

with their trained skill and larger means, placed their little shops and mills and foundries and tanneries on every convenient water-power and thereby aided in extending the good work began by those old Associates. Is it not largely from the descendants of that later class that have come the men whose business capacity and enterprise have done so much to build up these Eastern Townships. Nor will it be forgotten that through all the years, people of other races, and people from the old world have filtered into these Townships, assimilated with the older stocks, and aided in advancing its prosperity. Hence, the wisdom or expediency of unduly exalting one class more than another is questionable, though, as an abstract historical question there may be, and are, good reasons for judicious investigation. But, however, this may be, we cannot honestly forget that it is from the feeble, remote and scattered settlements which those hardy pioneers created about a century ago, that have come material prosperity, and the comforts of civilization, which we, of this generation, so fully possess and enjoy. We should treasure with honest appreciation the memories of those robust men of the olden time, who did so much under adverse conditions and trying circumstances to build up our country so that life for us is more tolerable, and the future full of encouragement. It is to be regretted that the only phase of the personal life of those early pioneers can only be gathered from dry official records, dealing with the wants and conditions of material existence. No historian recorded their acts, nor poet portrayed their sentiments in verse.

