



INTRODUCTION.

THE larger portion of the text of the following historical sketch of the town of Weymouth, Mass., was originally published in the "History of Norfolk County, Mass.," recently issued by Messrs. J. W. Lewis & Co., from the press of J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia, and was intended merely to answer the needs of such a publication. The volume being a large one, and the price heavy, the circulation, even in the town, has been extremely limited, and comparatively few of its inhabitants know that such a work has been placed before the public, so that the wants of the people for more knowledge of their own local history have not been met, even to the limited extent covered by this sketch.

The committee of the town, to which was referred the matter of collecting materials for a town history, finding the work growing upon its hands, with no probability of accomplishing the purpose of its creation for a considerable time, and knowing that the call for some result of its labor is becoming more and more urgent, has decided to republish the sketch in a form for convenient circulation among the people at a moderate expense, with the addition of much original matter, including full notes upon important points where the brevity of the original text requires it, and also a full index, an addition imperatively demanded by the readers of the present day, especially in works of this character.

In thus answering temporarily the public want, in this direction, while the more complete and thorough history of the town awaits its accomplishment, the committee believes it has acted for the best interests of the town, and in accordance with the

