and the parsonage was really too strait to accommodate them.

At half-past seven the door of the tabooed apartment was thrown open, and the crowd, led by Rev. Mr. Corwin, pastor of the Fort Street Church, and Chief-Justice Allen, entered the supper room. Here, on a table spread out alone, were the silver presents, consisting of knives, forks, spoons, cream and milk dishes, butter and cheese knives, napkin-rings, &c., &c., and in the center of the table a silver cake dish piled full with bright silver half dollars, in all about six hundred pieces. The silver ware is valued at about five hundred dollars, and the money three hundred more. On another long dining table was spread the generous repast prepared by unknown friends, of which, after a most touching invocation from Mr. Corwin, the host, hostess and guests were invited to partake. In the center of the table was a rich boquet presented by the Misses

Montgomery, which was conceded by all to be the most elegant ornament of the kind ever seen here at a supper. Some of the roses measured four and five inches in diameter. There were several other boquets presented worthy of special note.

After an hour or so spent at supper, the happy couple, who had reached the "silver point in life's journey," were called into the supper room, and formally presented with the silver presents by Dr. J. Mott Smith, and afterwards addressed by Rev. Mr. Corwin and Chief-Justice Allen in a few very happy and appropriate remarks, which were feelingly responded to by Mr. Damon.

We need hardly add that the whole affair was a most perfect "surprise" to the worthy chaplain and his wife. And we have never seen a happier gathering than that afforded by the two hundred guests who assembled at the chaplaincy on Saturday. The ovation was by no means confined to his parishioners, although it originated among them; but it was a general and spontaneous testimonial to one who was spent a quarter of a century in Honolulu, and occupied during that period the same dwelling and the same pulpit. The effect will be to impart a happy and harmonious feeling among all who took part in it, and we trust Mr D. and his wife may live to witness their golden wedding anniversary.

#### CHENERY FAMILY, OF HOLDEN.

On page 25 will be found the marriage of Alony Chenery to Samuel Damon. The founder of the Chenery family in Holden was Isaac Chenery, M. D. (See same page.) About the year 1840, the author collected some important memoranda relating to the Chenery Family, but circumstances have never since favored the arranging of the materials or making any additional researches relating to the genealogy of the family. As the Damon and Chenery families were connected by marriage, there existed much family intercourse for more than half a century and it is still continued. The Old House of the Damons and the Dr. Chenery Farm, in Holden, were the gathering places of the branches of the two families for several generations, and at these centres much generous hospitality was extended. The author visited the old Chenery farm for the last time in 1869, and was most hospitally entertained by Cyrus Chenery, Esq., a grand-son of the original founder. He had been a merchant in New York City, where he married a daughter of N. T. Hubbard, who wrote and published his autobiography, 1875.

The following genealogical memoranda relating to the Chenery family, were collected prior to 1840, and these details are known to be exceedingly imperfect and in some instances, they may be incorrect, The author feels much reluctance in print-

ing these memoranda, but in as much as he knows of no one of the numerous descendants who has ever collected as many particulars, he ventures to put these in print, hoping that hereafter some one may feel inclined to correct, add, enlarge and systemize the genealogy of the interesting family:

#### FIRST GENERATION.

Isaac Chenery, M. D., b. in Medfield, Mass., 1742. Settled in Holden, 1768, and m. Susannah Pierce. [See page 25.]

#### SECOND GENERATION.

- i. Thaddeus, b. April 27, 1769, m. Polly Dodd.
- ii. Zilla, b. July 12, 1771, m. Lemuel Abbott; m. for second husband Ethan Davis.
  - iii. Nathan, b. Dec. 7, 1775, m. Sophia Gunn.
  - iv. Susannah, b. Feb. 5, 1785, m. Ephraim Richards.
  - v. Alony, b. Jan. 27, 1788, m. Samuel Damon.
  - vi. Isaac, b. April 30, 1791, m. Electa Root.
  - vii. Leonard, b. April 27, 1794, m. Hannah Pierce.

#### THIRD GENERATION.

- 1.—Children of Thaddeus, viz:
  - i. William D. m. Abigail Partridge.
  - ii. Cyrus m. Mary T. Hubbard.
  - iii. John A. d. unmarried.
  - iv. Mary m. David Davis.
- v. Nancy second wife David Davis; after his death m. Rev.
- Mr. Leland, and her third husband, Deacon Lindsay.
  - vi. Lucy Ann m. Rev. John C. Thompson.
- 2.—Children of Zilla, viz:
  - i. Cyrus m. Polly Snow.
  - ii. Jervis m. Rebecca Crosby.
  - iii. Chenery m. Betsey Wood.
  - iv. Hollis m. Ruth Fifield.
  - v. Susannah d. unmarried.
- 3.—Children of Nathan, viz:
  - i. Harriet m. Elisha Leffingwell, M. D.
  - ii. Sophia d. unmarried, aged 18.
  - iii. Jemima.
  - iv. Leonard m. Jane Ware.
  - v. Hollis m.
  - vi. Richard m. Sarah Peck, second wife.
  - vii. James m. in Virginia,
- 4.—Children of Susannah, viz:
  - i. Maria m. Francis Howe.
  - ii. Fanny m. A. D. Babcock.
  - iii. George m. Mary Powers.
  - iv. Susannah m. Oliver Bryant.

- v. Charles m.
- vi. William m.
- vii. Dexter m. Louise Appleton.
- viii. Isaac m.
- 5.—Children of Alony. (See pages 26-33.)
- 6.—Children of Isaac, viz:
  - i. Alony unmarried,
  - ii. Martin Clara d.
  - iii. Sarah Ann m. Hubbard Root.
  - iv. Isaac m. Lucretia Bardwell.
- 7.—Children of Leonard, viz:
  - i. Amanda m. Josiah Brownwell.
  - ii. Zilla m.
  - iii. Leonard d. in infancy.

#### FOURTH GENERATION.

- 1.—Children of William D., son of Thaddeus, viz:
  - i. John William.
  - ii. James Henry.
  - iii. Ann Jane.
  - iv. Edward Payson.
  - v. Thaddeus.
  - vi. Mary Francis.
- 2.—Children of Cyrus, son of Thaddeus, viz:
  - i. Nathaniel Hubbard.
  - ii. John William.
  - iii. Mary Ann.
  - iv. Susannah Hubbard.
  - v. Cyrus and others.
- 2.—Children of Mary, daughter of Thaddeus, viz:
  - i. Francis Elnathan.
  - ii. Cyrus Chenery.
- 3.—Children of Nancy, second wife of David Davis, viz:
  - i. John Chenery.
  - ii. Edward Payson.
- 4. Children of Jervis Abbott, son of Zilla, viz:
  - i. Lemuel Chenery.
  - ii. Zilla Maria.
  - iii. Merrill.
  - iv. Hollis Edward,
- 5.—Child of Chenery Abbott, son of Zilla, viz:
  - i. Benjamin Wood.
- 6.—Children of Hollis Abbott, son of Zilla, viz:
  - i. Edward Fifield.
  - ii. Hollis Chenery.

In 1840, when the above memoranda were noted, it was calculated that the descendants of Dr. Isaac Chenery already numbered 7 children, 43 grand-children, 44 great grand-child-dren, 1 great, great grand-child; total 95, thus indicating that in one century the increase was about one hundred, in-as-much as the founder of the family was born in 1742.

# MILLS FAMILY OF TORRINGFORD, CT.

In the 17th Century three families by the name of Mills resided in Connecticut, viz:

1. John Mills, coming from England with Gov. Winthrop to Boston, 1630.

2. SIMEON MILLS, coming with Captain A. Newsbury to Salem, prior to 1635, and

3. Peter Mills, of Dutch origin, and from whom descend families in Windsor, Kent and Torringford.

JULIA SHERMAN MILLS, whose marriage is recorded on page 29, descends from the last mentioned, as follows:

PETER VANDERWATER MEULEN OR MÜHLEN, of Amsterdam, came from Holland and settled in Windsor. Peter Mills, Esq., of Milwaukee, Wis.; Deacon Lewis Mills Norton, of Guilford, Ct., and Mrs. Wynkoop, of Washington, D. C., a daughter of the Hon. Isaac Mills, of New Haven, have taken great pains to trace the genealogy of their original Dutch ancestor and his numerous descendants. From the materials which they gathered, now in the possession of the writer, the following sketch is drawn up, which would seem not inappropriately to merit a place in this Memorial volume.

He was born in Holland, 1622, and the first record of his name in America was in 1666. His father was a Dutch nobleman, Knighted in consequence of improvements which he made in the construction of dykes or canals. While a student In the University of Leyden, he fell under his father's displeasure on account of his religious views, was disinherited and for conscience sake fled to America, landing in Boston. He was twice married. The name of his first wife was Dorcas Messenger, born Sept. 23, 1650, who died in Windsor, May 18, 1688, and that of his second, Jane Thamsin, of Hartford, to whom he was married Dec. 10, 1691. For reasons now unknown, he petitioned the Colonial Legislature to have his name changed to Peter Mills, as appears from the records now preserved at Hartford, but the date of this change is not mentioned. The family settled in Windsor where he died, although the date of his death is unknown. He had 4 children, Peter, Ebenezer, Dorcas and Return.

Mrs. Wynkoop visited Holland when on a tour around the world, with her son, the Rev. Mr. Wynkoop, thus writes from Washington, Nov. 27, 1881: "The Vander Meulens in Hol-

land are now, and ever have been, a highly respected family. Several of its clergymen have been distinguished for piety and good judgment. They think much of their American relations. The old father in Amsterdam was wealthy and upon hearing of his death, one of his grandsons took out papers to prove his right to a portion of his estate, but the ship and all on board were lost. Peter Mills, Junior was a very godly man. His wife, Joanna Porter, was the daughter of the richest man in Windsor. The Mills farm was in Bloomfield, the northerly part of Windsor, a beautiful spot commanding an extensive view of valley, hill and river. Until recently the dwelling remained, but a grove of trees still marks the place beside the old homestead once occupied by the pious old Dutchman, our forefather." Mrs. Wynkoop's father, Judge Isaac, was the son of Elisha Mills, whose father was Rev. Jedediah, of Huntington, who married Abigail Treat, of Milford, grand-daughter of Governor Robert Treat. This Jedediah was grandson of the founder of the Mills family.

Among his children, Peter, born in 1668, and who died 1756, aged 88 years, appears to have been a man of uncommon force of character and eminent piety. He married, July 21, 1692, Joanna Porter, a daughter of John Porter, a wealthy landowner of Windsor. They had nine children, viz: 1. Peletiah, A. M., born 1693, who became a lawyer being a graduate of Yale College; 2. Rev. Jedediah, born 1697, a graduate of Yale, became Pastor of the Church in Ripton, and with him studied the eminent missionary David Brainard; 3. Peter; 4. Ann; 5. John; 6. Daniel; 7. Rev. Ebenezer, born 1712, Yale, 1738; 8. Gideon; 9. \*Rev. Gideon 2nd, born 1715, Yale 1737.

Some one once asked Mr. Mills "How did you educate four sons at Yale College and give each a profession?" His reply was "Almighty God did it with the help of my wife." Three of his granddaughters, by Rev. Jedediah, married three ministers, but the narrow limits of this Memorial volume will not admit of details, except the most concise.

† John, the fifth son, settled in Kent as a farmer, on a farm

<sup>\*</sup>RUTH MILLS, a granddaughter of Rev. Gideon Mills 2nd, married Owen Brown, father of John Brown whose "soul is marching on," [See Orcutt's history of Torringford, pages 317-318,] and the said John Brown traces his descent direct to Peter Brown, one of the Pilgrims on board the "May Flower." A sister of Ruth was the mother of Dr Heman Humphrey, late President of Amherst College. The Rev. Jeremish Hallock was also connected by marriage with the Brown and Mills families.

<sup>†</sup> He was drowned in the Housatonic river, June 7, 1760, and W. B. Tappan the poet, in his poem on "Missions," thus refers to this event, making the afflicted mother invoke the blessing of Heaven upon the head of the venerable "Father Mills, the father of the Missionary:"

Where Housatonic quietly is seen Winding its silver path through vales of green,— Such as New England only boasts,—one dwelt,

cultivated by his descendants for more than a century, which the writer visited in 1841 and 1851. He married Jane Lewis, b. in Stratford, 1712. They had eight children, viz: 1. Lydia; 2. John; 3. Lewis; 4. Peter; 5. Samuel John; 6. Jane; 7. Sarah and 8. Edmund.

Jane married Rev. Joel Bordwell, of Kent, and Sarah, Rev. Jeremiah Day, of New Preston. Edmund became the Pastor of Sutton, Mass., and the

Rev. Samuel John Mills. known as "Father Mills," of Torringford, b. in Kent, May 16, 1743, graduated at Yale College, 1764, settled as Pastor of Torringford, June 29, 1769, m. Esther Robbins of Canaan, Nov. 19, 1771, and d. May 11, 1833, aged 90 years lacking 5 days. His name will long be remembered in the history of his native County and State. His eminent abilities and remarkable eccentricities have been duly recorded in "Sprague's Am. Pulpit," "Kilbourn's Sketches of Litchfield, Co.," and "The History of Torrington," by Orcutt. Mrs. Stowe remarks of him: "Of all the marvels that astonished my childhood, there is none I remember to this day with so much interest as Fahr Mills. He had original powers of thought, an omnipitant imagination and much general information. He was one ingrain New Englander."

Who followed, busily, the world, yet knelt Daily and truly at a better shrine. For this life wise, and wise for life divine. One hapless morn, his duties seemed to ask That on the river he should ply his task, A storm had swept the waters. Chafing still, The billows vexed the shore, and he from ill Must save his craft, which at their mercy lay: So cheerfully to labor went his way. He sought the angry stream, and from its bed That evening's shadows saw him taken, dead. The widow,—name of anguish! silence best May tell her sorrows, -sank at first, oppressed. A Christian widow, yet was she, whose trust Was firm in God. who laid her hopes in dust. Rites all performed, to the departed due, She to her chamber with her babes withdrew, And kneeling by them, in prevailing prayer Poured out a mother's ardent wishes there. To Him who makes the fatherless his care, She gave them up;-then, on the curling head Of her fifth-born, she laid her hand, and said: "Samuel !-my son !-my son !-you have now No father here to love you :- if you bow To Christ, your Saviour, though severe this rod, He'll be your Father, and your gracious God." Smiling in tears, she rose, and found relief, Thenceforth in faith, for this her bitter grief. That eager boy, led by maternal love, Trod the safe ways that surely tend above. And now, though dead, Heaven all the faith fulfils Of her, the ancestor of sainted MILLS.

His wife was eminent for her piety and has been duly noticed in the life of Samuel J. Mills, by the Rev. Dr. Spring. They had seven children, four of whom died in infancy, viz:

- i. Samuel Robbins, b. Aug. 17, 1772, d. Nov. 10, 1772.
- ii. Esther, b. Dec. 12, 1773, d. Feb. 15, 1775.
- iii. Samuel Robbins, b. Dec. 24, 1775, d. June 6, 1777.
- iv. Jeremiah Fuller, b. Aug. 20, 1777, d. Oct. 6, 1833.
- v. Florilla, b. July. 4, 1779. d. Sept. 21, 1858.
- vi. Esther Wells, b. Sept. 24, 1781, d. April 18, 1783.
- vii. Samuel John, the Missionary. [See pages 105-110.]

The late Rev. Leonard Bacon, D.D., of New Haven, thus wrote respecting his career:

"He wandered in his errands of mercy from city to city; pleading now with the patriot for a country growing up to an immensity of power; and now with the Christian for a world lying in wickedness. He explored in person the devastations of the West and in person he stirred up to enterprise and to effort the churches of the East. He lived for India and for Hawaii and died in the service of Africa."

A son of Dr. Bacon, the late Rev. George Bacon, Pastor of the Congregational Church in Orange, N. J., married Frances J. Mills, daughter of Edmund H., a son of John, a son of Lewis, a son of John (who was drowned) and of course grandson of the original Peter Mills.

JEREMIAH FULLER, the 4th child of Rev. S. J. and and Esther Mills, m. ELEANOR WELLER\* of Roxbury, Ct., b. 1785, and d. New Haven, Feb. 29, 1831, aged 46 years, and he d. May 11, 1833. Both were buried in New Haven.

Their children were Eleanor Louisa, Rebecca Florilla, Julia Sherman, Henrietta Esther, Margaret Augusta and Samuel John.

Julia Sherman Mills, the wife of the author, was named Sherman from the fact that the name had been handed down by tradition, in the family, through ten generations, as will appear from the following genealogical memoranda furnished by the late Rev. H. B. Sherman, of Esopus, N. Y., with whom the author had an interview at No. 80 Wall St., New York City, Thursday, October 26, 1880.

<sup>\*</sup> EUNICE WELLER, a sister of Eleanor, married Sheldon Logan, and removed to Medina, Ohio. She subsequently removed to Wisconsin, and from thence to Cora, Smith Co., Kansas, where she now resides with her children, at the advanced age of 87. Her grandson, Lieut. L. C. Logan, U. S. Navy, son of Samuel Logan, of Medina, Ohio, married Miss Lizzie C. Porter, daughter of Admiral Porter, U. S. Navy. The marriage occurred in Washington, D. C., where the family now resides. They have one child. A report of the marriage was published in the N. Y. Evening Post, and among the notable persons present were Mrs. Hayes, General Sherman and members of the President's Cabinet and of the Diplomatic Corp.

#### SHERMAN GENEALOGY.

I. EDMUND SHERMAN, b. in Dedham, England, 1544; d. 1600. 1st wife, Ann Pelatt, d. 1584; second wife, Annie Cleve, d. 1609.

II. \*EDMUND, son of the above by 1st wife, came to N. E., and d. New Haven, Ct., 1641. Twice married. 1st wife un-

known; 2nd wife, Judith Angier.

III. REV. JOHN, b. 1613; d. 1685. 1st wife, Mary — 1644; 2nd wife was a granddaughter of Lord Darcy, who was beheaded on Tower Hill, London, reign of Henry VIII. his 1st wife 6 children, and 2nd 20 children; total 26. Mather's Magnalia and English History.]†

IV. CAPTAIN DANIEL of New Haven, b. 1642; d. 1716, m. Abiah, daughter of the Rev. Nicholas Street of New Haven.

V. John of New Haven, b. 1673; d. 1727, m. Dinah -

VI. CAPT. SAMUEL, b. 1704; d. 1770, of West Haven, graduated Yale 1706, m. Martha, daughter of Hon. Nathan Gold. of Fairfield, Dep. Gov. of Ct., 1770.

VII. John. b. Feb. 22, 1733, of West Haven and Roxbury, Ct., m. Rebecca ——, of Roxbury, who d. in Roxbury, Sept.

18, 1788.

VIII. EUNICE SHERMAN, b. 1762; d. Sept. 1812, aged 50; m. Capt. Samuel Weller, Sept. 23, 1785. He was b. d. at Roxbury, 1816, aged 52. He descended from John Weller of North Hampton. Mass, who, 1670, m. Mary, daughter of Alexander Alvord.

IX. ELEANOR WELLER m. Jeremiah Fuller Mills. [See page 130.7

X. Julia Sherman Mills, m. Samuel C. Damon. [See page 29.7

We are indebted to him for the Sherman Coat-of-Arms, which he thus describes: "Crest, a demi-lion rampant, oak leaves in each corner of the shield. A lion rampant in the centre of the shield."

<sup>\*</sup> He was a brother of Richard, (See page 12,) whose daughter m. John Damon, founder of the Reading Family.

<sup>†</sup> The above statements are made upon the authority of Cotton Mather and other historical authorities, but our correspondent, the Rev. H. B. Sherman, of F. Sopus, N. Y., questions the accuracy of these statements in the following language, under date of Nov. 6th, 1880: "I enclose herewith several sheets touching the Sherman Genealogy: the Darcy Annals are given more elaborately as the matter has not been a little muddled. As to the Rev. John Sherman's second wife being granddaughter of Lord Darcy, Earl of Rivers, the facts as shown in one of these accompanying sheets is, that she was the granddaughter of Sir Edmund Darcy, etc., etc., our limits will not allow the discussion of these vexed and unsettled historical questions. So much interested did our correspondent become in these historical and genealogical matters, that he thrice visited England for the purpose of research and investigation, and collected a vast amount of Genealogical materials, which, it is to be hoped, will find some one to work up and arrange, now that he has passed away.

#### ADDENDA.

When the printing of this volume was nearly finished, most unexpectedly the author received some valuable genealogical memoranda relating to the Reading Families. It was too late to print these materials in their place, but they were far too valuable not to find a place in this Memorial Volume. They seem absolutely necessary to impart completeness to this genealogical work. While the author's researches relate mostly to families which have removed from Reading, these materials relate to those families remaining and dying in Reading. The painstaking collector of these data, merits the grateful thanks of all branches of these families. In the accompanying letter she remarks:

"The Reading branches have not many scribes among them to record their history. They have written their history with their own hands in characters more beautiful, significant and enduring than any written words. You can see it in their cultivated fields, rich pastures, fruitful orchards and gardensold wells of pure water—the goodly heritage which they slowly and laboriously won from what was, two hundred years ago, an unbroken wilderness."

In most characteristic style she signs her name as follows: "Believe me ever a lover of Genealogy,

"Mrs. Henry Damon,

"Wife of Henry 7, who was son of Rufus 6, son of Joseph 5, son of Jabez 4, son of Joseph 3, son of Thomas 2, and son of Thomas 1."

READING, Nov. 5, 1881.

# GENEALOGY OF THE JOHN DAMON BRANCH OF THE DAMON FAMILIES IN READING.

- 1. (Deacon) John<sup>1</sup> Damon came from Reading, England, and settled on Cowdrey's Hill, Wakefield, the present name of Reading South Parish. The family soon located themselves in the West Parish, now called Reading. [See pages 9-16.] He was b. 1620 and d. 1708. His wife's name was Abigail Sherman; she died 1713.
- 2. i. John b. and d. 1651.
  - ii. John b. 1652. [See pages 34-35.]
  - iii. Abigail b. 1654 and m. Nathaniel Rand.
  - iv. Samuel b. 1656. [See page 34.]v. Joseph b. 1661. [See pages 17-18.]
- 3. John<sup>2</sup> son of John<sup>1</sup> and Abigail, b. 1652, m. first Susan Wiley b. 1655; second Ruth ———. Children by Ruth Joseph<sup>3</sup> and Mary<sup>3</sup>, (twins) b. 1697.

Samuel<sup>2</sup> son of John<sup>1</sup> and Abigail, b. 1656, was a soldier in

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the Naragansett War. Married Mary ---- ; he d. 1725 and
his wife 1727. Their children were
3. i. Samuel b. 1681.
  ii. Mary b. 1683; m. Thomas Taylor.
  iii. Ebenezer b. 1686.
  iv Abigail b. 1689; m. Richard Nichols 1706; he d. in 1802.
  v. Esther b. 1691 and m. Daniel Gowing.
  vi. Benjamin b. 1693.
  vii. Mercy b. 1695; m. Ebenezer Parker.
  viii. John b. 1697.
  ix. Tabitha b. 1703; m. John Townsend.
  Samuel<sup>3</sup> Damon son of Samuel<sup>2</sup> and Mary, b. 1681; m.
1707, Priscilla Wright. Their children were
4. Samuel 4 b. 1708.
  John4 b. 1712.
  Ebenezer<sup>3</sup> son of Samuel<sup>2</sup> and Mary, b. 1686; m. Elizabeth
Flint, b. 1685. He served as Selectman for the year 1731.
Their children were
4. i. David b. 1710; m. Esther Gowing 1731. Served as Se-
lectman for the years 1751 and 61.
  ii. Jonathan b. and d. 1712.
  iii. Samuel b. 1716; m. Annis Gowing.
  iv. Ezra b. 1721; m. Ruth Bragg.
  v. Mary b. 1723.
  vi. Jonathan b. 1726.
  vii. Edward b. 1728; m. Elizabeth -
4. Benjamin<sup>3</sup> son of Samuel<sup>2</sup> and Mary, b. 1693; m. in 1714,
Mercy Flint, b. 1692. Their children were
  i. Mahitabel b. 1715; m. Nathaniel Bancroft of Sherburne.
1745.
  ii. Martha b. 1718.
  iii. Timothy b. 1721.
  iv. Benjamin b. 1723.
  v. Hepsibeth b. 1725; m. Benjamin Smith, 1753.
  vi. Abigail b. 1727.
  John<sup>3</sup> Damon, son of Samuel<sup>2</sup> and Mary, b. 1697; d. 1755;
m. in 1722 Rebecca Pratt, b. 1698; d. 1767. Their children
were
4. i. John b. 1723.
  ii. Samuel b. 1726.
  iii. Hepsibeth b. 1729; m. Ebenezer Smith 1755.
  iv. Timothy b. 1732 and d. soon.
   v. Hannah b. 1735; m. Thomas Symonde 1765.
   vi. Rebecca b. 1736; d. young.
   vii. Daniel b. 1737.
   viii. John
  ix. Timothy Twins, b. 1738-9.
   x. Rebecca b. 1740.
   Samuel Damon, b. 1726, son of John and Rebecca; m.
 1754, Abigail Smith, b. 1725 and d. 1772. Their children were
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5. i. Samuel b. 1756.
  ii. Daniel b. 1757; d. 1844.
  iii. Benjamin b. 1760. [See page 33.]
  iv. Abigail b. 1763.
  v. John b. 1766; d. 1840.
  vi. Rebecca b. 1768; m. Ebenezer Wakefield of Londonderry,
  Samuel<sup>5</sup> Damon, son of Samuel<sup>4</sup> Damon and Abigail, b.
1756; m. Abigail Sweetser, removed to Lancaster, Mass., and
d. there. [See page 36.] Their children were
6. Samuel 6 b. -; m. Mary Hart. (Their daughter was the
leader of the first strike for higher wages in the Lowell cot-
ton mills, made a telling speech to the crowd after leading the
procession through the principal streets.) [See page 37.]
  William<sup>6</sup> b. -
  Mary 6 1785; m. first, ---- Willard of Lancaster; second,
Noah Smith of Wakefield. She d. 1859.
  Betsey 6 b. --; m. --- Lowe of Amherst. Still living
over 90 years of age.
  Daniel<sup>5</sup> Damou, son of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Abigail, m. first Anne
Emerson 1782; second, Dorcas Wakefield, 1794.
the war of the Revolution. Their children were
6. i. Oliver b. —
  ii. Walter b. -
  iii. Warren b. --
  iv. Anna b. 1790; m. Gaius Austin, 1712, and d. 1869.
  v. Daniel b. 1795; d. 1848.
  vi. Elias b. 1797; d. 1871.
  vii. Dorcas b. 1779; d. --; m. Samuel Pratt of Reading,
Mass.
  viii. Etson b. 1804, still living in Reading.
  Benjamin<sup>5</sup> Damon, b. 1760, son of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Abigail.
Served in the Revolutionary War. Married - Hosea, of
Amherst, N. H., to which place he moved, lived and died there.
[See pages 38-39.] Their children were
6. i. Benjamin b. ---
  ii. Sally b. --; m. --- Swain; was the mother of Rev.
Leonard Swain, D.D., of Providence, R. I.
  iii. Annie b. -
  iv. Rebecca b. ---
  v. Steven b. ---; m. ---- Fiske of Amherst.
  vi. Calvin Carvey,
vii. Clarissa Harvey, Twins, b. ——
  viii. Lucy b.
  John<sup>5</sup> Damon, b. 1766, son of Samuel<sup>4</sup> and Abigail, m.
Hepsibeth Smith in 1790; she was b. 1764; d. 1828. He d.
1840. Their children were
6. i. Ebenezer b. 1791; d. 1798.
  ii. John b. 1795, still living in Reading, Mass.
  iii. Saphronia b. and d. 1798.
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iv. Leonard b. 1801; m. 1825; d. 1826.

v. Maria b. 1803; d. 1820.

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vi. Hepsibeth b. 1812; m. first, George Temple in 1831;
second, John H. Wier of Edwardsville, Ill., and d. 1838.
  Oliver6 Damon, son of Daniel5 and Anne, m. Sally Batt of
Saugus in 1608. Their children were
7. i. Sarah Ann b. -
  ii. George b. -
 iii. Henry b. -
  Walter 6 Damon, son of Daniel 5 and Annie, m. 1812, Philo-
                                            Their child was
melia Parker who was b. 1794, and d. 1881.
7. i. Washington b. 1813, now living in Reading, Mass.
  ii. Warren6 Damon b. —, son of Daniel5 and Anne, m.
first, Nancy Pearson. second, Betsey ----- Their children
were
7. i. Lorenza b. -
 ii. Warren b. ——; m. Haydu Cook. iv. Samuel b. ——;
  Daniel<sup>6</sup> Damon, b. 1795, son of Daniel<sup>5</sup> and Dorcas, m. in
1823, Mary Cross, of Danvers, who was b. 1798, and d. 1878.
He d. 1848. Their children were
7. i. Mary W. b. 1824, m. Alcibiades Whittier in 1851, who d.
1859. She is now living in Reading, Mass.
  ii. Helen b. 1825; m. Willard Pearson of Woburn in 1856
who d. 1881.
  iii. Edgar b. 1857. Served in the war of the Rebellion.
  iv. Daniel Myron b. 1829; d. 1874.
  v. Adelaide L. b. 1831; d. 1878; m. Rev. Charles C. Torrey,
1856. Went with him as a Missionary to the Cherokee Indians.
  vi. Serena b 1834; d. 1868.
  vii. Albert P. b. 1836.
  viii. Milton M. b. 1840; m. Clara F. Elagg, 1862. d. 1866.
  Eliase Damon, b. 1797, son of Daniels and Dorcas m. Esther
Austin, who was b. 1800 and d. 1875. Their children were
7. i. Frederick b. 1822; d. 1759; m. Hannah F. Stewart.
  ii. Albert b. 1824. Served in the war of the Rebellion and
d. in a rebel prison, of starvation, in Millen, Georgia, 1864,
where prisoners ate the flesh from their arms to satisfy the
pangs of hunger.
  iii. Mary J. b. 1826; d. 1874.
  iv. Elizabe h b. 1828; m. Dennis P. Babb.
  v. Amos b. 1832. Served in the war of the Rebellion.
  vi. Henry b. 1838. Served in the war of the Rebellion and
was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville 1863.
  vii. Sarah M. b. 1842.
  Eston6 b. 1804, son of Daniel5 and Dorcas, m. in 1829, Ann
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Stratton who was b. in 1807. Their children were

one child

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7. i. Henry Heman, b. 1333; m. Rosanna Towle. He d. 1873.
 ii. Mary Ann b. 1845; m. George A. Stratton in 1868.
  John 6 Damon, b. 1795, son of John 5 and Hepsibeth; m.
1817 to Tabitha Smith, who was b. 1796 and d. 1877.
children were
7. i. Louise b. 1820.
 ii. Lucy b. 1822; m. Jonathan Temple, who d. 1869.
 iii. Susan b. 1824; m. Gardner French and d. 1849.
  iv. Sarah b, 1826; m. Josiah A. Kingman and d. 1847.
  v. Leonard b. 1830; d. 1860.
  vi. Hepsibeth b. 1832; m. T. Thomas Briggs, 1865.
  vii John b. 1834.
  viii. Emily b. 1836; d. 1851.
  Albert 7 Damon b. 1824, son of Elias and Esther; m. Esther
Rosetta Evans and d. in a rebel prison, 1864. Their children were
8, i. Emma E. b. -
  ii. Ada b. -
  iii. Rosetta b. -
  iv. Edward, b. -
  George 7 Damon, son of Oliver 6 and Sally, went South and
m.; lives now in Tallahassee, Florida, where he has been
chosen Mayor of the city. Their children were
8. i. Jessie b. —
  ii. Lou b. -
  iii. Sarah b. —
  iv. Annie b. —
  v. Mary b. -
  vi. Henry b. —
  vii. Frank b. ---
  viii. Harmon b. -
  Henry 7 Damon, b. 1817, son of Oliver 6 and Sally; m. Sarah
Kendall, 1841. Have one child
8. i. George H. b. 1843.
  Washington 7 Damon, b. 1794, son of Walter 6 and Philome-
lia; m. Lavina Perry, b. 1813, who d. ---; have one child
8. i. EHa M. b. 1851.
  (Deacon) Edgar Damon, b. 1827, son of Daniel<sup>6</sup> and Mary
Cross, m. Ellen Kimball in 1853. Their children are
8. i. Charles Edgar b. 1855.
  ii. Arthur Albert b. 1857.
  iii. Lucy H. b. 1860.
  (Deacon) Daniel Myron Damon, b. 1829, son of Daniel and
Mary, m. Eunice E. Rickardson in 1854, and he d. in 1874.
Their children are
8. i. Eunice Minette b. 1856.
  ii. Myron Winslow, b. 1858; d. 1859.
  iii. Lillie Augusta b. July; d. Sept. 1863.
  (Deacon) Albert 7 P. Damon, b. 1836, son of Daniel and
Mary, m. Elizabeth R. Adden in 1872, who d. in 1876.
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9. i. Albert A. b. 1875.

George<sup>8</sup> H. Damon b. 1843, son of Henry and Sarah, m. Mary F. Marden in 1869. Their children are

9. i. Charles A. b. 1870.

ii. Alice M. b. 1872.

iii. Edward L. b. 1875.

iv. Herbert F. b. 1877.

v. Wilbur H. b. 1879.

Charles E. Damon b. 1855, son of Edgar7 and Ellen; m. in 1877 to Amy Whiting, daughter of Rev. Lyman Whiting, D.D. Have one child.

9. i. Ethel C. b. 1880

### GENEALOGY OF THE THOMAS DAMON BRANCH OF THE DAMON FAMILIES IN READING.

1. Thomas Damon came from Reading, England, and settled on Cowdrey's Hill, Wakefield, formerly a part of Reading.

[See page 49.]

2. Thomas 2 son of Thomas 1 was b. 1659; m. Lucy Ann Emerson of Mendon, Mass., in 1683, and d. 1723. She d. 1740. [See page 50 and compare 6th page of R. W. Emerson's Life, by G. W. Cook, and published in Boston, 1881.]

3. Founder of the Wayland Family. [See pages 51-52.]

Joseph<sup>3</sup> Damon, b. 1686, son of Thomas<sup>2</sup> and Lucy Ann,

m. first, Mary Bacheller 1707; second, Lydia Dean (Bancroft) 1755, and d. 1777. He served as Selectman 1738 and 48. [See page 65.] Their children were

4. i. Joseph b. —; m, Mary Eaton of Uxbridge.

ii. Mary b. 1711; m. Jonathan Eaton who was b. 1714; She d. 1786.

iii. Jabez b. 1722; d. 1775. [See page 65.]

iv. Elizabeth b. ——; m William Bancroft. v. Mahitabel b. ——; m. David Child.

vi. Sarah b. —; m. Jonathan Temple in 1759. vii. Susanna b. —; m. Phineas Lovejoy. viii. Hannah b. —; m. John Temple.

Jabez 4 Damon. b. 1722, son of Joseph 3 and Mary, m. first, Elizabeth Gould; second, Lucy Wyman of Woburn, and d. 1775. Their children were

5. i. Elizabeth b. 1752; m. Edmund Nichols.

ii. Mary b. ——; m. Abijah Smith of Sturbridge. iii. Lucy b. ——; m. in 1775 James Weston, b. 1733.

iv. Jabez b. 1757; d. 1782.

v. Joseph b. 1759; d. 1843.

vi. Esther b. 1761; m. Nathan Holden; d. 1847.

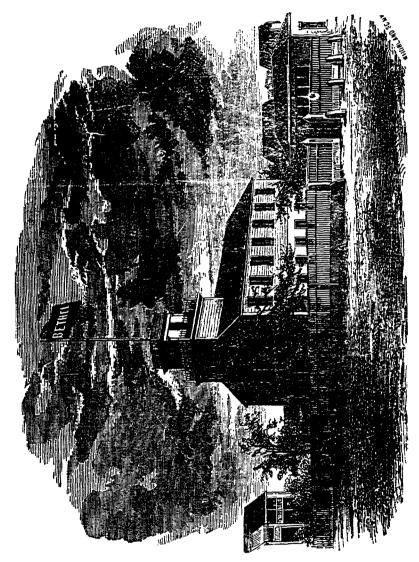
vii. Sally b. 1763; m. William Parker, who was b. 1760 and d. 1850. She d. 1859.

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viii. Jerusha b. 1764; m. in 1783, Aaron Parker who was b.
1757 and d. 1841. She d. 1858. She was the mother of B.
Wyman Parker, who went as missionary to the Sandwich Is-
lands in 1832, and d. at Honolulu 1877. [See pages 63-64.]
  ix. James b. 1765; d. 1775.
  x. Hannah b. 1769; d. 1775.
  xi. Susanna xii. Wyman Twins b. 1774; lived 22 days. b. 1774; d. 1775.
  xiii. Aaron b. —...
xiv. Lois b. ——; m. Timothy Mathews: lived and d. in
Middlebury, Vt.
  Lucy, widow of Jabez4 Damon, m. Deacon Edward Buck-
man of Stoneham, 1783.
  Joseph<sup>5</sup> Damon, b. 1759, son of Jabez<sup>4</sup> and Lucy, m. 1782,
Patience Richardson, b. 1759; d. 1821. He d. 1843. He served
in the war of the Revolution as a blacksmith and owned a ne-
gro slave named Cæsar. Their children were
6. i. Hannah b. 1783; m. Charles Lewis.
  ii. Joseph b. 1786; d. in Charleston, Mass.
  iii. Rufus b. 1788; d. 1870.
  iv. Jabez b. 1790; m. Polly Lewis, and went to Natchez,
Mississippi.
  v. Jonas b. 1793; d. 1871.
  vi. Jerusha b. 1798; d. 1864.
 vii. Mary b. 1800; m. John Buxton and d. 1873.
  viii. Patience b. 1803; m. David B. Wright of Charlestown.
who was b. 1802.
  Aaron<sup>5</sup> Damon, son of Jabez<sup>4</sup> and Lucy, m. in 1788 Lucy
Emerson b. 1770, moved to Windsor, Vt., and d. there. See
page 65.] Their children are
6. i. Lucy b. —; m. — Barrett of Claremont, N. H.
  ii. Aaron b. —
  iii. Esther b. 1795; m. Luther Elliot 1818, and now living
in Amherst, N. H.
  iv. Luther b. —; Now living in Templeton, Mass. v. Urius b. —.
  vi. Sumner b. —; m. and lived in Rockford, Ill. vii. Susan b. —.
  viii. William E. b. ---; d. in California.
  Aaron<sup>6</sup> Damon, son of Aaron<sup>5</sup> and Lucy, m. and had chil-
dren:
7. i. Nelson b. ——.
  ii. Nancy b. ----.
  iii. Sarah b. ----.
  iv. Lucy Ann b. -
  Urius6 Damon, son of Aaron5 and Lucy, m. and had children:
7. i. William b. ——.
  ii. Richard b. --
  Luther 6 Damon, son of Aaron 5 and Lucy, m. and had chil-
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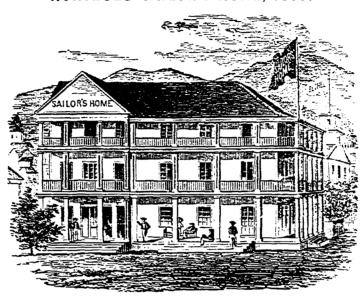
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7. i. Urius b. ——.
  ii. Edward b. ----
  iii. Willie b. ——.
  Joseph Damon, son of Joseph and Patience, m. Susan
Brown. Their children were
7. i. Joseph b. 1827; d. 1875.
  ii. Susanna b. -
  Rufus<sup>6</sup> Damon, b. 1788, son of Joseph<sup>5</sup> and Patience, m.
first, Betsey Bancroft 1813, who d. 1838; second, Lucetta Bancroft 1839, who d. 1863. Their children are
7. i. Rufus Wyman b. 1815.
  ii. Elizabeth b. 1817; m. Frederick Wakefield, 1840.
  iii. Hannah b. 1819; m. Edward Fowle of Woburn, 1838
and d. 1864.
  iv. Emily b. 1824; m. Jonathan Heselton 1854; d. 1877.
  v. Evelina b. 1830; m. Richmond Heselton 1850; d. 1869.
  vi. Henry b. 1832.
  Joseph 7 Damon, b. 1827, son of Joseph 6 and Susan, m.
Mary L. Holt 1853, and d. 1875. Their children are
8. i. Julia A. b. 1853.
  ii. Joseph H. b. 1855.
  iii. Charles F. b. 1857.
  iv. Eveline b. 1860.
  v. Albert b. 1863.
  Rufus<sup>7</sup> Wyman, b. 1815, son of Rufus<sup>6</sup> and Betsey, m. 1838
first, Hannah Porter b. 1813; d. 1858; second, in 1860, Sarah
B. Blaikie b. in 1825. Their children were
8. i. Harlan E. b. 1840; d. 1846.
  ii. Elvira b. 1843; d. 1869.
  iii. Alvin b. January 16, 1846; d. January 17, 1846.
  iv. Wyman b. and d. 1847.
  v. Betsey Ella b. 1849; d. 1851.
  vi. Harlan P. b. 1851; d. 1857.
  vii. Justin W. b. 1854; d. 1857.
  viii. Ida J. b. 1861; d. 1863.
  ix. Jessie A. b. 1862; d. 1863,
  Henry 7 Damon b. 1832, son of Rufus 6 and Bestey, m. in
1860, Maria Dinsmore of Windham, N. H., b. 1833. Served
in the war of the Rebellion. Their children are
8. i. Clara L. b. 1860; m. Adelbert Carter in 1878.
  ii. Sarah L. b. August 11, 1862; d. October 21, 1862.
  iii. Hattie F. b. 1865.
  iv. Emma M. b. 1867.
  Joseph<sup>8</sup> H. Damon, b. 1855, son of Joseph<sup>7</sup> and Mary, m.
Maggie E. Faye, 1872. Their children are
  i. John J. b. 1878.
  ii. Charles F. b. 1879.
  iii. Fred W. b. 1881.
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## SEAMEN'S CHAPEL, HONOLULU, H. I.



Rev. John Diell, Chaplain 1832 to 1841. Rev. Samuel C. Damon, D.D., Chaplain 1841 to 1882.

#### HONOLULU SAILOR'S HOME, 1855.



This building was erected by the Honolulu Sailor's Home Society, and has always been supported under its direction and patronage. The Rev. S. C. Damon has officiated as Chairman of the Executive Committee of this Society since its original organization in 1854. In this building are the offices of "Hawaiian Board and Bible Society;" office of the *Friend*; the "Bible and Tract Depository," and Y. M. C. A. Reading Room.

The chapel on the opposite page was erected by the American Seamen's Friend Society of New York, in 1833, the materials having been shipped from New London, Ct., for Honolulu via Cape Horn, in the autumn of 1832. It was the first edifice for the public worship of English-speaking people, erected in Polynesia. It has always been open to both seamen and foreign residents; seats free. From its dedication, Nov. 28, 1833, until the present time, Divine services have been regularly sustained.

The original "Bethel Church" was organized in 1837 and re-organized under the name of "Bethel Union Church," 1850. A colony from this Church left at the organization of Fort Street Church, 1852, another 1862, at the establishment of the Anglican Episcopal Church and another 1880, at the organization of the first Chinese Church in Honolulu.

#### CONCLUSION.

Materials are constantly increasing to swell the size of this Memorial volume, and it might readily have been made much larger and more complete, but even now about fifty pages have been added to the limit of "one hundred pages, more or less," specified in the original circular.

I. The following is a copy of a marriage card which has recently been received, indicating that a member of the Phila-

delphia family was to be married. [See page 53.]

Mer. James Graham
requests your presence
at the marriage of his daughter
Rebecca Rush
to
Albeit F. Damon, Jr.
Thursday evening, December eighth,
at half past seven o'clock.
West Walnut St. Presbyterian Church.
Walnut Street, above 39th
Philadelphia.

II. The following extract is copied from a letter dated Alleghany, Penn., Oct. 17, 1881, and written by the Rev. Elliot E. Swift:

"Stephen Damon died at Hawley, Mass., Nov. 1842, aged 86 years. It is not known whether he resided in Hawley. He was in the Revolutionary army and was at the capitulation at Yorktown, 1781." [See page 63, where his family is duly recorded, and the date of his eleven children specified.]

"Cyrus was born March 8, 1811, and was married in Strongsville, Ohio, in 1836, to Miss Elizabeth Babbitts. He died in 1847, leaving three children, Frances Laura, Rhoda Elizabeth

and George Cyrus.

i. Frances Laura b. Feb. 6, 1837; m. Rev. Elliot E. Swift, Aug. 12, 1857, now resides in Alleghany. They have three children, George Damon, Elisha P. and Mary Huston.

ii. Rhoda Elizabeth b. April 10, 1842, is an organist residing

in Alleghany.

iii. George Cyrus Damon b. Dec. 6, 1845, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, entered the U.S. Army and served during the late war in Western Virginia, and was confined for several months in Libbey prison and d. March 28, 1868."

III. The following item is copied from a Brooklyn paper printed 1880, and refers to Samuel Franklin Damon, [See p 22.]

"A new and original comic opera, by Messrs. S. F. Damon and John Mead, called 'Don Quixote,' founded on Cervante's famous novel, will be produced at the Brooklyn Academy of Music this season, under the auspices of a Brooklyn Amateur Society, whose previous performances give every promise of an undoubted success."

IV. Among the latest communications is a letter written by Edward F. Porter, of Watertown, Mass., and dated Dec. 29, 1881, and from the same the following memoranda are copied:

"My wife can remember her father's father, who lived in Scituate and whose name was Josiah Damon, and his children were Henry, Josiah, John, James, Doane, Nancy, Hannah, Jane and Lucy. All have deceased except Hannah, who married a Mr. Litchfield, of East Bridgewater. The male children all married and had several children each. They were all sea captains and from my personal knowledge, were all intelligent and honorable men. Henry, the father of my wife, was born 1788, and died 1860. He was a marked man for sterling integrity and intelligence; a great reader; and for forty years a consistent Christian with but few equals as a bible student. His first wife, Eleanor Curtis, died 1804, leaving one daughter Eleanor, married L. Bailey. His second wife Anna Cook, married 1805, and she died 1868, leaving Thaatsa m. Melvin French; Elizabeth m. John Bearce; Henry d. unmarried 1812: Anne 1813, m. John W. Young, d. 1881; Lucy b. 1816, m. William Coombs; Sarah b. 1818, m. Warren Whyte; Phoebe b. 1820, m. E. F. P.; Franklin b. 1822, m. Jerusha Avery; Rachel b. 1824, m. Allen Farrar; Doane b. 1827, m. Eunice

V. A confirmation of the idea expressed on page 108, that Mr. Mills designed to go as a Missionary to the Sandwich Islands will be found in Sprague's "Annals of American Pulpit," Vol. II, page 570. His associate, the Rev. Mr. Burgess, thus writes: "Our progress on the voyage was slow. When six days out, leaning on the tafferel in the evening twilight, and looking towards the continent behind, he said, 'I have now transcribed the brief journal of my visit to the coast of Africa and turned my face toward home. If it please God that I may arrive safely, I think that I shall take Obookiah and

go to the Sandwich Islands and there I will end my life.' Alas, in less than three weeks he died and his body was committed to the ocean, while Obookiah had previously died, 17th

of February. [See page 112.]

VI. With these records this Memorial volume must close, having to the best of our ability, amid many difficulties and perplexities, traced the Damon Families from the birth of John Damon, in Reading, England, 1620, to the birth of our grandson Maurice Sherman, son of E. C. and Cornelia B. Damon of Honolulu, on the 19th of January, 1882. This record covers a period of over two hundred and sixty years. While difficulties have attended these researches in the New and Old World, yet our labors have been accompanied with many compensating pleasures and delights known only to the enthusiastic genealogist. While now resting from our labors we cannot but urge upon all, nearly or remotely bearing the name, the importance of most diligently and minutely recording all "births, deaths and marriages." If any of our name have hitherto neglected this duty, now commence. Fill up the blank pages found in another part of this volume Do it for your posterity, if indifferent to the present generation, agreeable to what a certain genealogist remarks: "I have taken this pains not for the present age, but a future; many things which were known to our grandsires are lost to us, and our grandchildren will search in vain for many facts which to us are most familiar.'

As these pages are perused by the scattered members of these three families, the author would respectfully request that persons noting errors (no one will probably note as many as are now apparent to the author,) will report the same, as well as communicate any additional facts relating to branches of these families bearing the name of Damon. He would not intimate by this request that he ever expects to print another edition, but he may gather materials to be deposited among the archives of the Historic-Genealogical Society of Boston, which may be useful to some future genealogist of these families. It is the fond hope of the author that the volume will contribute to bring the widely-scattered members of the Damon and affiliated families into more intimate acquaintance and closer fellowship, cementing a bond which shall embrace all in one family union, ever growing stronger. Never expecting to become personally acquainted with many of those whose names are registered in this Memorial volume, yet the author has come to feel a deep interest in unknown ones whose names have become familiar by copying and printing, and he cannot now refrain from expressing the hope that we all may have our names "written in the Lamb's Book of Life," (Revelation 21:27,) and through the atoning merits of our common Saviour and Redeemer, receive from his lips the final and joyous welcome "Well done, good and faithful servants."

Honolulu, Hawahan Isl's, March 10, 1882. Fortieth Anniversary of the author's sailing from New York for Honolulu, 1841.

#### POSTSCRIPT.

The author fancied that "Finis" was written, but while the last four pages were passing through the printer's hands, he received a volume entitled, "Ralph Waldo Emerson, His Life, Writings, and Philosophy. By G. W. Cooke. Boston: 1881." In tracing the ancestry of Emerson, his biographer remarks: "Eight generations of cultured, conscientious, and practical ministers preceded him." One of those ministers was the Rev. Joseph Emerson, of Mendon, Mass. Now it was his daughter, Lucy Ann Emerson. who married Thomas Damon: [see pages, 50, 52, 55, 69, 71, 137.] She became the honored mother of eleven children,—six daughters, and five sons;—hence, it will appear to the careful reader of this volume, that from this family of Thomas Damon and Lucy Ann Emerson, descended all the Damons of Wayland, as well as that long list of descendants, registered on pages 137-139.

It is a profound question of Mr. Emerson, as recorded on page 15 of this book, to which reference is made: "Howshall a man escape from his ancestors?" The learned sage of Concord, thus answers his own question: "In different hours a man represents each of his ancestors, as if there were seven or eight of us rolled up in each other's skin—seven or eight ancestors at least—and they constitute the variety of notes

for that new piece of music which his life is."

It will not be inappropriate here for the author to acknowledge his inde itedness to his life-long friend, R. W. Wood, M. D., now of Jamaica Plains, Boston, and formerly of Honolulu, who has added to former favors, the presentation of this volume, relating to Emerson, so unexpected, yet so opportune. It was also to Dr. Wood, that the author was indebted for an introduction to Mr. Emerson in the beautiful month of June, 1876.—centennial year—when we called upon Mr. Emerson at his residence in Concord. See "Friend" July 4th, 1876, where appears an article entitled, "Pilgrimage to Concord."

A visit was also made to the house of Dr. Alcott, where a pleasant interview was granted. While rambling through the village of historic Concord, other places of interest were visited, such as the "Old Manse;" and, in near proximity, the Monument in honor of those who fell on the ever-to-be-remembered day of April, 1775; and also the graves of Hawthorne and Thoreau, in "Sleepy Hollow cemetery," were not omitted.

In this beautiful village, replete with so many delightful historic memories, resides a family bearing the name of *Damon*, [see page, 40,] descending from Deacon John Damon, of

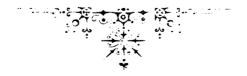
Reading, through Deacon Benjamin Damon, of Concord, N. H. Our brief visit to that home of Mrs. Rebecca P. Damon, will long be cherished among the delightful memories of our too brief visit to Concord during Centennial Year. It is a home with its charming surroundings and intern I adornments, which indicates genuine intelligence and Christian refinement. It is a pleasant thought that, in various branches of the Damon Families, there are many similar homes.

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