

bearing the family name, commencing at about 1550, and have occupied over twenty years in compilation, requiring more than ten thousand letters, and almost unlimited patience and perseverance in their collection, and are as nearly complete and perfect as practicable, treating, as they do, of twenty-two hundred and twenty-five (2225) Bliss families resident in America, comprising about nine thousand five hundred descendants bearing the name of Bliss, and about the same number in other names. That the book will be invaluable as a standard work of reference for all future time to all descendants, and especially to those bearing the family name, the amount of research and labor thus bestowed upon it is a sufficient guarantee. Among the numerous prominent and distinguished descendants embraced in the records are:

Hon. Ralph Waldo Emerson, the poet and philosopher, of Concord, Mass.

The late Hon. Erastus Corning, of Albany, N. Y.

George Bliss, Esq., banker, firm of Morton, Bliss & Co., N. Y. City.

Rev. William B. Sprague, of Albany, N. Y., author of "Annals of the American Pulpit," etc.

Hon. Jonathan Bliss, of Fredericton, N. B.  
Judge Lemeul Wilnot, of Fredericton, N. B., the first governor of New Brunswick under the Confederation.

Judge John Murray Bliss, of Fredericton.  
Hon. George Bliss, LL. D., of Springfield, Mass.

Hon. Philemon Bliss, LL. D., of Columbia, Mo.

D. Willard Bliss, LL. D., of Washington, D. C.

Miss Caulkins, the celebrated historian, of New London, Conn.

Dr. Nezia Bliss, of Hebron, Conn., originator of the American free school system.

Judge Frederick Bliss, of Georgia, Vt.

Hon. George P. Bliss, of Fredericton, N. B.

Rev. Daniel Bliss, of Concord, Mass., one of New England's most distinguished clergymen, who was called in his day one of the "new lights" in the American church.

Miss Emily Bliss Gould, of Rome, Italy, celebrated as a teacher and philanthropist.

Philip P. Bliss, of Chicago, Ill., singer and evangelical song writer.

Gov. Clark Bissell, of Norwalk, Conn.

Gov. Enos T. Throop, of New York State.

This work also includes brief genealogies of the Blush and Blish families of Barnstable, Mass., the Corning family of Preston, Conn., the Abell family of Lebanon, Conn., and the Porters, of Windsor, Conn. It also has forty-

three intermarriages with the Carpenter family, forty-six with Browns, and eighty-two with Smiths. Among the illustrious connections of the family we may mention:

Hon. George Bancroft, the historian, of Washington, D. C.

Capt. Benoni Trumbull, of Hebron, Conn., grandfather of Rev. Benj. Trumbull, the historian, and uncle of the first Governor Jonathan Trumbull, of Lebanon, Conn.

Rev. Henry J. Van. Lennep, missionary to Smyrna, Asia.

Rt. Rev. Hibbert Binney, D. D., lord bishop of Nova Scotia.

Hon. Arthur Livermore, chief justice of New Hampshire, and M. C. of Holderness, N. H.

Bishop Kelley, of Newfoundland.

Senator Odell, of Fredericton, N. B.

Rev. Dorus Clarke, D. D., Boston, Mass., author, and editor of the *New England Puritan*.

Rev. Joel Hayes, of South Hadley, Mass.

Rev. Moses Warren, of Wilbraham, Mass.

Hon. Andrew B. Peters, of Bradford, Vt.

This work, which has engaged the attention of the well-known printer, J. Homer Bliss, of Norwich, Conn., for several years past, was first undertaken some twenty-five or thirty years ago by Judge Oliver Bliss Morris, Springfield, and in 1848 was taken systematically in hand by Sylvester Bliss, Esq., of Boston, Mass., who died in 1863. Br. Bliss' recent investigations traced the name from the Norman French Blois, through the forms, Bloys, Blyse, Blysse, and Blisse, to the American Bliss. The family is supposed to be of Norman descent, having come to England with William the Conqueror, and is thought by some to have been connected with the Norman Kings. The family coat of arms bears the motto, "Semper Sursum," or "Ever Upward."

Captain Dunlap, master of the ship "Steelfield," which left this port March 18th, was at one time a compositor in a country newspaper office in the old country. Becoming weary of newspaper life he took to the sea, and, for 25 years, he has led a sailor's life. During fifteen of these he occupied the position of captain, having command nearly all of that time of the sailing ships of the Allan Line. Four years ago the "Steelfield" was launched at Liverpool, and he was placed in command. Although a quarter of a century has elapsed since he handled the types, he says his right hand has not yet forgotten its cunning, and that he can still stick them up pretty lively. We wish him continued success.—*Globe*.