

of the past, must plead our excuse, if excuse be necessary, for this seeming partiality for matters relating to "ye olden time."

In the preparation of this work, a large amount of valuable and interesting material has been gathered, which could not well be used. This will be carefully preserved, and every opportunity to add to the stock will be as carefully improved. Its ultimate disposal cannot now be indicated with any degree of certainty.

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With the hope that the book, — to the preparation of which so many pleasant hours have been devoted, — will be kindly received, this *History of Haverhill* is now submitted to the public.

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