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PREFACE.

THE following sketches of the family are thought worthy to be presented to the numerous descendants of Samuel Appleton. They have been collected by the late John S. Appleton of Salem, the late Eben Appleton, during a residence in England, and by Nathan Appleton of Boston, with whom they were deposited, and who has made some additions to them. They have appeared sufficiently valuable to be preserved in print. They may be considered of some interest in connection with the event so important in its results, the first settlement of New England. The genealogical history of the family goes back to an early period, and may be looked upon as somewhat remarkable for a uniformity in the character of the individuals embraced in it. Without being sufficiently distinguished to fill any place in general history, its members, so far as known, seem to have been respectable, and to have performed the part of good and useful citizens.