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### Introductory Sketch.

[The following, printed in the *Hartford Courant* of April 17, 1899, and written by a Yale classmate now on the editorial staff of that journal, affords to those to whom Dr. Brand was not known, an introductory sketch that supplements and gives added significance to the story told in these chapters.—L. D. H.]

"HE WAS Dr. Brand to most people, but not to all. Here in Hartford, and in other Connecticut towns, and scattered all over the country, are old friends to whom he was 'Jim' Brand a third of a century ago and remained 'Jim' Brand to the last. To them his death is a personal sorrow.

"He came of Scotch stock and had its marks in face and character. He was born in the Dominion of Canada in 1834. This made him twenty-seven years old when, in 1861, he entered Yale College—a very unusual age for a freshman. September 2, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Twen-