

raven? No, indeed! He seized it and ran off laughing at the foolish raven.

2. A young man who was late in keeping an appointment with Dr. Benjamin Franklin, began, on his arrival, to make a great number of excuses. Dr. Franklin listened for a minute or two, and then stopped him short with the remark: — “Young man, say no more; for those who are good at making excuses are seldom good at anything else. *Remember that punctuality is the soul of business.*”

3. When the Breton sailor puts to sea, his prayer is, “Keep me, O God, for my boat is so small and Thy ocean is so wide.”

4. O Child of Nations, giant-limbed,  
Thou stand'st among the nations now  
Unheeded, unadorned, unhymned,  
With unanointed brow.

How long the ignoble sloth, how long  
The trust in greatness not thine own?  
Surely the lion's brood is strong  
To front the world alone.

Montcalm and Wolfe! Wolfe and Montcalm!  
Quebec, thy storied citadel  
Attest in burning song and psalm  
How here thy heroes fell!

On soft Pacific slopes, — beside  
Strange floods that northward rave and fall,—  
Where chafes Acadia's chainless tide —  
Thy sons await thy call.