

than the victories of Trafalgar or Waterloo. And when actions are judged according to their intrinsic merit, and honours awarded accordingly, the heads of such men will be encircled by a glory compared with which the earthly honours of the mightiest conquerors shall have "no glory by reason of the glory that excelleth." Such men will not be forgotten. Their "record is on high." One there is, who, we are assured, "is not unrighteous to forget their work of faith and labour of love, which they have showed toward his name." And among men, "future generations will arise up and call them blessed." Justice to their memory, as well as the profit of those who succeed, requires that their deeds should be recorded, their virtues honoured, and their names embalmed, in the grateful recollections of posterity. This is a duty enforced by divine authority. "Remember the days of old, and consider the years of many generations; ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee." The things "which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength and his wonderful works that he hath done." Such is the justification of the present imperfect and too long delayed effort to do justice to the memory of one, of whose labours the Lower Provinces of British America have reason to retain a grateful recollection.

In tracing his antecedents, we at once acknowledge that we can point to no long pedigree of illustrious ancestors. But if the Scripture declaration be regarded, that "the memory of the *just* is blessed," his parentage was well worthy of a record. He might use regarding it the language of the Poet,

"My boast is not that I deduce my birth,
From loins enthroned, or princes of the earth,
But higher far my proud pretensions rise,
The son of parents passed into the skies."

Nor can he be connected historically with any of those great events which in the past have decided the destinies of nations;