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WHILE the proofs of this volume were in the hands of Captain Gronow for final revision, the publishers were surprised and concerned at hearing the unexpected news of his death.

Captain Gronow's recollections of his career—as an Eton boy, as an officer in the Guards, with which he served in the Peninsula and at Waterloo, and as member for Stafford in the first Reformed Parliament—and his varied experiences of fashionable life and high society both in Paris and London, have been recorded in successive volumes of anecdotes, of which this is the fourth and last.

Nothing further, therefore, need be recorded of

his long and exciting life, than that he was descended from an ancient Welsh family in Glamorganshire, and received his commission in the Guards at the age of eighteen, and that he died in Paris on the 20th of November 1865, in his seventy-second year.

Referring to the present volume, Captain Gronow wrote, sadly, a few weeks before his death:—"I have lived long enough to have lost all my dearest and best friends. The great laws of humanity have left me on a high and dry elevation, from which I am doomed to look over a sort of Necropolis, whence it is my delight to call forth certain choice spirits of the past."

It will be gratifying to his readers to know, that while Captain Gronow's latter years were occupied in recording these reminiscences, they were also cheered by the society of his wife and family.

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