

that the first paper mill in New England—a region which was half a century before Pennsylvania an English settlement—that to-wit, at Milton, Massachusetts—was not erected till A. D. 1730,* about forty years after the one in Pennsylvania.

“It is not surprising that Bradford himself and his enterprise and accomplishments should have attracted notice from the early travellers and historiographers of our province.

“In ‘The Flourishing State of Pennsylvania,’ written, I suppose, about A. D. 1693–4, by John Holme, we have the subject of our address and his manufacture thus referred to :

‘Here dwelt a Printer, and I find
That he can both print books and bind,
He wants not paper, Ink nor skill ;
He’s part owner of a paper mill ;
The paper mill is here, hard by,
And makes good paper frequently.’

“Bradford, as Mr. Jones has shown us, was not exclusive owner of the mill. He was, however, so much the striking personage among the partners, and so much the active and efficient manager before the public that his name apparently quite overtopped all others.”

In footnote on page 58, it states, “About the Bible, that it had been spoken of up and down concerning his going to England to live,” and that it *had been* his intention so to have done. But perceiving that friends and people generally were concerned thereat had caused him “to decline his said intentions at present.”

So the above mentioned Bible was not printed at that time by Bradford.

* “Munsell Chronolog. of Paper and Papermaking,” page 24.