



CHAPTER XI.

THE PHYSICIANS OF WEYMOUTH.¹

Early Medical History—Salisbury—Nicholas Byram—Thomas Thacher—Nathaniel White—James Hayward—Benjamin Richards—Daniel French—Lazarus Andrews Beale—Cotton Tufts—James Torrey—Thomas Vinson—James Lovell—Noah Fifield—Appleton Howe—Jacob Richards—David Torrey—Timothy Gordon—Joseph Dorr—Ebenezer Turell Learned—Hervey Eliphaz Weston—George Fordyce Fifield—Charles Coffran—Daniel Lewis Gibbens—Josiah Ball—Ira H. Perry—Ephraim Lewis Warren—John Henry Gilbert—George Wyman Fay—William Cranch Bond Fifield—Lemuel Fuller—Charles Carroll Tower—Joseph Corlieu—Francis Flint Forsaith—Oliver Perry Piper—Moses Reuben Greely—Granville Wilson Tinkham—Roscoe Ellsworth Brown—John Chisholm Fraser—William Abram Drake—Joseph Porter Hodgdon—Norton Quincy Tirrell—William Fales Hathaway—Judson L. Beck—Mrs. Dr. Tuck—Mrs. Dr. Tirzah E. Goodwin.

THE old settlement of Wessagusset claims priority, as far as I can ascertain, as to the presence of a physician, over any place in New England except Plymouth. Certain difficulties are encountered in obtaining the early medical history of any community, especially if that history dates back near the first settlement of the country. One of these is the fact that, at that early date, the practice of medicine was not on so recognized a basis as at the present time. There were no medical schools or associations in the country, and each doctor

¹This chapter, covering an outline of the medical profession of the town with brief biographical sketches of its various members, who have, as far as has been ascertained, lived here, has been prepared with great care and much labor by Francis Flint Forsaith, M. D., a physician of more than twenty years' standing in the town, and is a valuable addition to the sketch.

