

Dedication.

W. and J. DUFFIELD, London, Ontario :

My dear friends--This unpretending volume is mainly dedicated to you.

Still, little as it may be esteemed, it would not be given, if your only merit consisted in ample coffers, even though to amass a fortune honorably in opposition to so much successful chicanery as exists in trade at the present time appears to require as great an amount of energy and ability as is necessary in taking a city or to write an epic, and, in the estimation of some, deserves proportionate appreciation.

More honor, however, seems due where monetary triumph is not attended by its usual niggardly disregard of the fine arts or mental excellence. Looking at your dispositions in this light less hesitation arises in offering the present production, whatever its faults, believing it will be kindly received by you, if only as a remembrancer of other days.