

nations of the world, must, I think, be grateful to those who feel they are part and parcel of that great country, whose soil has borne, whose honours have rewarded the strong heads and stout hearts, by whose skill and bravery her glory has been achieved.

From its great antiquity, the Royal Regiment can trace its valiant deeds over a much wider field than can fall to the lot of more recent regiments in the British army; and I can well understand the pride and satisfaction of serving under colours which bear so many trophies of the past. I believe, too, that the records of most of the regiments in the British service would, in proportion to the time of their existence, and their opportunities of distinction, tell pretty much the same tale;—for what is the general history of the British soldier but steady advance in the path of duty, stern defiance of difficulty and danger, patience under hardship and privation, blind obedience to command, moderation in frequent victory, renewed determination in rare defeat.

None will admit the truth of this general statement more readily than the members of the military profession themselves, who, while they feel a proper and natural satisfaction in the achievements of their own particular corps, will feel at the same time a more general and extended pride in the character of the whole body, of which they form a part.

I observe that, with the modesty which is the characteristic of true valour, the gallant writer of this paper abstained from noticing the later triumphs in which he himself had shared. Since the arrival of the Regiment in this Province, happily there have been no opportunities of gaining such laurels as were won by their predecessors on the fields of Blenheim and Culloden,—still they have been bent on conquest, and, as usual, their efforts have been crowned with success. Fortresses sometimes hard to win, have speedily surrendered on honorable terms of capitulation—victories have succeeded one another in quick succession—and vanquished captives have been converted into firm allies. I trust I may be allowed to express my sincere hope, that these latter victories and their consequent alliances, though they may add no emblems to the crowded colours of the Regiment, may add many a peaceful hour of happiness to the lives of those by whom they have been gained.