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To
HIS MANY FRIENDS

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AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED.

Charles Chaper Lincoln.

BORN OCTOBER 24, 1849.

DIED JUNE 24, 1879.

MEMORIAL SKETCH.

THIS little volume does not claim to be a biography. It is simply a tribute of love and esteem to the memory of a pure and noble young man, — the gathering into a more compact cluster some of the many flowers that have been strewn upon his grave, under a sense of inexpressible sorrow and great personal loss. They tell their own sad story. And through them we catch some few glimpses of the life of their endeared and lamented subject. But it is thought that these testimonials would be better understood by the general reader, whose eye might fall upon these pages, and perhaps be more highly prized by the intimate friends of the vanished one, if seen in the light of some few of the leading facts in the career of him to whose sweetness of spirit and beauty of character they bear such cordial and touching witness. For these reasons, a brief memorial sketch is prefixed, more as a setting for these pictures that kind and loving hearts

have drawn than as a complete history of a grand life suddenly quenched in the brightness of its promise.

Charles Thayer Lincoln was born October 24, 1849, in the pleasant village of West Townsend, Mass. He was the second son of Varnum and Emeline Sprague Lincoln. His father being a clergyman, his early home life was subject to those changes of locality incident to such a profession. Removing from West Townsend when quite young, he spent portions of his boyhood days in Andover, Abington, and Yarmouth, in the State of his birth. In all these places he is still remembered as the amiable, blue-eyed boy whose kind spirit and animated features gave promise of a useful future. His sunny disposition and love of fair play made him a general favorite with the boys and girls of his age, while his good behavior and gentle ways won the notice and love of older people.

His attendance at school began at the early age of four years. The best schools in the different towns where his parents lived furnished all the educational advantages of a public nature which it was his privilege to enjoy. Of these he made the most diligent use. With his natural love of books, persistence of purpose, and aptness to learn, he had mastered in a few years all the branches of a sound English education, and laid the foundation of