

INTRODUCTION.

THE publication of this supplementary volume of the History of the County of Annapolis seems due to the public on account of numerous errors in the Genealogies and Biographical Memoirs, not interesting to the general reader, but important to those seeking biographical and genealogical information, and especially to descendants of the men and members of the families referred to. Mr. Calnek's elegant chirography and the freedom of his manuscript from erasures and interlineations, led me to mistake for finished work what I have since seen could not have been intended for publication in its existing state, but was, on the contrary, a mere draft, subject to revision, correction and re-writing, although as early as about 1882 he announced in the *Bridgetown Monitor* that the volume of Biographical Memoirs was soon to be published. I have found them to contain some remarkable errors in details of family history and private life, while perfectly accurate as to public career and services, information for which was gathered from the Journals of the Legislature and other public records at Halifax. For instance, in the Memoir of Colonel William Robertson he says that he married Sarah, daughter of Major Robert Timpany, when in fact it was Colonel Robertson's eldest son William whose wife was the lady named. I presume that he was writing these memoirs *currente calamo*, in haste for the approaching award of the Akins prize, they being the closing part of the historical essay, or rather an appendix to it, intending to correct them later on.

An examination of the Wilmot Town records shows me that the genealogies of the Wilmot families are accurate, but while it is clear that Mr. Calnek knew of the Granville Town records, in fact used them for some families, it is equally apparent that he compiled his accounts of the Mills family, the James family, and the