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TO THE CHENEY FAMILY.

This imperfect Tribute to one so honored and beloved is offered to you all, young and old, that we may keep the memory of "Uncle John" ever warm in our hearts, and that his example may hold us ever loyal to "the true, the beautiful, and the good."

EDNAH D. CHENEY.

Forest Hill Street,

October, 1888.

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I.

EARLY LIFE.

JOHN CHENEY, the second son of George and Electa Cheney, of South Manchester, Conn., was born Oct. 20, 1801.¹ He went to school in his native town, and assisted in the work of the farm and mill when a boy. As he was one of the oldest of the children, but few anecdotes of his youth are now remembered; but an instance is told of the sturdy patience with which he endured an unjust punishment, showing the same moral independence and force of will which distinguished him in after years.

John was very fond of reading, and is remembered as always standing up in the corner of the room, by the tall old-fashioned secretary, with his hat on, when busily engaged in his book. He has been known to stand seven hours, first on one foot, then on the other, absorbed in reading. He appears to have been interested in drawing at an early age, and began to make experiments in engraving when he

¹ An account of his genealogy and of the life of the family during his early years may be found in the opening chapters of the Memoir of his brother, Seth W. Cheney.