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## In Memoriam.

### His Royal Highness the Prince Consort.

"Know ye not that there is a PRINCE and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"—2 SAMUEL iii. 38.

"Pallida Mors æquo pulsat pede pauperum tabernas REGNUMQUE turres."—Horace.

THE heart-ties which bind the inhabitants of the British Empire to Britain's Throne never received so strong or so touching an illustration as in the demise of the PRINCE CONSORT. The event which fills the Royal household with grief, thrills the Empire with consternation, and clothes it in mourning. The griefs of the SOVEREIGN are the sorrows of Her people. She rules them not by the sword of arbitrary power, but by living in their sincere esteem and their best affections. This is no less due to the personal virtues and official acts of THE QUEEN, than to that system of government whose principles and power she personates—a system which gives to law its supremacy, to peasant and noble equal protection, to individual right its immunity, and to public opinion its majesty.

But the qualities and example of the PRINCE CONSORT have contributed not a little to the strong hold which the QUEEN has acquired on the esteem and attachment of her people, nay, of the people of all nations. The purity of his morals as a Christian; his attainments and philanthropy as a scholar and promoter of literature, science, art, and agriculture; his devotion, fidelity, and judgment as a husband and parent; his profound consecration to the dignity and varied interests of his adopted country, all place him among the first of our princely benefactors, and add to the moral magnificence and power of that Throne with which he was so closely identified.

In no part of the wide British Empire is the sorrow for the decease of the PRINCE and sympathy for the bereaved QUEEN and Royal Family, more heartfelt and universal than in the Province of Canada. In no country are the beneficence of British rule and the blessings of the British system of government more manifest, and more truly appreciated than in our own; and in no country are the afflictions of the Monarch more acutely the afflictions of the people than among the people of Canada.

Happy is it for a people when the throne itself is the habitation of righteousness, not only in the principles of its establishment, but in the example of its occupants, who, to the magnificence of external splendour, add the sublimity of a true piety, a spotless morality, a varied intelligence, a Christian philanthropy, and a national patriotism.

HER MAJESTY, at the moment of her bereavement and acutest grief, calling her Royal children around her, and appealing to them for help and co-operation in the responsibilities of the household and duties to the nation, is one of the most touching scenes recorded in history, and exhibits, beyond the power of language to express, the controlling principle and ruling passion of domestic piety and national devotion in the Royal heart.

Never have the morals of the British Throne and of the British Court, shone with a purer lustre, than during the reign of the present SOVEREIGN. Public men can give no stronger proof of real patriotism, or of true fidelity to duty, or confer a greater benefit upon their country, than by an example of morality and virtue, which is the only bond of domestic life—the only cement of public law and liberty—and the vital principle of national progress and civilization.

We subjoin English biographical notices of the lamented PRINCE, and the affecting accounts of his death and burial, chiefly from the London *Times*:

### The Death of the Prince Consort.

After the great calamity which has befallen the Queen and the nation, it is not easy to write with calmness. So sudden and terrible a blow produces a commotion of feelings which almost forbids the ordinary language of respect and sorrow. It is not too much to say, that for the last twenty-four hours the public has been stupified by the calamity which has befallen the highly-gifted man who has been for so many years the Consort of the Sovereign. Nor will the intense feelings called forth by the event be confined to these islands. Wherever throughout the