

# THE MEMORIAL TOWER

HALIFAX, 1758-1912

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NOT wrung by force, not by rebellion stained,  
Came civil freedom here in peace to dwell;  
'Twas England's gift, deliberate, unconstrained;  
And England's daughter, all the world to tell,  
How dear she prizes such a gift divine,  
Has made this tower an everlasting sign.

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First of free states within the Empire's fold  
To rule herself, the Mayflower Province keeps  
In constant mind her primacy of old;  
And, while the tide her iron coast-line sweeps,  
By this tall cairn, unto the latest age,  
Shall teach her children their proud heritage.

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These stones were laid in loyalty; these walls  
Were reared in bond of world-wide empery;  
These broad foundations, whatso'er befalls,  
Betoken union knit from sea to sea.  
And in the building, mother and daughter lands  
Have joined their off'rings, and set to their hands.

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