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## **ABBREVIATIONS**

- AAS American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts
  - BL Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut
- CHS Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, Connecticut
  - CL Congregational Library, Boston, Massachusetts
- CSL Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut
  - El Essex Institute Historical Collections, Salem, Massachusetts
- HC Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- HL Huntington Library and Art Gallery, San Marino, California
- HSP Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- MHS Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, Massachusetts
  - NL Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois
- NYHS New York Historical Society, New York, New York
  - YC Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut

#### NOTE

In quotations from original sources, contractions have been extended and the use of u and v, i and j has been standardized. I have not included an ellipsis for matter omitted from the end of a quotation unless it distorted the writer's meaning. Because of the serendipity of sermon notes, some punctuation has been silently added to ensure intelligibility, and periods have been substituted for colons and terminal dashes. Bible quotations are taken from the Authorized (King James) Version.