

siastic young missionary,—still surviving,—who preached his funeral sermon; and men felt as if the prop and mainstay of the country were removed.* But the waves of time gradually closed over the departed General, as they do over humbler men; and though he left no leader who could fill his place, and though mistakes were made, and the war was protracted far beyond the time which, in all probability, would have closed it had his life been spared, yet, amid all vicissitudes, the spirit which had enabled Brock, at the crisis of Canada's fate, to rally her to brave resistance, inspired her people still.

Ernest Heathcote speedily recovered from a flesh-

* The following is the general order on the subject of Sir Isaac Brock's death, which was transmitted by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Sir George Prevost, and by him, strange to say, at the time almost entirely suppressed.

Dec. 8, 1812. "His Royal Highness the Prince Regent is fully aware of the severe loss which His Majesty's service has experienced in the death of Major-General Sir Isaac Brock. This would have been sufficient to have clouded a victory of much greater importance. His Majesty has lost in him not only an able and meritorious officer, but one who, in the exercise of his functions of provisional Lieutenant Governor of the Province, displayed qualities admirably adapted to awe the disloyal, to reconcile the wavering, and to animate the great mass of the inhabitants against successive attempts of the enemy to invade the province, in the last of which he unhappily fell, too prodigal of that life of which his eminent services had taught us to understand the value."

To this public testimony, the following private one may be added, written soon after his fall, by a personal friend:—"General Brock was indeed a hero, a hero in the only true and in the most extensive sense; resembling what history or fable has represented rather as the offspring of the imagination than a personage that could have real existence, so entirely was every good and great quality comprehended in his character."