

an hereditary claim to pretensions of no mean description, never lived there a being more untainted by the peculiar atmosphere in which fortune had placed him ; one so devoid of false and unamiable pride ; or who was presumptuous so little-upon the adventitious features of his lot. Unhackneyed and unpractised in the artificial selfishness of the world, he was in simplicity of character a child, and open in nature to a fault. To borrow Pope's description of the poet Gay, "He was a natural man without design, who spoke what he thought." Accessible to the meanest acquaintance, he was peculiarly alive to the call of sorrow and of want. **Compassion** was indeed the distinguishing quality of his nature; he never appeared inclined to take advantage of weakness, to attack the defenceless, or to press upon the falling: whoever was distressed, was certain at least of his good wishes; and when he could give no assistance to extricate from misfortunes, he endeavoured to soothe them by sympathies and tenderness. I know not that this beautiful tribute paid by a great mind to the memory of a gifted but singularly unfortunate man, is in one jot or tittle more inapplicable to the present, than to the original claimant on our sympathies. Of his errors let us say no more than that no man is without them; and on this head, which amongst us has not more than enough of his own wherewith to busy his understanding? But let us admit in fairness and charity; that he had as few as most men; that his failings did not preponderate; nay more, that those which he did possess even borrowed much of their origin from his very virtues; whilst perchance

"No mother's care
Shielded his infant innocence with prayer:
No father's guardian hand his youth maintain'd
Call'd forth his virtues, or from vice restrain'd."
—*Le Cerneen*, Sept. 12.

Dec. 6th, at Pembury, Kant, Lydia, relict of the late Thomas Dakins, Esq., of Trinidad.

At **Bytown**, on the 13th Nov. Alexander James Christie, Esq. **M.D.**, Editor and Proprietor of the *Bytown Gazette*.—The deceased gentleman had been many years connected with the Provincial Press, and in his Editorial labours was eminently successful as a good, sound, argumentative writer. **Bytown** has sustained a loss in his death, and it will be difficult to supply his place as a zealous advocate of its best interests. His memory will be long cherished for an indefatigable perseverance in everything tending to benefit a town, which he was, in a great measure, instrumental in raising to its present prosperity.—*Ottawa Ad.*

At Quebec, on the 25th October, **Lieut.-Col. F. A. Vassal de Monviel**, Esq., late Adjutant-Gen. of the Militia of Lower Canada. He was one of the few remaining individuals who figured in the most stirring and memorable scenes of the history of this Province. He was born in 1758, the year before the conquest of Canada by the British arms, and had for godfather the celebrated seaman and soldier, **De Bougainville**. His father, Captain in the Royal **Roussillon**, descended of one of the old noble families of France, and fell whilst combating at the side of Montcalm on Abraham's Plains; his grandfather was killed at the battle of **Carouge** the ensuing year, and was buried at the General Hospital. During the American Revolution, Mr. Vassal, the object of this notice, took arms in the army of **Burpoine**, and made this campaign under the immediate order of General **St. Leger**, and was of the besieging party at **Fort Stanix**. From that period, with the exception of a few years, he continued in British service, served in **Holland**, and was at the expedition of **Plattsburg**, during the late war, under General **Provost**, as Adjutant-General, and as such attended the **Commander-in-chief** during the campaign in Upper and Lower Canada. He died at the advanced age of 85 years, in the possession of an irreproachable character for high-minded honor, integrity, and loyalty.—*Quebec Mercury*.