

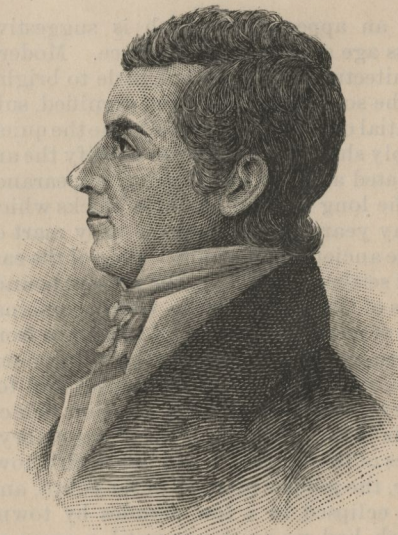
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a generation of men who have grown gray since they passed over its threshold, is still a place of learning for the youth of the town. Famous Ohio statesmen, men who have made their mark in high places, have been school-boys here. Not far away, in a quiet street, is a plain old house which is pointed out as the birth-place of the wife of an Ohio President, and scattered through the town are several humble places which have been the homes of men whose names were widely known in literature, politics, and law.

Chillicothe is charmingly envired. The broad valley through which the Scioto flows southward to the Ohio is bordered by high bluff banks upon the west, and by a chain of mountain-like hills upon the east, the highest of which lifts its timbered crest six hundred feet above the river which washes its base. The lover of the beautiful can here find elements of the rugged, wild, and picturesque in precipitous heights and rocky formations; or if he more admire the gentler aspects of nature, his eye may be guided along the far-sweeping slopes of green pasture-land, or from the crest of the valley wall he may let his vision wander from one fair feature of the landscape to another, through an infinite variety of form and wealth of color, to the dim blue hills miles away, or the valley fading to the horizon. This valley was the centre of densest population of the prehistoric race, and perhaps

the seat of empire, for nowhere else do memorial mounds exist in such numbers as upon its bottoms and uplands; nowhere else do so many defensive works appear, or such a number and variety of sacred inclosures. The Indians, too, regarded this as a favored land, and it was undoubtedly for centuries the abode of either the Delaware or Shawanese nation. The river was the war-way down which the braves of these tribes floated silently and stealthily to strike their implacable enemy the Creeks, and in later years the isolated stations of the whites in Kentucky. Logan, the Mingo, whose pathetic eloquence and sad story have stirred the hearts of so many modern sympathizers with his woe, delivered the impassioned speech upon which his fame rests, before Lord Dunmore's interpreter, only a few miles north of the site of Chillicothe, and his name has been honored, not by the rearing of any memorial, but by its application to the grandest of nature's monuments upon the Scioto—Mount Logan. The country is rich in legend of the dusky race, and history has preserved the annals of many a battle and skirmish in which the Indian sought to preserve a favorite hunting ground from the encroachments of his pale-faced brother.

Virginia, it is a notable fact, was the second one of the original colonies to cede to the United States its claim upon the ter-



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