

fortifications extend over an area of forty acres, and, next to those of Gibraltar, are the strongest in the world.

From the summit of Cape Diamond, the hill upon which they stand, a most magnificent prospect is obtained; and the soul feels as if elevated and expanded beyond its ordinary capacity, as, in vision, it stretches over the variegated and elysian landscape around. Ranges of hills in the distance, and well cultivated fields, interspersed with trees, attract the fancy with poetic enchantment; and the eye is delighted when it gazes upon the verdant island of Orleans, which smiles upon the bosom of the river, like a lovely virgin in the fond embraces of her lover. Nor is it alone in prospective loveliness that the fancy delights to revel; there is a historic grandeur around those embattled walls. Look at yonder monument within the city gardens—read the inscriptions thereon—and the deaths of daring heroes are revealed. Go to the western extremity of the city and you will behold—

The noted Plains of Abraham—

Dread field of carnage and the dead;
Where gallant Wolfe and brave Montcalm
In martial conflict fought and bled.

Forced by the hardy Highland clan,
With fearless dirk and bold claymore,
The foe confused in numbers ran,
And stained their country with their gore.

'Twas then the dying hero heard
These words—"they fly,"—"they fly;"
"If 'tis the foe"—he faltering said—
"My soul is blessed, in peace I die."

My next visit was to Beauport Asylum, some three miles distant from Quebec. The place and buildings are well

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