

Preface

of the Senate of Canada; Andrew Belcher Almon, barrister (residing at Newport, R. I.); and the Rev. Foster H. Almon, a clergyman of Halifax, the last three of whom are also great-grandsons of the second, and great-great-grandsons of the first, Dr. Mather Byles.

The history of the Johnstons of Georgia, Jamaica, and Nova Scotia, is briefly this. About 1750, Dr. Lewis Johnston, surgeon in the Royal Navy, on Her Majesty's ship *Centurion*, a young Scotchman of excellent family, the son of Dr. James Johnston, R. N., and his wife, Jane Nesbitt, married in St. Kitts, in the West Indies, and then settled as a physician in Savannah, Ga. There, until the war broke out, he was in the best city practice, owning also, a little out of the town, a plantation called "Annandale," after the famous estate of the Johnstones in Scotland. For a number of years he occupied the important position of Treasurer of the Province and President of His Majesty's Council, and so high did he stand in the public estimation that for years after he was obliged to leave Savannah he was consulted in matters of importance by his old patients and friends in the Province where he had so long honor-