

Her Majesty was also graciously pleased, as well as His Grace the Duke of Wellington (on the reports of the shipwreck reaching England), to express their approbation, in very flattering terms, of the conduct of the regiment on this occasion.

I cannot, perhaps, conclude this brief and imperfect narrative better than by adding a short extract from the "Soldiers' Thanksgiving," a beautiful and impressive sermon preached by the Lord Bishop of Montreal upon the occasion of divine service held in the Cathedral church of Quebec, on the safe return of the right wing of the Royals to that place:—

"My brethren of the civil congregation of this church,—It is a gratifying circumstance that the service for which we are assembled is held at the spontaneous desire of those gallant and hardy men, here among us, fresh from a scene of suffering and peril, who have not judged it derogatory to their gallantry or hardihood to be sensible of the mercy of their God. The feeling which has prompted them upon this occasion to *pay their vows unto the Lord in the presence of His people* is a feeling which originated purely with themselves, and appears to have animated all ranks alike. And I hope it may be regarded as one among many indications of the falsity of a notion found sometimes to prevail amongst mankind, that the profession of arms is inconsistent with the serious and earnest profession of Christianity,—that the soldiers of an earthly sovereign are ill-fitted to be the soldiers of the Cross. Against such a notion we cannot too earnestly contend, especially on account of its dangerous effect upon the minds of military men themselves. As if expressly to guard against such an error, the New Testament (not to go back to the many instances of eminently pious warriors recorded in the Old) very prominently sets before us examples amply sufficient to contradict it. * * * * But, blessed be God, we may appeal, in our own day, to numerous and unquestionable examples familiarly known. * * * Nor can we fail to recognise an additional claim to our interest in the obligations which we