

John Howard.

It is the good men do that lives after them. The evil is like a stain in the blood. However long a time it may linger, poisoning as it goes, at last it is eradicated. The good goes on, but it is not always with a noble heritage left to humanity a name is linked undying. So it seems to have been, however, with the self-denying, simply living, noble Howard—a man whom "all the blood of all the Howards" would not have ennobled like his life of toil and suffering, spent, as Burke put it, "taking the gauge and dimensions of misery, depression and contempt." After a century has elapsed, the name of Howard is still a watchword, a symbol of the open heart and generous charity, of the soothing hand and soft step, of melting sympathy and watchful care, of the midnight vigil in the halls of the rich and in the huts of the poor. Wherever mighty and unsparring affliction has obliterated all distinction and fused all men into humanity, and made native nobility in man stand out bright in the darkness of woe, the name of Howard still lives to be a stay and hope for the well and a comfort for the sick and afflicted. It was no accident led to the adoption of the name "Howard Association" of which we hear so much. It was kindred ideas and sympathies which saw in the name of a man who produced a revival of that broad humanity which is the fundamental idea of Christianity a fit appellation at Hockbury, near London, the son of a tradesman, and inherited an independent fortune. It was not used for any low ends, not even for that higher of low ends mentioned by the poet, who advised the acquisition of wealth:

"Not for to hide it in a ditch, Not for a train attendant; But for the glorious privilege Of being independent."

Far from seeking independence, he used it in making himself the slave of humanity in a physical sense, but thereby secured that noble independence of a man whose moral nature lifts him above all trammels of sense and low desires. He was on a mission of mercy to Lisbon, after the great earthquake, when he met with a misfortune which was the direction of his future life. Captured by a French privateer his life in prison determined his life work amongst the wretched and vile, to alleviate sufferings and seek some restoration of the means of moral reform, of which the criminal was deprived by prison life and discipline. He visited most of the prisons of England, and induced the Commons to begin a system prison reform. From that, 1774, he spent his life traveling over Europe, visiting prisons and hospitals, nursing and relieving the sick, sharing the prison fare with the worst criminals and exhibiting the most heroic devotion. He was temperate, self-denying, simple in habits, and in diet, rigidly abstemious. In 1790, after a life-time spent in good works, he died on the field of honor at his post. It may seem that such a life should have ended at home with friends about the couch and the sympathetic hands of wife and children to soothe and caress and catch the whispered farewell of one on whom the curtain has descended in the last act. His last act was one of a piece with his life. A terrible pestilence of fever had broken out on the Black Sea, and he hastened to labor for the relief of the suffering and study the causes of pestilence in the interest of coming generations, when he was stricken down at Cherson, and died away from country, home and friends, but died at his post, walking the dreary round on his beat, guarding others against death. Such a life is fitly perpetuated in the name of Howard in our cities, where hundreds and thousands of heroes, imbedded with the same humanity, enlisted in the same cause, win the same bright crown, either in an honorable death nobly won, or in an approving conscience. Perhaps no earthly name lingers or earthly fame is enshrined, but what of that? The commander's name lingers on pages to be written years after, but the reward for duty as honesty and as nobly performed has been awarded equally to him who sleeps in an unmarked grave, perhaps never missed from the roll of the world.—Nashville American.

An Editor and a Female Book Agent.

The editor of the Santa Clara, California, Echo, is happily deaf, and thus tells of his adventure with a female book agent:

We thought everybody in the State knew we were deaf, but once in a while we find one who is not aware of the fact. A female book peddler came to the office the other day; she wished to dispose of a book. She was alone in the world, and had do one to whom she could turn for sympathy or assistance, hence we should buy her book. She was unmarried, and had no manly heart into which she could pour her sufferings, therefore we ought to invest in a book. She had received a liberal education, and we could not, in consequence, pay her less than two dollars for a book. We had listened attentively and here broke in with: "What did you say? We're deaf." She started up in a loud, voice and went through her rigamarole. When she had finished, we went and got a roll of paper, and making a trumpet placed one end to our ear, and told her to proceed. She nearly broke a blood vessel in her effort to make herself heard. She commenced:

"I am alone in this world—" "It doesn't make the slightest difference to us. We are a husband and a father. Bigamy is not allowed in this State. We are not eligible to proposals."

"Oh, what a fool the man is!" she said in a loud tone. Then, at the top of her voice, "I don't want to marry you, I want to sell a book." This last sentence was howled, "We don't want a cook," we remarked blandly; "our wife does the cooking, and she wouldn't allow as good looking a woman as you to stay in the house for five minutes. She is very jealous."

She looked at us in despair. Gathering her robes about her giving us a glance of contempt, she exclaimed:

"I do believe if a three-hundred pounder was let off alongside that deaf fool's head he'd think that somebody was knocking at the door." You should have heard her slam the door when she went out. We heard that.

Pleasures of Camping out.

The editor of the Buffalo, News has been camping out, and tells his experience to his readers. He took with him one wife, three fishing rods, two babies, and a shot gun, with the necessary clothing, kettles, pans, and the rest of the paraphernalia. His tent was pitched next to that of a newly married couple on one side and two elderly maiden sisters on the other side. "Elysium was a fool to that camp," says the editor, and we can well believe it. "There were shade trees, brooks, moons and poisoning in abundance, and when we were retired for the night there was not a heart unmoved by the solemn stillness of the scene." But the editor's tent was too near to that of the newly married couple. The young man was reading Tennyson out loud to his bride by the light of a kerosene lamp, three kisses to each line. The old maids on the other side kept whispering: "Amandy, suppose a man was to come to our tent!" There was a wild shriek, and every body rushed out in his night clothes, thinking that one of the ancient virgins had been bitten by a rattle-snake. Of course she hadn't. A cow began bellowing for her calf, and everyone swore it was a bear. The man got out with their guns and killed one of the wagon-horses. Then every one got into the wrong tent; the young husband rushing into the arms of one of the old maids, and kissing as she lay with her front teeth out, told her that he had killed the bear himself. His wife would not believe it was all an accident, and went into hysterics. The tent fell down about three o'clock in the morning, and a heavy shower of rain about day break soaked everyone to the skin. The editor's family all have the bronchitis, and he announces that his tent and complete apparatus for camping out are for sale.

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HYDE PARK, MASS., Feb. 15, 1876.

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