

use their influence to make loyal soldiers? At the supper-table what earnest talk there was with the children about the rebellion and the boys who were fighting—why not talk about the battles won for Christ, teach the children the methods of fighting, enthuse them with thoughts of the grandeur of the struggle and the glory of the result? Then there would be no lack of men to fight for the Lord, to come to his help against the mighty. Such topics of conversation are better than small scandal, thousands of thousand times better, yea ten thousand times ten thousand!

And self-denial for Christ's sake has a place too. One who economizes in order to be able to give may have to face ridicule. But how many timid hearts in war times have become brave; how many who once would have fainted at the flowing of blood have made themselves endure the sight of all kinds of horrible suffering that they might minister to those wounded for their country! In the face of such heroism what a paltry sacrifice it seems to give up useless luxuries, to avoid ostentatious expenditure, even to make one's whole living simple and inexpensive for Christ's sake. In whatever way help is given, let it be remembered that, "As his share is that goeth down to the battle so shall his share be that tarrieth by the stuff"—as his part is that wins renown in the battlefield, so shall her part be that ministers in the hospital-tent, or the home—"they shall share alike," in the cost and the danger, in the glory and the triumph.

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