

and call thee blessed !" Fallen, tho' untimely for thy country still engaged in war ; yet not till thou hadst sav'd one country by conquering another ! For tho' others use to conquer only while they lived, thou wast a conqueror even in death ! Whose fall, no less than whose presence while living, inspir'd the troops with courage not to be resisted ; and even turn'd what was before only fortitude, into fury, tho' not into madness !

WHEN I reflect upon these circumstances of his fall, I am obliged to retract what I said before : He that fell so gloriously, did not fall untimely. No ! He falls not untimely, who falls in the service of his King and country with such magnanimity, with the vigor of youth and the wisdom of age united ; especially, if he falls a conqueror, as this brave general did. Whoever falls thus in the discharge of his duty ; thus greatly, thus victoriously, and with such glorious circumstances attending his fall, being suppoed to be an upright good man, falls not immaturally, but " in a good old age." Whether he had lived many years or few, is little to the point. Not he that draws and respire this vital air the oftenest ; not he that sleeps the most nights, or wakes the most days ; not he that passes thro' the most summers and winters ; in fine, not he that sees the most suns and seasons rolling over him in succession ; this is not he that lives the longest, or that dies the most maturely. There is another, a far juster standard of age, of life and death : And he who lives the most usefully, the most to the proper ends and purposes of life, lives, both the most honourably, and the longest, and makes the most mature, as well as glorious exit. — " Honourable age is not that which standeth in length of time, or that is measured by number of years : But wisdom is the GREY HAIR unto men, and an unspotted life is OLD AGE !"

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