

THE QUEBEC TRANSCRIPT.

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Last Words.—Perhaps it would be difficult to find anything more decidedly characteristic of the life of an individual than the last words which are uttered previously to death. This circumstance may be in some degree accounted for, if we call to mind how frequently the dream of the night is merely a reflection of the ideas which have pre-occupied the mind during the day. Death is the great night—the last recollection—the dream of past life. In Support of those remarks a few striking examples may be easily adduced. Lucan, when condemned to death by Nero, opened one of his veins, and expired reciting the passage in the "Pharsalia," in which he had described the death of the wounded soldier. Gilbert, the most unfortunate poet of his age, died repeating a sacred ode, which he had written in his dying moments. Mestastio produced two beautiful stanzas in his dying moments. The Emperor Adrian composed on his death-bed the celebrated apostrophe to his soul, which has been so happily imitated by Pope. Geoffrey Chaucer had adieu to all human vanities, by writing a ballad on his death-bed. Cornelius de Witt, whilst writing under the tortures of his fanatical persecutors, recited, before he breathed his last, the third ode of the third book of Horace. Malherbe, with his dying breath, reproached his servants for their sloth, and corrected their errors of language. Lamoignon de Vayer, who devoted himself much to the study of the history and manners of remote nations, breathed his last whilst inquiring of one of his friends what was the latest intelligence from Mogul. Finally we may quote the last words uttered by Lerguey, the mathematician; as the moment of his dissolution approached, he seemed to lose his collectedness of mind, and appeared unable to recognize the people about him. One of his friends asked him what was the square of twelve? "A hundred and forty-four," he answered and breathed his last.

If one train of thinking be more desirable than another, it is that which regards phenomena of nature with a constant reference to a Supreme intelligent Author. To have made that the ruling, the habitual sentiment of our minds, is to have laid the foundation of every thing that is religious. The world from thenceforth becomes a temple, and life itself one continued act of adoration.—*Paley*.

There is nothing so delightful as the hearing or the speaking of truth. For this reason, there is no conversation so agreeable as that of the man of integrity, who hears without any intention to betray, and speaks without any intention to deceive.

How quick is the succession of human events! The cares of to-day are seldom the cares of tomorrow; and when we lie down at night, we may safely say to most of our troubles "Ye have done your worst, and we shall meet no more."—*Cæsar*.

Two things, well considered, would prevent many quarrels; first, to have it well ascertained whether we are not disputing about terms, rather than things; and secondly, to examine whether that on which we differ, is worth contending about.

A FEW FACTS ABOUT LONDON.—London is the largest and richest city in the world, occupying a surface of 32 square miles, thickly planted with houses, mostly three, four or five stories high; it contained in 1831 a population of 1,471,911. It consists of London city, Westminster city, Finsbury, Mary-le-bone, Tower Hamlets, Southwark, and Lambeth Districts. In 1834 there entered the port of London 3,786 British ships, 1,280 foreign ships; 2,668 were registered as belonging to it in 1832, 32,886 with seamen. The London Dock covers twenty acres. The two West India Docks cover 51 acres; St. Catherine's Docks cover 24 acres. There are generally 5,000 vessels and 3,000 boats on the river, employing 8,000 watermen and 4,000 labourers. London pays one-third of the window duty. The house rent is probably seven or eight millions, including taverns, hotels, and public houses. The retailers of spirits and beer are upwards of ten thousand, while the dealers in the staff of life are somewhere about a fourth of this number.

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At the present moment 100,000,000 of British subjects in India do not expend more than 6d per head per annum in English manufactures! If each consumed a turban of gown piece, 20 yards of calico at 6d a yard would amount to £50,000,000 sterling; now our exports are but £3,500,000.

There are 1260 opulent persons confined in private mad-houses in England—the largest number is 280, at Fisherton, Wiltshire; at Fox's, Bristol, there are 89. The son of the late Prime Minister, Mr. Perceval, has written a long and not very flattering account of the latter, where he was an inmate.

It has been estimated that there are now living in Europe 80,140 actors, 21,606 actresses, 1,917 prompters, and 28,760 artists connected with theatrical establishments.

In 1790 the population of the United States was 3,884,835. In 1839 it is estimated that the States and territories contain a population of from 16 to 18 millions.

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From the Montreal Herald of Monday.

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We noticed in Saturday's Herald, that H. M. S. Ship Buzzard had arrived at New York, with a Spanish brig called the Eagle, which she had captured as a slaver, on the coast of Africa. It appears that the Buzzard had also another slaver called the Clara, which was captured three months after the Eagle. It does not appear that any slaves had been taken on board these two vessels, but they were found furnished with arms and all other implements of the infamous traffic, and both officers and crews confessed that they had been engaged in the slave trade. The vessels are American built, offered by Americans, although they had the Spanish flag flying, when they were captured. The object of the Buzzard in bringing these two piratical vessels into New York, was to deliver the offenders to the United States authorities, an act which ought to convince the most sceptical that the Government of Great Britain and every one in authority under it, is anxious to treat the American Government and people in the friendliest spirit. The Captain of the Clara was dangerously ill on the 12th instant, and all the original officers and crews of both vessels had died of the Coast fever.

The New York Gazette states that these vessels were both under American colours, manned with Spaniards from Havana, and commanded by Americans.

The bars and out-houses belonging to Col. McCallum of the Voltenters, who resided on this side of the line opposite Rouse's Point, were burned with their content on Thursday evening, by some incendiaries from the American territory. Some very severe punishment

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ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF WATERLOO.
Yesterday being the anniversary of the memorable Battle of Waterloo, a field-day, on a grand scale, took place on the Plains of Abraham, and the weather being fine a large assemblage of the inhabitants, including a great portion of the beauty and fashion of Quebec, were attracted to the spot. Shortly after ten o'clock the troops were on the ground. They consisted of a party of the Royal Artillery, commanded by Captain Armstrong, 2nd battalion of the Coldstream Guards, commanded by Colonel Shaw, and the 11th Regiment, commanded by Colonel Goldie, C. B. About half-past ten, Major General Sir James Macdonell, K. C. B. and K. C. H., accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp and several staff officers arrived, and he was received by the troops in columns en masse, after which they marched past in slow and quick time. The different movements, skirmishing, firing, &c., was executed with great precision, and the day appeared to most advantage.

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