

ON THE DEATH OF THE
 REVEREND ABRAHAM FULLER ATKINSON, D.C.L.,
Formerly the beloved Rector of St. Catharines, C. W.

The latent spark has fled—the golden bowl
 Is broken at the fountain. God's decree!
 How calm! how placid is the Christian soul,
 When it quits earth—for heaven—eternity.

Yes, in the path thy blessed Saviour trod
 Hast thou been ever found, a faithful guide:
 A path that leads to happiness and God,
 Warning thy flock on that Rock to confide.

In silvery tones we heard thee plead for all,
 Explain the duties of a Christian life,
 Cheering the mourners on this transient ball,
 And comforting the weary in the strife.

Open the gates! ye everlasting doors!
 And let life's wanderer freely enter in.
 Angel of Mercy, penitence implores,
 The soul hath triumphed o'er this vale of sin.

These were thy daily thoughts, thy evening prayer—
 Thy love for fellow mortals when on earth;
 Each portion of thy flock received its share
 Of blessing from thy lips—there was no dearth.

Widow and orphans look around in vain,
 To meet thy pleasing gaze—thy fond delight;
 Their loss is great—to thee eternal gain,
 Relieves their anguish at return of night.

The mourners stand around the silent sod,
 Pay the last tribute with a falling tear,
 May all, like thee, prepare to meet their God,
 And consolation find each soul to cheer.

Farewell! Earth parts with thee in sadness,
 Yet cherishes thy name within her breast;
 Thine is a blest exchange for joy and gladness,
 Relieved from woe, to find eternal rest.

GEORGE COVENTRY.

St. Catharines, February 28th, 1866.

STANTON.—Died suddenly on the night of the 24th ulto., at his residence, Peter Street, Robert Stanton, Esq., in the 72nd year of his age.

The deceased was a Canadian by birth, and like his friends and cotemporaries, the late Sir John Robinson, Sir James Macaulay, and Chief Justice McLean, was actively engaged in the war of 1812. As a subaltern officer in the flank companies of the York Militia, he with his companions greatly distinguished himself, particularly at the Battles of Queenston Heights, and at that of York, where his zeal led to his capture by the Americans.

In the disturbances of 1837, Mr. Stanton's attachment to his Sovereign and to British connection, again evinced itself in zealously defending the country from intestine foes; and from exposure during that eventful period contracted rheumatism, from which he seriously suffered to the day of his death.