

# LECTURES ON CANADA.

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## ITS PRESENT POSITION—ITS ONWARD PROGRESS AND FUTURE DESTINY.

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“Breathes there a man with soul so dead—  
Who never to himself hath said—  
This is my own, my native land!  
Whose heart has ne'er within him burned,  
When home his footsteps he hath turned  
From wandering on a foreign strand!  
If such there be go mark him well—  
For him no minstrel's accents swell;  
Proud though his titles, high his name,  
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim,—  
Despite his titles, power and pelf,  
The wretch concentrated all in self,  
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,  
And doubly dying, shall go down  
To the vile dust from whence he sprung,  
Unwept, unhonored and unsung.”

Love of country, which in these few lines from the famous writer, Sir Walter Scott, so powerfully delineating the patriotic feeling the sons of Caledonia invariably entertain for the land of their birth, is but a type of that same quality which is more or less inherent in the feelings of the children of every other nation, from the climes which are scorched beneath the burning of a tropical sun, to the rude races of the Esquimaux, who freeze throughout the long winters north and south of the Arctic and Antarctic circles; though it must be observed the *amor patriæ* invariably increases in intensity as civilization becomes more advanced, and man assumes the station which God intended he should occupy—a being, but little lower than the angels, and crowned with glory and honor. Some writers have asserted that it rules strongest in the island realms, which being in a degree isolated