

CHAPTER X

TRIBUTES TO A HERO'S MEMORY

The sorrow for the death of Brock was deep, genuine, and widespread. When news of it reached Quebec, the *Gazette* of that city said that his death was received there as a public calamity. Lieutenant George Ridout, who acquitted himself gallantly at Queenston Heights, afterwards wrote that Brock's loss was irreparable under the circumstances; "that his moderation and impartiality had united all parties in pronouncing him the only man worthy to be at the head of affairs." Colonel Robert Nichol, who loved Brock dearly and whose affection Brock returned, said as he wrote of his death: "Our situation has materially changed for the worse. Confidence seems to have vanished, and gloom and despondency has taken its place." When news that Brock had been killed reached England,