

my business required my undivided attention, I had offers of assistance, which I was obliged to decline, from parties I have since been unable to reach. The record I have made has come largely from individual families, often some party has sent me several families, and special mention is due to Miss Ann Amelia Hayden of Torrington, Conn., Miss Susan M. Hayden of Lysander, N. Y., and Mr. Edwin V. Hayden, of Minneapolis, Minn., each of whom collected and sent me the records of numerous families in their respective branches. There are names scattered all through the record of those whose histories we know little or nothing. Some died in infancy, some doubtless died in adult years, unmarried, and others left families who, in regard to their genealogy, are in the condition of certain Jews who went up from the captivity, with Ezra, "from Tel-Melah, Tel-Harsa, Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not show their father's house and their seed, whether they were of Israel." If this work should fall into the hands of any of these "lost families," they will, by writing up (on the blank leaves provided) the "missing links," be able "to show their father's house" and claim their place in the next enrollment of the Connecticut Haydens.

When Mr. Levi Hayden, in 1882, became interested in getting up a reunion of the descendants of William Hayden, and marking the spot where he settled with some memorial, he pledged the necessary funds for its accomplishment, and also for necessary expenses for the further prosecution of the genealogical work, which work had before been at my own charges. My own services are gratuitous, a labor of love. Rev. Horace Edwin Hayden of Wilkesbarre, Pa., is engaged on a history of the Daniel line, and will give fuller detail and doubtless add much which will be of general interest to all branches of the family.

The important portion of this work, furnished by the Rev. William B. Hayden of Portland, Me., and Mr. Levi Hayden of Roslindale, Mass., I am sure will be appreciated by all the Haydens.

Relative to my own work I fear there will be disappointment. At times I have had many clues to follow, some of which were doubtless lost before I could reach them, though I would gladly have devoted the time necessary to pursue them to the end. Many clues were