

And I lay me down with a will." It is a creed and a philosophy. Like that remarkable and harassed wife of Louis XIV., he "kept only the thorns for himself."

To his friends he was all charming graciousness and joy. Nothing could be more notable than the attitude of his mind towards fellow-artists, rid, as it is, of all vanity, lightness and guile. He compounds the seriousness of a child with the discrimination of an artist. In a letter to James Barrie there is a passage wholly charming in its quality of lavish homage.

"I am proud to think you are a Scotchman. * * * There are two of us now that the Shirra might have patted on the head. And please do not think, when I thus seem to bracket myself with you, that I am wholly blinded by vanity. Jess is beyond my frontier line. I could not touch her skirts. I have no such glamor of twilight on my pen. I am a capable artist. But it begins to look to me as if you were a man of genius. Take care of yourself for my sake. It is a devilish hard thing for a man who writes so many novels as I do, that I should get so few to read. And I can read yours and love them."

Stevenson's generosity went hand in hand with the most tireless, imperturbable, brave courtesy, which, after a fashion, disregarded proportion, and extended itself to every child and stranger who came under his notice. Thus to Mr. Davis, an artisan, questioning him on some statement in an essay, he wrote a full, painstaking explanation, addressed with much grace and good humor, while to the little sons of his friends at home he sent long letters, full of charming badinage and ingenious conceits.

Politeness, being more the child of discipline and conviction than of temperament, it can be said without offering too serious an effort, that our present age is one of incivility. There are spirits, however, cosmopolitan and untrammelled, that escape the idiosyncrasies of any age and belong to time. Such was Stevenson.

Much of him was given to masquerading. So pleasant was the mask, so easy the disguise in which he played to overcome reality, that there has in many places been produced a confusion of estimate in regard to him.

It is true that he loved to assume the cap and bells. But throughout every capricious exploit and diverting vagary, he was never less the man; clear-sighted and un-self-deceived, possessing his soul in dignity and patience and receiving whatever fortune had to offer with the courage of a great and gallant gentleman.

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