

has been devoted to the emigrants and their immediate successors than to their later descendants, to the end that the memory of those remote, in preference to those more recent and readily accessible, might at once be rescued from threatened oblivion.

The family history presents a great diversity of experience: and this experience and the chronicles of the several branches, including their individual life-records, their present and past distribution, and their varied vicissitudes in successive epochs, constitute the theme of this volume.

There may be a touch of pathos in the circumstance that a majority of these life-records are compressed within the brief epitome of birth, marriage, and death. But it is not to be inferred that these meagre life-marks are all that can be given: they suffice to suggest and recall to those who knew the subjects in the flesh, all needful particulars. Probably in every home circle where exists the vacant chair, its departed occupant—

“Named softly as the household name of one whom God hath taken”—

has been keenly missed ever since, and in many such cases anything more than a mere mention would be distressing surplussage. As to other individuals, gone hence to the undiscovered country long ago, further details are presented, measured by the means of information at hand and the evident merits of the subjects. Regarding certain of these individuals, from the special interest attaching to them, every pertinent scrap of information has been gladly availed of. Where gaps occur and particulars are wanting in families of the present generation, the reader will understand either that these particulars are not deemed essential or else that they could not be supplied without undue difficulty and delay. The space afforded by the wide margins and blank pages at the end will permit the addition of personal annotations from time to time, to eke out the text and record later memoranda.

John Quincy Adams remarked truly that “posterity delights in details.” To minister to the enjoyment of the DORLAND posterity I have essayed to supply, by way of coloring, such details as will convey a concrete idea of the life and surroundings of our ancestors, and of the important events associated with them and their times.

The method of statement devised in the genealogical schedules is a departure from the conventional form, but it seems to offer some advantages over the accepted method in that it presents at a glance the membership of each family circle and at the same time preserves