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RECOLLET CONVENT.

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SOME eighty years ago, on the site on which was erected at the beginning of the century, the English Cathedral, there stood a rude and vast quadrangular building, with a court, and a well stocked orchard. In 1776, it had been used to immure the American prisoners, made at Montgomery and Arnold's unlucky assault on Quebec.

In it, Mr. (afterwards Judge) John Joseph Henry, had spent, as appears by his Journal, some dreary days, during that memorable winter. It was a monastery of the order of St. Francis. The superior—a well known, witty, jovial and eccentric personage—Father DeBerrey, had more than once dined and wired His Royal Highness, the Duke of Kent, when stationed here with his Regiment, in 1791-3.