

PREFACE.

THE preparation of this history of the White Ancestry was commenced nearly seven years ago, but the research greatly exceeded the original plans of both the family and myself, as it was only intended to prepare a MS. account of the White, Stockton, Gardiner, Elton, McClaranan, and Dowse families. The result, however, was considered sufficiently satisfactory to warrant further investigation, and I was permitted to enlarge the scope of the work.

With this object in view I visited the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, North Carolina, and Virginia, concluding with a voyage to England in the spring of 1883, and another in December of 1884; the result of the researches made during those trips being embodied in some twenty-two pedigrees, which the White family have finally decided to publish, in order that the information, gained at so much trouble and expense, may be preserved in a form accessible to all the descendants of those families, to whom I now have the honor of submitting the pedigrees, feeling confident that, while it is almost impossible to avoid some defects in a work of this character, no one can take exception to the facts, as each generation of the several pedigrees is established by what I conscientiously believe to be ample and authentic evidence,