

PREFACE.

"The form achieved smiles on the aspiration,
And dream is deed, and Art is justified. * * *
Still hoarded lives what seemed so spent and wasted,
And echoes come from dark or empty years."—Bayard Taylor.

"For we learn upon a hint, we find upon a clew,
We yield an hundred-fold; but the great sower is Analogy.
There must be an acrid aloë before a luscious peach,
A ball of rotting flax before the bridal veil,
An egg before an eagle, a thought before a thing,
A spark struck into tinder to light the lamp of knowledge,
A slight suggestive nod to guide the watching mind,
A half-seen hand upon the wall, pointing to the balance of Comparison."
—Martin F. Tupper.

THIS book is produced primarily for the use and information of the family. Embodying as it does the essence of numberless family records, cherished in hundreds of households, with personal biographies and domestic particulars of little concern to the outside world, it partakes of the character of private papers, and bespeaks for itself the consideration usually accorded to such.

In a rational consideration of family history one need not go to the length of transplanting here the ancestor-worship of the Chinese, or to the depth of rummaging the tombs of the dead for a decoration wherewith to distinguish the living. On the other hand, genealogies are surely not idle or unprofitable if, in linking us with the past, even though a dead past, they serve to reanimate it with such color of life as enables us the better to interpret the present and anticipate the future. The simple duty apparent and welcome to open minds and uncorrupted hearts is to know who and what our ancestors were, in actual life, for filial reasons and for the sake of the knowledge itself, if not for our own sake. From a discriminating study one must arrive at the conviction that, after all, social radiance can in reality emanate only from one's own light, and not from the reflected beams of an ancestor.

With some appreciation of this philosophy I have pursued my researches as to the DORLANDS, and have considered them in a spirit respectful, if not reverential. I have found little to their discredit, and much to their credit; and what I have found has been set down impartially and without favor, except that proportionately more space