

twinkling. But the steam whalers, gun lances, and explosive bombs, he thought, took all the romance out of the thing, and no longer gave the whale fair play.

The houses of the old sea-captains are great solid structures, of the granite bowlder order of architecture, built like a staunch ship, to bid defiance to the wildest storm that blows. New Bedford has the honour of having founded the first free library in the United States. Indeed, scarce one of these old New England towns has not its handsome public library, reading-room, and museum. A singular contribution of New Bedford to the necessities of the late war, was a number of the old whale-ships, which, after being freighted with stone, were sunk as obstructions in the harbours of the South. One of these was in charge of a captain of unbending discipline, who was accustomed to have his deck thoroughly scoured and polished every morning, nor did he in the least depart from his custom on the morning it was sunk, and the old ship went down with her deck as bright and shining as if she were especially prepared for the reception of a presidential party.*

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"PERISH 'policy' and cunning,"
Perish all that fears the light;
Whether losing, whether winning,
Trust in God, and do the right.
Some will hate thee, some will love thee,
Some will flatter, some will slight;
Cease from man, and look above thee—
Trust in God, and do the right.

—*Dr. Norman Macleod.*

* Just a word as to how to make this "Old Colonial Pilgrimage." The Old Colony Railway will take one to almost any place in Massachusetts or Rhode Island. It even sends a branch around the doubled-up arm of Cape Cod, thrust far out into ocean, with clenched fist, as if in defiance of old Europe. A circular trip ticket, from Boston and back, will enable one to visit in a week, Plymouth, Martha's Vineyard, New Bedford, Fall River, Newport, and Providence. Over part of this road we had a ride on the locomotive, one of the most exhilarating we ever enjoyed. To reach Lynn, Salem, Newburyport and Portsmouth, one must take the Eastern Railway from Boston or Portland. Osgood's Guide Book to New England is essential to the intelligent enjoyment of the trip.