

different from the mass of later emigrants. The early settlers of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New Haven numbered among them many persons eminent for their learning and distinguished for their personal condition. Carver, the first Governor of Plymouth, was prominent on account of his elevated character and of the large property which he liberally used for the advancement of that cause for which he staked, and finally sacrificed his life.—William Bradford, a name honored by every descendant of the Pilgrims, although a self-taught man, was familiar with the Dutch and Flemish languages, and well versed in Latin and Greek. Being eager, as he tells us, “to see the ancient oracles of God in their native beauty,” he employed his leisure hours in the study of Hebrew. Cotton, one of the most learned men of his time, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge, where he was eminently distinguished for his scholastic attainments. He wrote Latin with elegance, was a critic in Greek, and so conversant with Hebrew as to be able to discourse in that ancient language. Brewster, the steadfast and devout Elder, who, in time of famine, gave thanks to God that he and his family were permitted “to suck of the abundance of the seas and of the treasures hid in the sands,”—was at one time connected with the British embassy in Holland. Like many of his fellow Pilgrims, he had been educated at the University of Cambridge. Higgenson was a graduate of Emmanuel College. Eaton and Hopkins had been eminent merchants in London. Davenport, a scholar distinguished at Oxford, and a preacher of wide celebrity in England, was throughout life eminent alike for virtue and learning. The brave Edward Winslow, who offered himself as a hostage for his Colony in their first interview with Massasoit, the savage but estimable monarch of Mount Hope, and who sacrificed his life in that unfortunate expedition sent by Cromwell against the Spaniards in the West Indies, was possessed of large fortune and extensive information. The eloquent Hooker, one of the founders of the Connecticut Colony, was educated at Cambridge. Stone, his associate, and a graduate of the same University, was one of the most