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herein, consists of one hundred and fifty six letters written chiefly by Montcalm and Vaudreuil, during the two months preceding the Battle of the Plains. The originals are in the possession of Madame de Saint-Sauveur Bougainville. Attention was first directed to them by M. de Kerallain.

(2) The note dictated by Bougainville at Lorette, three days after the capitulation of Quebec, is also from a copy sent by M. de Kerallain. The Correspondance and Note form a very valuable record of the Siege, on the French side.

(3) A series of interesting despatches relating to the Siege of Quebec, addressed by the Russian Ambassadors in London and Paris to Her Majesty the Empress Catherine II. of Russia, has been obtained through the kind offices of His Excellency Prince P. A. Galitzine, His Excellency Privy Counsellor Anatole Polowtzow, keeper of His Majesty's private Archives, Professor Richard Lange, of the University of St. Petersburg, and Monseigneur Laflamme, of the University of Laval.

(4) The late Francis Parkman in the Appendix to *Mont*calm and Wolfe (page 287, vol. iii., ed. 1900) writes : "One "of the most important unpublished documents on Wolfe's "operations against Quebec is the long and elaborate "Journal mémoratif de ce qui s'est passé de plus remar-"quable pendant qu'a duré le Siège de la ville de Québec. "The writer, M. de Foligny, was a naval officer who during "the siege commanded one of the principal batteries of the "town." A copy of this Journal is now published for the first time. The original is in the Archives de la Marine, at Paris. M. de Foligné writes with authority, is precise

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