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DEDICATION.

TO

The Russian Graves,

WHERE SLEEP THE IMMORTAL DEAD OF ENGLAND;
TO THE GALLANT SURVIVORS OF THE LATE CRIMEAN WAR;
AND TO THOSE AT HOME
WHO CHERISH THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD
AND GLOBE IN THE VALOUR OF THE LIVING;

I Dedicate this Volume.

“Young men
Too often sow their wild oats in tame words,
Before they sit down under their own vine
And live for use. Alas, near all the birds
Will sing at dawn,—and yet we do not take
The chaffing swallow for the holy lark.”

EDGAR Allan BARRETT DRAWING.

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INTRODUCTORY.

Go forth, my verse!—thou hast for me
 Beguiled the winter hours ;
But others will glance at thee when
 The spring has brought her flowers.
A flower thou, thrown on the waste,
 Girt round with many a hill,
From whose high peak the winter's breath
 May reach thee but to kill.
Such hills there are, whence critics watch
 The gifts that poets bring
As simply as the earth yields up
 Her blossoms unto spring ;
And sharper than the winter's breath,
 And keener than its dart,
Their arrows have glanced from the rhyme
 To find the rhymer's heart ;