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General Isaac Brock, as noble a foe as Proctor was harsh and cruel, fell, fighting valiantly for his cause, in the battle of Queenstown, Oct. 13, 1812.

The printing-press of Father Richard published far and wide the glorious news of the success of the American arms, which restored to the United States all the territory that had been included in the surrender.

So greatly was "le bon Père Gabriel" esteemed by the community that in 1823 he was elected to Congress as the first representative from Michigan, and he served for two years to the satisfaction of the people. When, in 1832, Detroit was visited by the Asiatic cholera, amid the dangers and heart-rending scenes of the plague Father Richard moved, calm and helpful as, after the Great Fire, he had passed among the ruins of the old French settlement.

But his arduous labors told upon his strength at last. And thus, at the age of seventy-five, like a soldier at the post of duty, he laid down his life. Of him Daniel Webster said, "He was so clever a Frenchman that he did not need to be made over to become a Yankee," — "le bon Père Richard," who wherever his name is spoken is honored as a missionary, an educator, a *littérateur*, and a patriot. With him, as he had foretold, the scourge passed.

Captain Labadie saw service in the campaign of 1814, but at the ratification of the treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain he returned to Detroit. During the cholera siege he was as efficient an aid to Father Gabriel as he had been in the war to General Harrison, while Laurente proved