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With Him

When Severus, afterwards emperor, was a general in command of the Roman army, during a dangerous and toilsome expedition he allowed himself scarcely any time for food and sleep. He marched on foot, in complete armor, at the head of his columns, winning the confidence and affection of his troops, praising them for their diligence, cheering them when they were downcast, rekindling their hopes into a brighter flame, well content to share the hardships of the humblest soldier.

Jesus is our Leader in the battles of life. He takes His place by our side. Our conflicts He shares. With our discouragements He has the fullest sympathy. Every brave blow struck in the fight against evil within us and without us, receives His ungrudging commendation. Wherever He bids us go, He advances by our side. Whatever He commands us to do, He undertakes with us. With Him do His soldiers fight, with Him they shall conquer, and with Him they shall reign.



What You May Do For Your Town

By Rev. J. W. Macmillan, D.D.

A town is just a big house, with the dwellings an extended system of rooms, and all the people brothers and sisters, parents and children, who share a common life and should nourish a common love.

Let me group the thoughts I want to enforce, about three words,—Self and Example and Task :

SELF.—A town is just made up of the people who live in it. If every person were what he ought to be, the town would be what

it ought to be. You can make at least one good citizen of your town. And that is no small thing.

EXAMPLE.—Never think that you are too unimportant to count. When a herd of deer are grazing, if one shy doe lifts her head and listens for a moment, the whole herd is instantly on the alert. If one wolf in a pack should howl, the others prick their ears. You are at least a member of the community. What you are, tells upon others in ways that are beyond your discerning. You cannot be a good citizen without elevating the tone of citizenship through the entire town. And you cannot be a bad or careless citizen without lowering the tone of citizenship through the entire town.

TASK.—Now, what is your task? Perhaps, if you keep your eyes open, you can find something to do better than I, who do not live in your town, can suggest. Nevertheless, I am going to make some suggestions.

Do you go to school? Well, the social side of school life is an important feature of your town's character. A school does vastly more than teach what can be found in books. More of what actually counts, in adult life, may be derived from the games of the playground, than from the recitations of the classrooms. There are girls and boys away from home attending your school. Would it not be kind in you, with your comfortable homes, to be nice to these, who are perhaps feeling strange and lonely?

Are you working somewhere? Just earning your wages, looking at the clock, hoping to get free to enjoy yourself, are you? Let me assure you that your career will break down unless you find out how to get pleasure out of your work. Make that shop or store