

NOTES ON THE FOURTH BOOK LESSONS FOR ENTRANCE EX- AMINATION, JULY, 1886.

THE CAPTURE OF QUEBEC.

French dominion in Canada may be said to have begun in 1541, when the first viceroy, Roberval, was sent out.

The plan. Whose was the plan?

A broad open plain. The Plains of Abraham, lying to the west of Quebec.

Magnificent stronghold. In regard to the strength of its natural defence, Quebec is said to be second only to Gibraltar.

Left bank. Which is the "left bank"?

Plans kept secret. Why?

Flotilla. A fleet composed of small vessels.

Ebb tide. The retiring tide is called the "ebb-tide," while the rising is called "flood-tide."

Not a word was spoken. Why?

Midshipman. The lowest rank of an officer in the navy.

Gray's *Elegy in a Country Churchyard* had just been published.

Qui vive. Who goes there?

Ready self-possession. Meaning?

Worsted as a general. Wolfe had outwitted him.

Fight as a soldier. He could still bravely resist, although he had now lost the advantage given him by the natural position of Quebec.

Regular troops. Soldiers of the regular army, well-trained and disciplined.

Reserve their fire. Why were they not to return the "murderous and incessant fire" of the enemy?

Ghastly gaps. Where their comrades had fallen.

Shivering like pennons. Shaking as long streamers would do in the wind.

The restraints of discipline. How had they been restrained before?

Redoubt. A general name for field-works.

Veterans. Old soldiers.

Their gallant general. Who?

St. Charles River. Notice position.

Then the sounds, etc. This line was written by the poet Campbell, and referred to Denmark, after the Battle of the Baltic.

The gallant victor. Who? By what other terms is he described?

One of the most momentous political questions; i.e., whether the French or the English were to rule Canada. The English settled Virginia originally, and the French, Canada.

The New World. The Western Hemisphere. Quebec was taken in 1759; the French Governor-General, De Vandreuil formally surrendered Canada in 1760, and in 1763, the country was ceded to England by the Treaty of Paris.

MARMION AND DOUGLAS.

Surrey's camp. Surrey was the English leader.

Safe-conduct. A pass given him by James IV.

Would. Insisted on.

Let the hawk stoop, his prey is flown. De Wilton, who had been travelling in disguise as a palmer, had ridden away that morning.

Plain. Complain.

Peer. Equal.

My castles are my King's alone. On the principle of the feudal system.

Pitch. Height.

Saint Bride of Bothwell. A favourite saint of the Douglas family, having a shrine at their castle of Bothwell on the Clyde.

Rowels. The little wheels of the spurs.

A letter forged. By means of forged papers, Marmion had greatly injured De Wilton.

Clerkly. Learned.

His mandate; i.e., to give chase to Marmion.

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During his march to conquer the world, Alexander, the Macedonian, came to a people in Africa, who dwelt in a remote and secluded corner, in peaceful huts, and knew neither war nor conqueror.