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ON DECK.

This is a small sentence with a big meaning. We say of a man who has come out of a long illness, that he is on deck again, and the word is suitable. But it means much more. The white sails of our commerce are on every sea, and on every ship, night and day, all the time, the deck is never deserted, before one watch can go below another must come on deck. Incessant vigilance and care belong to the deck, and the weight of responsibility can never be known by strangers.

In the dark, in the storm, the watchers stand, come what may, they are men of action, at least they are ready to act, prompt, resourceful, brave.

"Is there any danger?" asked a woman of a sailor in a storm.

"There may be danger, but there is no fear," was the reply.

Think of these brave men and lift a prayer.

Sometimes our thoughts go higher and we think of God, on deck! Oh, the ceaseless care, the power at hand, to control, to spare, to bless! Less than the infinite won't do! We must have the eternal God for our refuge and underneath must be the everlasting arms. Let us cherish these great facts, and embrace them with a living faith.

Let us be on deck and awake and ready. For a sentinel to sleep at his post has in all ages been death.

Let us watch for our Master, that His goods be not stolen, and we find our portion among the hypocrites.

Let us watch for ourselves, that we unload the unwelcome, and take in what is good.

Let us watch for others as faithful and wise servants and the Lord shall make us rulers over His household to give them meat in due season.

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HOME.

A great part of the pleasure of possession is to bring things home.

When the lost sheep was found the shepherd came home and called his friends to gladness.

These remarks suggest some precious lessons.

I. Purchased. God's possession in souls is a purchased possession. "Ye are bought with a price, ye are not your own." Bought, paid for, claimed with a rightful claim and all other claimants shut out forever. This is the heritage of the Lord's children.

II. Sonship. Born into the family of God. Once a stranger and an alien, now adopted and made an heir.

They differ, and yet they are



A Monarch of Algonquin Park.

When we make purchases we bring them home.

In the home we find the family. About the only thing God ever instituted was the family, for the Church is only an enlargement of the same idea.

In the home we find children, equality of relationship and privilege and protection. In the home, as time goes on, we hear, "What are you going to do brother?" and the kindly command of the father, "Son go work in my vineyard to-day."

alike; here we find equality of rank, rights, immunity, heirs and joint-heirs.

"One family we dwell in Him
One church, above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death."

III. Service. There is a difference between worship and service, we do not work in order to become sons, we work because we are sons. We work, not for life, but from life, and with life. If our work is mechanical or commercial we have not