

THE COAST MAIL.

SATURDAY, Nov. 20, 1879.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTWITHSTANDING the wail which we occasionally here for the chivalry that is gone, our own age has witnessed deeds of bravery and gentleness—of heroic self-denial and manly tenderness—which are unsurpassed in history. The events of the last few years have shown that our countrymen are as yet an undegenerate race. The wreck of the Birkenhead off the coast of Africa on the 27th February, 1852, affords a memorable illustration of the chivalrous spirit of common men acting in this nineteenth century, of which any age might be proud. The vessel was steaming along the African coast with 472 men and 163 women and children on board. The men belonged to several regiments then serving at the Cape, and consisted principally of recruits who had been only a short time in the service. At two o'clock in the morning, while all were asleep below, the ship struck with violence upon a hidden rock which penetrated her bottom; and it was at once felt that she must go down. The roll of the drums called the soldiers to arms on the upper deck, and the men as if on parade. The word was passed to save the women and children; and the helpless creatures were brought from below, mostly undressed, and handed silently into the boats. When they had all left the ship's side, the commander of the vessel thoughtlessly called out, "All those that can swim, jump overboard and make for the boats." But Captain Wright, of the 91st Highlanders, said, "No! if you do that, the boats with the women must be swamped!" and the brave men stood motionless. There was no boat remaining and no hope of safety, but not a heart quailed; no one flinched in that trying moment. "There was not a murmur nor a cry amongst them," said Captain Wright, a survivor, "until the vessel made her final plunge." Down went the ship, and down went the heroic band, firing a feu de joie as they sank beneath the waves. Glory and honor to the gentle and the brave! The examples of such men never die, but, like their memories, are immortal.

True Courage.

True courage and gentleness go hand in hand. The brave man is generous and forbearing, never unforgiving and cruel. It was never said of Sir John Franklin by his friend Perry, that "he was a man who never turned his back upon a danger, yet of that tenderness that he would not brush away a mosquito." A fine trait of character—truly gentle, and worthy of the spirit of Bayard—was displayed by a French officer in the cavalry combat of El Bonen in Spain. He had raised his sword to strike Sir Felton Harvey, but perceiving his antagonist had only one arm, he instantly stopped, brought down his sword before Sir Felton in the usual salute, and rode past. To this may be added a noble deed of Ney during the same Peninsular War. Charles Napier was taken prisoner at Corunna, desperately wounded; and his friends at home did not know whether he was alive or dead. A special messenger was sent out from England with a frigate to ascertain his fate. Baron Clouet received the flag, and informed Ney of the arrival. "Let the prisoner see his friends," said Ney, "and tell them he is well, and well treated." Clouet lingered, and Ney asked, smiling, "what more he wanted?" "He has an old mother, a widow, and blind." "Has he? then let him go himself and tell her he is alive." As the exchange of prisoners between countries was not then allowed, Ney knew that he risked the displeasure of the Emperor by setting the young officer at liberty; but Napoleon approved the generous act.

THE LAST REQUIEM.—There is something strikingly beautiful and touching in the circumstances of Mozart's death. His sweetest song was the last he sung, "Requiem." He had been employed upon this exquisite piece for several weeks, his soul filled with inspirations of richest melody. After giving the touch, and breathing into it that undying spirit of song which was to consecrate it through all time, he fell into a gentle and quiet slumber. At length the light footsteps of his daughter awoke him. "Come hither, my Emilie," said he, "my task is done; the Requiem—my Requiem, is finished." "Say not so, dear father," said the gentle girl, "you must be better; even now your cheek has a glow upon it." "Do not deceive yourself, my love," said the dying father; "this wasted form can never be restored by human aid. Take these, my last notes, sit down by my piano here and slug them with the hymns of thy sainted mother; let me once more hear those tones which have so long been my solace and delight." Emilie obeyed with a voice enriched by the tenderest emotion; then turning from the instrument, looked in silence for the approving smile of her father. It was the still, passionless smile which the wrapt and joyless spirit had left, with the seal of death upon his features.

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