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"DO THE DUTY NEAREST TO YOU."  
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DEDICATION.

TO JOSEPH CURTIS.

PERMIT me, my dear friend, to dedicate this book to you; and, in this mode, to express, a second time, my respect for one who has devoted, and is devoting, a good portion of his life, without the reward of money, or the fee of celebrity, to the advancement of our young people, the hope of our country.

C. M. SEDGWICK.

New York, *May 22*, 1848.

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PREFACE.

THIS little book is the first of a series to be published by Mr. Charles H. Peirce for the young people of our country,—for that ground in which we sow hopefully and with promise.

The history of the poor "Boy of Mount Rhigi" and his friend "Harry Davis," has been written to awaken, in those of our young people who have been carefully nurtured, a sense of their duty to those who are less favored; to show them that the ignorant, neglected, and

apparently vicious, have the germs of goodness in their souls ; that patience, kindness, and affection, will fall like holy dew upon them, nourishing that which God has implanted.

That the safety of the republic depends on the virtue of the people, is a truth that cannot be too assiduously taught ; and that it is the *business* of the young, as well as of the old, to help on the cause of goodness, cannot be too strongly impressed.

Perhaps some young persons may feel more deeply, after reading the following story, than they have felt before, what are their true riches ; that, if they have no money to give, they have a treasure to impart in the example of truth, honesty, fidelity, and industry ; and in the action of hope, patience, and kindness. If this story

invigorates the faith of the fortunate, and saves from despair but one of the wretched, it will not have been written in vain.

NEW YORK, July 17, 1848.