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NOTE.

ALEXANDER BESTOUJEF was a captain in the Russian dragoon guards. For his participation in the insurrection of 1825, he was sentenced to hard labour, and after many years passed in Siberia, he was sent as a soldier to the Caucasus. Shortly after his being restored to the rank of an officer, he was killed by the Circassians, but his body was never found.

As a portrait of Bestoujef was published at the head of his works, not with his name, but with that of "Marlinsky," the Grand Duke Michael said to the Czar: "You will surely not allow that people who have merited to be hanged should be thus conspicuously exhibited."

The Grand Duke possessed, in a high degree, the quality of those who, as Voltaire says, have no *raison-vie*, the facility of making blunders. Mardinof, the head of the civil detective police, who had granted permission to print the portrait of the author-soldier, was disgraced.



To the Memory

OF

ALEXANDER BESTOUJEF,

THE DISTINGUISHED WARRIOR-AUTHOR

AND THE GREAT EXILE,

WITH THE MOST PROFOUND VENERATION,

THIS WORK IS DEDICATED,

BY

THE AUTHOR.

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