

although gifted with equally good fighting qualities, would not be. Let us therefore, without blindly copying the system of the Prussian army wholesale, imitate her in the course she pursues to give a high tone and bearing to her military service. Let us strain every nerve to encourage gentlemen to flock to our standard. Men on whose courage, devotion and honour we can rely; above all let us guide such national courage as was displayed by the men who led the Six Hundred at Balaclava, with the hand of science which the chiefs of that fatal yet glorious day failed to grasp.

EXECUTION OF CHARLOTTE CORDAY.

Unmoved, upon the scaffold, Charlotte stood
 Prepared to pay the penalty in blood,
 To Heaven she raised her patriotic glance
 And breathed a prayer for Liberty and France.
 Pale are her lips, but her majestic mien
 Betrays no terror of the guillotine,
 The axe may fall,—for she has reft away
 From freedom's neck the yoke of tyranny!—
 Calmly she views the surging crowd below
 Nor recks if gibes, or tears of pity flow,
 One mighty thought obliterates the rest
 This hand has sheathed a dagger in his breast.
 Has sent a *monster* to th' Eternal shore
 Who deluged France with cataracts of gore.

O! child of vengeance, can we bid thee live
 Who dared t' invade the Lord's prerogative,
 Who heard the cry of innocence afar
 And quenched the light of hideous Marat?
 Just is thy doom—though vice in virtue's dress.
 Disclaims the brand of *common murderess*.
 No marble bust hoar Rouen's streets display
 To tell the tale of 'Citoyenne Corday,'
 Yet Norman maidens in the days to come
 Shall point the pilgrim to her early home.
 And as he leaves the windings of the Seine
 To lose himself in reverie again
 Beneath the pile, dark blot on *Britain's* fame!
 *Where Joan of Arc endured the cruel flame,
 The thought shall come, that, she who gambolled near
 First caught the spark of heroism here
 And burned to lay the foul oppressor low
 Though she herself should perish in the blow.

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* Joan of Arc's monument on the spot where she suffered in "Place de la Pucelle" at Rouen.