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AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

It has been remarked that republics are ungrateful to their servants. The people forget the great services rendered by those who have put self out of sight in their desire to serve others. Especially true is this in an age like the present—so full of political curiosity and so wanting in political talent. With the desire of calling attention to the inestimable value to the nation of the life of that great public servant, Thaddeus Stevens, and the importance of his *stalwart* policy in securing the results of the war, the author has written. The unthinking endeavor to cast a stigma on the word stalwart by associating it with the spoils system. But it means more than that. The word stands for that bold, courageous, and loyal policy which will be the lasting glory of the Republican party. No one better represented it than

Thaddeus Stevens. - We may call him "the first stalwart."

The author expresses the hope that the examination of the "great commoner's" record may lead others to a greater appreciation of the Pennsylvania statesman's services, and of the grand work accomplished by a direct, manly, and *stalwart* policy in national affairs.

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