

to prove no more, than that the strength, soul and temper of the present generation are at least fully equal to the highest of preceding examples.

For now in an instant see how the storm of rebellion was met. The clouds were fearfully black—the blast had resistless strength; yet who shrank into his hiding-place, or stood to be swept away in listless despair? I see not one. In the saddest scenes of ruin the men displayed a hopeless but sublime courage. Such was the poor fellow who, standing before his wife, kept a host at bay for a little while, till convinced that every chance of escape was closed against them, he kissed her cheek and shot her, and in an instant more followed her into eternity. How many fathers and husbands fell fighting over the bodies of the sweet treasures they defended but could not save! How many officers rushed into the ranks of the murderers to expostulate with their villainy, and to receive in that most hazardous act of duty the death they never deserved. The very first news from Delhi told us of young WILLOUGHBY blowing up a crowd of the rebels in the magazine, and then just managing to lay his scorched and blackened body in a neighboring village to die. And the last dispatch from Delhi, announcing the successful assault, told us of the equal heroism of SALKELD, HOME, and others, in laying and exploding the powder-bags at the Ajmere Gate. But I need not multiply examples, when every operation had its incidents of courage as noble, and every day brought with it some deed of daring that only the most select of venturesome spirits might be thought capable of attempting.

Then observe how civilians became, like OLIVE, their great forerunner, soldiers on the instant, and fought with a skill and intrepidity that would have preserved Gibraltar or carried a forlorn hope to the top of the deadliest breach. Look at WAKE at Arrah, with fifty men holding out in a common house against three thousand armed miscreants, till Eyre

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