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AND ESPECIALLY TO THE  
VENERABLE DR. JOHN MILLER,  
AND  
MAJOR-GEN'L SAMUEL G. HATHEWAY,

*This Volume is Respectfully Dedicated.*

That their future days may be happy and pleasurable as those of the past have been arduous, honorable, and useful; and that the evening of their lives may draw on, gently as fades the light of day, is the sincere and devoted wish of their friend,  
THE AUTHOR.





## CORRESPONDENCE.

THE following letter, addressed by Hon. Joseph Reynolds, Prof. Hyde and others to the author of this volume, precludes the necessity of any additional prefatory remarks :

CORTLAND, May 22d, 1858.

H. C. GOODWIN, Esq.—Dear Sir,—The undersigned are informed that you are now engaged in writing the history of “Central New York,” a work which will, doubtless, be highly valued, and read with pleasure by those familiar with the efforts you put forth to obtain facts relative to the early history of localities, and the graphic manner in which you record important events.

A notice of the fact that you are still employed in writing upon subjects which interest the public generally, induces us to hope that you will revise and publish in book form the history of “*Cortland County and the Border Wars of New York,*” in order that our citi-

zens may be able to preserve the matter which you presented to them in one of our county papers two years since, and which proved to be highly interesting and instructive.

We are of opinion that the work would meet with a ready sale, and that you could not fail to secure a worthy compensation for your labor. It is with the hope that you may be induced to publish the history in a more desirable form that we address you, believing that by so doing you will perform a service ever to be remembered by the citizens of our county.

We are, sir, yours respectfully,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS,  
HORATIO BALLARD,  
FREDERICK HYDE,  
HIRAM CRANDALL,  
EDWIN F. GOULD.

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