

promises are plain, viz, If you believe on the Lord Jesus Christ you shall be saved, and as a good means to convince you of the perniciousness and falsity of Socinian heresy, I beseech you for your soul's sake, upon reading this letter, to set apart some time in secret. open your bible, and read with prayerful attention, the fore part of the first chapter of St John's gospel, and beg God that you may know the truth of those words, viz, In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God, &c., &c. I beseech you not to think your conversion impossible, or that you cannot forsake your old companions & steer another course, these are Satan's devices to hold you where you are. till he has made sure of you; I pray the Lord to pluck you out of his snare, & confound his devices, and set you at liberty, for although his malice is infinite. his power is limited, you are in God's hands & he can deliver & save you. But if you are resolved to keep on & live in a careless neglect of the salvation of your immortal soul, if you still harden your heart and refuse to come to Christ for life, I can only tell you my soul shall weep in secret places for you still, and that God will glorify his justice in your eternal destruction. But how can I bear the tho't, that you my dear child should be the object of God's everlasting displeasure & wrath? Since it is the last time I expect to write to you, please to bear with me while I expostulate the case with you, why will you die when life is to be had for the taking? God is yet upon a throne of glorious grace, holding out the sceptre of his mercy to you, his voice is to you, O man, I call, &c., as I live saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, but had rather he would turn and live, him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. But if you refuse to hearken to my expostulations, pray my child hearken to Christ's expostulations. Oh that they had known in this their day, the things that belong to their peace, this God speaks to you my child, as I told you in my other letter,

you are welcome to Christ if Christ be welcome to you, nothing does or can hinder your salvation if you be willing to come to Christ for life, he says, I will take away the heart of stone, and give you a heart of flesh, I will blot out all your transgressions, tho' your sins are as scarlet or as crimson, tho' your sins were as many as the sands, or as mighty as the mountains, tho' your sins were as numerous as the stars in the sky, the blood of Christ is sufficient to expiate all their guilt, and his spirit is able to purge away all the filth of them, and to sprinkle your guilty conscience with the blood which cleanses from all sin & he still says, whosoever will, let him come & take the water of life freely, & him that cometh to me. I will in no wise cast out. God grant for his name's sake that you may be made willing to accept his offered mercy, and be made a triumph of his sovereign grace thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. So prays your loving parent,

BENJAMIN COLMAN."

Dea. Colman died in 1797.

Rev. Henry Colman, son of Col. Dudley, a distinguished Unitarian clergyman, was first settled at Hingham, afterwards in Salem; in his latter years he became noted as an agriculturist and an author.

Thomas, born in 1751, the third son of Deacon Benjamin Colman, graduated at Harvard in the class of 1770, and was drowned at Newbury bar October 28, 1784.

Benjamin, born in 1752, married Mary Chute. He owned a farm nearly opposite the Congregational meeting-house in Byfield, and was also engaged in the shoe business. After his father's decease he succeeded him as deacon in the church.

Moses, born in 1755, inherited the original farm of the first settler, Thomas Colman, which, from his father, Col.

Jeremiah Colman, has descended to Moses Colman, esq., of Boston. Mr. Colman also carried on an extensive butchering business. His first wife was Dorothy Pearson, by whom he had one son, Jeremiah. His second wife was Betty (Little) Emery, who also had one son, Daniel Colman.

Samuel, born in 1762, a graduate of Harvard, married Susanna, granddaughter of Joseph Atkins, esq. He studied medicine, and entered into practice in Augusta, Me. He afterwards returned to Newburyport, engaged in teaching, where he died in 1810, and was interred in St. Paul's churchyard.

Caleb, born in 1762, married a Miss Burbank, and purchased a farm in Hanover, N. H.

William, born in 1768, for a time resided on the homestead, then removed to Boscawen, N. H., where he owned a farm and mill. His first wife was Susan Thurston. She was the mother of Daniel Thurston and Hannah (twins) Dorothy, Judith, Sumner, Lucy, Mary, and Betty who died in childhood. His second wife was the widow Temple; she had three sons, Luther, William and David Emery. After her death Mr. Colman married the widow Brown, daughter of Mr. Moses Pillsbury of Crane-neck hill.

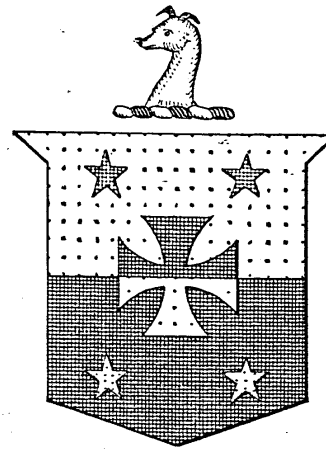
Mary, the only daughter, born in 1757, married Mr. Joseph Searle of Byfield.

Charles Harris, oldest son of Daniel Thurston and Nancy (Harris) Colman, born February 8, 1819; graduated at Bowdoin in 1843; October 19, 1844, married Deborah Dinsmore of Auburn, N. H. For many years Mr. Colman has resided at the West.

Samuel, son of Samuel and Tamelia (Chandler) Colman, and grandson of

Dr. Samuel Colman, born in 1832; studied art; went abroad in 1860, studying in Paris and Spain; was made a member of the National Academy in 1864; president of the American Water Color Society in 1866; resigned in 1872 and went abroad spending some years in the principal cities of Europe. He was married in 1862.

The Colman arms are:



PARTI PER FESS, OR, SABLE; A CROSS PATEE BETWEEN FOUR MULETS COUNTERCHANGED. CREST, A GREYHOUND'S HEAD.

The Hale family is of considerable antiquity, and of high respectability in England. Thomas Hale, of Codicote, in Hertfordshire, married Anne, daughter of Edmund Mitchell, and had three sons, Richard, William and John. Richard, the eldest son, purchased the estate of King's Walden in Hertfordshire, and died in 1620. His son William succeeded him, and died in August, 1634, aged sixty-six. He left nine children: Richard, born in 1596; William, 1597; Rowland, his heir; George, born July 30, 1601; Alicia, in 1603; Winefrida, in 1604; Thomas, in 1606; Anne, in 1609; and Dionesia, March 17, 1611.

Thomas Hale, with his wife Tamosin, came to Newbury in 1635, and located