

the arches of Old St. Stephen ring with the indignant eloquence of the high-souled Chatham.*

At the junction of the West and North branches of the Susquehanna, shown in the cut on page 198, the scenery is strikingly grand—high precipitous bluffs rising above the plain and overlooking the magnificent river, which is here a mile wide. In the quiet cemetery by the riverside sleep the remains of Dr. Joseph Priestly, Socinian preacher, the discoverer of oxygen and carbonic acid gas, and the father of modern chemistry. Born in Leeds, England, in 1733, he became one of the most learned linguists and eminent scientists of his age. Notwithstanding his religious heterodoxy, he enjoyed the friendship of the large-hearted and tolerant John Wesley. For his opposition to the Established Church and for his radical opinions, his church and house were burned, and he himself compelled to fly for his life. In 1794 he came to America and lived for ten years in a house, still

* It is only historic justice to state that our Canadian hero, Joseph Brant, whose remains sleep beside the old Mohawk Church on the Grand River, near Brantford, had no part in this cruel massacre. Campbell accuses him of being its leader in these vigorous lines :

“But this is not a time,”—he started up
And smote his breast with woe denouncing hand—
“This is no time to fill the joyous cup,
The Mammoth comes,—the foe, the monster Brandt,
With all his howling, desolating band ;—
These eyes have seen their blade, and burning pine
Awake at once, and silence half your land.
Red is the cup they drink, but not with wine :
Awake, and watch to-night, or see no morning shine !

“Scorning to wield the hatchet for his bribe,
'Gainst Brandt himself I went to battle forth :
Accursed Brandt ! he left of all my tribe
Nor man, nor child, nor thing of living birth :
No ! not the dog that watched my household hearth
Escaped that night of blood upon our plains !
All perished !—I alone am left on earth !
To whom nor relative nor blood remains,
No ! not a kindred drop that runs in human veins !”

Brant was not even present on the occasion, and Campbell subsequently absolved him from this stern indictment.