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"Je viens de faire un ouvrage."

"Comment! un livre?"

"Non; pas un livre; je ne suis pas si bête!"

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TO  
THE PRIVATES  
OF THE  
*Army of the United States;*

WHOSE  
DARING IN DANGER;  
PATIENCE IN PRIVATION;  
SELF-SACRIFICE IN SUFFERING;  
AND LOYALTY IN LOVE FOR THEIR COUNTRY,

HAVE GIVEN TO THE WORLD A NOBLE EXAMPLE,  
WORTHY OF ALL IMITATION,

These Notes are affectionately Dedicated,

BY ONE WHOSE PRIVILEGE IT IS TO  
HAVE BEEN PERMITTED  
TO MINISTER TO THE SICK AND WOUNDED AMONG THEM,  
IN ONE OF OUR  
CITY HOSPITALS.



## INTRODUCTION.

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THESE "Notes" need no introduction. They were jotted down, from day to day, as a private journal, and are printed only at the instance of friends. The undersigned greatly mistakes if they are not welcomed as an accession to our literature. On every page they betray a large and elegant culture, and what is better, they manifest a profound sympathy in all that is human, and a keen insight into nature and into man's heart. Felicities of thought and expression abound, vivid pictures of incidents and life-like sketches of character. They are full of spirit, of wisdom, and of right feeling.

They rise, too, to the level of a great subject. In the conflict which convulses our land, how many souls are stirred—how many hearts made to burn! We cannot envy him or her who can look on such a scene—on the principles involved,