

## **Francis Higginson.**

Col. T. W. Higginson contributes to the series called "Makers of America" a *Life* of his noted ancestor, the first minister in the colony of Massachusetts Bay. Francis Higginson was born in 1587-8, probably, and took his degree of B.A. at Jesus College, Cambridge, in 1609-10. The circumstances of his coming to America in 1629 are

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given here twice — first in a long extract from Cotton Mather's *Magnalia*, and then again from the extant records of the Colony. Higginson's *Journal*, his letter of 1629, and *New England's Plantation* are reprinted in full. There is little to relate of his life in New England, as he died in 1630, a few months after his ordination at Salem. Out of meager materials, Colonel Higginson, as a trained literary artist, has made a valuable and attractive little book; the picture of English university life three centuries ago, the account of the "Revolt of the Conformists" who were dissatisfied with Francis Higginson, and the list of the great number of eminent Americans who have sprung from the loins of the first minister of Salem are noteworthy. The confusion of the two covenants of the First Church — the very brief one of 1629, consisting of a single sentence, and the much longer one of 1636, the work of Hugh Peters — is an error of magnitude; the date 1828, on pages 31 and 69, on the other hand, is easily corrected by the reader.— Dodd, Mead & Co. 75c.