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THE  
**BURIAL OF POLAND.**

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Pour vous Polonais, anciens frères d'armes,  
Il ne reste plus que des larmes.

LA FAYETTE.

A SKETCH  
OF THE  
HISTORY OF POLAND.

BY  
T. A. GALECKI,

A POLISH EXILE.

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Die Weltgeschichte ist  
Das Weltgericht.

SCHILLER.

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DEDICATION.

TO THE PEOPLE OF ENGLAND.

BANISHED from their native soil, and persecuted through all continental kingdoms, the Polish Wanderers, seeking refuge on the shores of Britain, have been received with a generous hospitality which has alleviated their undeserved misfortunes. Gratitude for this benevolence towards my unhappy brethren, and the desire of keeping alive feelings of compassion for the fate of my suffering country, have induced me to write the following pages, which I respectfully dedicate to the noble-minded and generous inhabitants of Britain, to whom I submit them in the intimate conviction that their sympathy for our past and present sufferings will not cease until their energetic assistance shall have enabled us to recover our native country.

THE AUTHOR.



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It is the melancholy task of the writer of these pages to call to the minds of his British readers the disasters of his native country, of Poland,—once great and powerful among the nations of Europe,—of Poland, that *was*, and is no more!—Europe, boasting of having carried civilization to the highest state of perfection, of having established the social and political condition of all countries upon the principles of right and humanity, of extending her charitable care even to the unfortunate sons of the African climate,—this same Europe has looked with indifference at those unexampled calamities, by which a whole nation has been blotted from the tablet of existence. The autocrat ruler of numberless millions of slaves issued from the centre of his ill-begotten power the infernal decree, that the population of a civilized and Christian country should be exterminated from the face of the earth; and the diabolical com-