

The writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews, in the xi. Chapter, the Second Lesson for to-day, goes through a list of the saints of the Old Dispensation from righteous Abel to Moses, the man of God; then he says the time would fail him to tell of all the others who "through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness," prophets and martyrs who were mocked, scourged, imprisoned, sawn asunder, slain with sword, of whom the world was not worthy, these "obtained a good report," yet they without us cannot be made perfect—that is to say, all, even of us, are necessary for the perfection of the whole Body of Christ.

What a wonderful thought! We dare not say, "How can this be?" We are told in Holy Scripture that so it is, and we know the Word of God is true. Let us dwell upon this one thought, they without us cannot be perfect. That which happens to each member is felt by the whole Body. Pleasure or pain will thrill through all.

The same thing happens to all human organizations which God gives us the wisdom or power to establish. Think of the men required to equip a ship of war for action. Don't you know how each man is necessary to the efficiency and strength of the whole force? Very often a very insignificant man, by failing in a lower place, may spoil an important manoeuvre.

Lord Nelson had something like this in his mind when he said: "England expects every man to do his duty." That great Admiral won a signal victory over his country's enemies, but all his magnificent skill and ability would have been ineffectual without the co-operation of the men of his fleet.

This principle applies to all organizations, the army and navy, universities, colleges, schools, yes, even your games clubs, every man, every member must do his or her part, and stand loyal to each other, to their head and leader, for each member is necessary for the perfection of the whole.

In a school such as this, no matter how small a girl may be, she has a part to do; that part may be very insignificant and apparently trifling, perhaps to learn her own lesson, to do her own work, to be cheerful, but she is a member, and it depends upon her whether the school is doing good or imperfect work.

This is a truth which will keep us modest, for we are depending so much upon others. No one then can think he is by himself of such great importance in a city, in the army, in a school. He is important, but he depends on others. A man may be very humble, but he has his work to do.

"Honor and shame in no condition lies,
Act well your part, there all the honor lies."