

Harris, the librarian, praised it, saying, "we value such works very highly."

I carried one to Hon. R. C. Winthrop and he came to his door in Summer Street, and thanked me for it.

There were very few such genealogies in America at that time (1848). My work was praised by Samuel G. Drake, A. M., Hon. John Kelley of N. H., Hon. James Savage and many other distinguished antiquaries.

While writing and printing that work I had my home in Cambridge, near the great University library. I also had access to the Athanæum library of Boston.

In 1849 I went to England for a year's sojourn and searched historical records. Before going I contracted with several of the Boston literary newspapers to send them original letters at three and four dollars each, describing things I should observe and learn over there. They published my letters; but my agent here, who collected the pay, embezzled half of the money he received for me. Yet I lived and travelled, and studied there with all my might. These things have been recounted by me in two volumes since published, and in this history to some extent. After returning to America I went to Washington and collected statistics of the growth and manufacture of cotton, for a gentleman of New York, and then spent one year in that city, having a clerkship in the Tax Office at the City-Hall, in time of Mayor Kingsland. I soon perceived great frauds in that department and notified the mayor, and the editors of the two principal newspapers, "Tribune" and "Herald." Greeley suggested that the frauds would be greater if the Democrats were in power. Hudson, chief of the Herald staff, said his paper received a large sum every year from the city government, and it would not be good policy for him to offend them. The mayor refused to listen to my complaints. So I came back to Massachusetts, and studied law, having access to the law library in Court square. As a means of support I did some insurance business, taught penmanship, and after a couple of years began to take some small cases by special powers of attorney. But this went hard, as it excited the opposition of rival lawyers. One old fellow from the Province of New Brunswick, named "End," who had, by vile means, been admitted to the bar here, although not a citizen, attacked me, and got pieces printed in the papers against me. I had an enemy in New Brunswick, who probably hired End to attack me. Two or three complaints against me were quashed. Then End himself was driven off or quashed. He was complained of for attempting to shoot some young men who snapped beans at him. I remember I got four of his cases dismissed on demurrers — all at one time in the Superior Court of Suffolk County. This was in 1853 or 4. Soon afterwards I was admitted to the bar in the Supreme Court. I was subsequently admitted to the bar of the United States Circuit Court.