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CENTENARY LECTURE  
ON THE  
LIFE OF GENERAL WOLFE,  
AND  
THE CONQUEST OF CANADA.

I NEED not remind you, my fellow-countryfolks and others, now met in this Hall, that just one hundred of the most eventful years known to metropolitan or colonial Britain, have revolved since the ever-memorable battle of the Plains of Abraham took place. Thinking, a year ago, that the recurrence of such a notable cycle in the course of time ought not to pass unheeded by the populations upon this continent whom it most concerned, and having been all but disappointed in my expectation, I determined that, in my personal capacity at least, I would make a further attempt to prove to the few within the sound of my feeble voice, as to those lately within the limited reach of my pen, that it was a fit occasion for a demonstration of intermingled sympathy, first in grateful memory of our British forefathers who triumphed, next of participation in the regrets of the race they vanquished; all which might be turned to profitable account, by soothing rather than irritating every alien feeling in the country of my adoption. An individual attempt at such a conciliation of our two races having failed, as I shall explain by and by, yet in order that the day should not pass quite unobserved, I have hastily penned the discourse I am about to utter.

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