

ours, and who now, in imagination, seem to point to these testimonials of their prowess and virtue, and say to you, "Keep them from dishonor,—suffer not their lustre to be dimmed,—desert them not, while the last rag of them flutters in the wind." I need not wonder at this proud feature of your conduct, when I remember that you have "recorded in heaven your vow," that you will stick to them wheresoever they will point the way, and that you have most solemnly invoked God to be the witness of your fidelity,—thus blending the awful sanctions of Heaven with the high obligations of social integrity. In these circumstances, any thing unbecoming the character of a soldier, would be doubly infamous ;— it would be, in the highest degree, dastardly and base. It must, therefore, be the cause of much thankfulness to you, as well as of just pride to those who bear rule over you, that, as a regiment, you are comparatively free from this infamous crime. Continue to merit the encomiums you have won. Avoid those temptations that would lead you into evil ; and let the whole tenour of your conduct manifest, that you *feel* the obligations of your profession to be sacred ; and that you discharge a duty which you owe to yourselves, your country, and your God.

I might prolong my exhortations to an indefinite length, and in the fulness of my heart, I would yet speak to you. But instead of longer detaining you, let me commend you to God, who can do all