

## Dedication.

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WHEN the PRINCIPLES of the government are at stake, true patriotism, which rises above party, above selfish aspirations, or a thought of personal aggrandizement, is invested with peculiar value, and becomes an object of increased respect. And when we find one whose past life and present action furnish a clear record of devotion to principle for principle's sake; one who has always stood in the van of the great American battle, and freely encountered the adversary, giving his means with his energies; and who will adhere tenaciously to the cause he knows to be just, and to men he believes to be true, without regard to the labor or sacrifice which may inure to himself, we cannot but offer him as an example to others to pursue a course alike honorable and patriotic.

Such a man is

**CHESTER DRIGGS, OF NEW YORK CITY;**

and when to this strong patriotic feeling is added his high moral excellence and worth, his public spirit, energy, and enterprise, as a citizen of the great commercial mart of the western world, we feel pride and pleasure in dedicating, as we now do, this national volume to the true American,  
**CHESTER DRIGGS.**