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OF
JOHN A. ANDREW,
AS GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS,
TO WHICH IS ADDED THE
VALEDICTORY ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR ANDREW, DELIVERED
UPON RETIRING FROM OFFICE, JANUARY 5, 1865, ON
THE SUBJECT OF RECONSTRUCTION OF THE
STATES RECENTLY IN REBELLION.



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To
GENERAL U. S. GRANT,

*THIS SKETCH OF THE OFFICIAL LIFE OF ONE WHO
WAS HIS FRIEND, AND WHOSE FRIEND HE WAS;
AND THIS EDITION OF THE VALEDICTORY
ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR ANDREW, ARE,
BY PERMISSION, RESPECTFULLY
INSCRIBED.*

"The tendency of the hour is towards Grant. And that is best. It is not the ideal good. It is bad for the country that he must leave his present post, — bad for him, the soldier, to try and to endure the hard fate which awaits him, in civil life. But it is the apparently *best practical good* the country can have. And Grant is so square and honest a man that I believe he is bound to be right in the main, anywhere." — GOVERNOR ANDREW, October 21, 1867, three days before his death.

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PREFACE.

THE following sketch comprises an article which appeared in the "North American Review" for January, 1868, and now is reprinted at the request of many friends of the late Governor Andrew, who desire to possess it in a separate form. To it now are added full copies of correspondence and documents to which the necessary limits of the former publication then permitted only brief reference. Use has also been made of other articles concerning Governor Andrew which have appeared since this was originally prepared; chiefly, of one (the only defect of which is its brevity) written by his pastor, James Freeman Clarke, and printed in the February number of "Harper's Magazine." In every instance in which the words or facts of

others are thus employed, due credit has been given to them by name.

This book has no pretension to the character of a full biography of Governor Andrew. Such a biography, at the request of the family of the Governor, is now in course of preparation by the experienced and accomplished hands of Mr. Edwin P. Whipple, whose work cannot fail to become of standard value in the literature and history of New England. The only merit to which the present writer lays claim, is that of personal and intimate knowledge of the facts which he has recorded in the following sketch; hastily and imperfectly, no doubt, for it has been prepared during the few hours which he could spare from professional duties, but in such a manner, nevertheless, as he hopes may entitle it to friendly regard from those at whose request it has been written.

To it is added the valedictory address of Governor Andrew to the General Court of Massachusetts, upon retiring from office; the sentiments and logic of which he maintained, without