

an immense tree which had been cut down, the vault fallen in and open to the inquisitive and irreverent gamin, who has been known to carry off bones which should have been safe from such desecration.

Here are some of the inscriptions, the first peculiar in punctuation and orthography :

"Deborah Freel : died 1816 aged 70. My dere : children : Think on God : And His Commandments : An he wil Think on yo : Observ your youth : dont lose no time. Least God should take you in your prime : Serve God above : And on this world : fix not your lov."

Here is an example of the high sounding, carefully arranged periods of those days. In a country churchyard in Scotland I copied one to a divine in much the same style of carefully proportioned descriptive phrases.

"Here reposes Maria Caroline The generous hearted, high souled, talented and deeply lamented wife of Major Richardson, Knight of the Military Order of Saint Ferdinand, of the First-Class, and Superintendent of Police on the Welland Canal during the administration of Lord Metcalfe. This matchless woman died of Apoplexy and to the exceeding grief of her faithfully attached husband after a few days illness in St. Catharines on the 16th day of Aug. 1845 at the age of 37 years."

It is remarkable how much the husband tells of himself in the wife's epitaph.

Here also are stones to Butler Muirhead, barrister, and Jas. Muirhead, surgeon, (the former died in 1824), Mary, wife of John Gustavus Stevenson and daughter of James and Jane Butler, also one to Eliza, wife of Charles Richardson, a large flat stone mentions that it was erected as a family monument by Chas. Richardson, A. D. 1835, and reads thus : "Sacred to the memory of Ralfe Clench, died Jan. 1828, aged 66 years, Eliza Euretta Richardson, youngest daughter of Ralfe Clench and Elizabeth, and wife of Chas. Richardson, died Sept. 1833, aged 25 years, Jane, wife of Robert Rist, late Capt. of 37th Regt., and eldest sister of Chas. Richardson, died 1831."

The Major Richardson referred to was the author of *The Two Brothers*, *The Prophecy*, *Wacousta* and *History of the War of 1812*. Ralfe Clench was one of the