

self up in France, he was discharged, and returned to England, where, Hutchinson in his 'History of Massachusetts,' says, he was brought into trouble for going back to France contrary to the King's order; but at length returned to his family after ten or eleven years' absence. His private concerns, during this period, suffered extremely; nor did he receive any compensation for his disinterested and hazardous services and sufferings either from the royal or colonial governments. Probably his manliness and honesty prevented the one, and his dispositions and religious opinions at that day impeded the other; for the same author (Hutchinson, in whose words most of the preceding narrative is given) remarks, in reference to his conduct at the seizure of Sir Edmund Andros, that he was a young gentleman of good family, an enemy to the tyrannical government of Andros, but an episcopalian in principle, and of a gay, free temper, which prevented his being allowed any share in the administration after it was settled, although he was at the head of the party that demanded the surrender of the fort. The same objections, probably, attached to him through life, as he was not of a temper to obviate them: and a similar fate, in some degree has followed his memory; for although it has been honored and cherished by his posterity, and a shade of imputation never rested on it, yet two reverend editors or compilers of 'Annals of New England,' and 'The Eminent Men of it,' amid a host of others whom it would puzzle the genius of a Pope or a Churchill to damn to fame, even in verse that might otherwise be immortal, have not deemed his name worthy of their notice; I should hope, from ignorance of the preceding facts,—some of which, though not the principal part, are derived from family anecdotes,—rather than from the prevalence of the same ungracious and uncharitable feelings which actuated their predecessors.

Voilà, my friend, the dénouement you have asked of the mystery 'of the motto.' If the perusal carries with it anything of penance, you have to remember, it is wholly of