

Moreover, he not only shows the way, but he helps in the way. Heaven, after all, is so near to earth, that that almighty hand which made the heavens touches into power every weak hand that lays hold on it.

4. *Steering straight.*

One reason why we fall short, is because we imagine that the crooked way is, at times, the only way : there seems no chance of getting what we want save by stepping aside from the straight path. A wise old professor used to say to his students : "Gentlemen, I never knew any one lose his way on a straight road." To every luring voice that calls us aside from the absolutely straight course, I must shut my ears and harden my heart, if I ever hope to become the man I ought to be.

5. *By "carrying on."*

That is the soldier's word. It is what he says when his task is only half done : "I must 'carry on' till it is finished." It is what he says when the fight goes against him ; "I must still 'carry on,' the victory comes no other way." Your Bible puts it into one clear, plain, easily understood, and absolutely absolute word, "He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." To stop short half-way up ; to halt even when the mountain top is just within reach, is to fail in being the man you ought to be—and by God's grace and help, may be.



The Queen Discovered

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The late Queen Victoria once paid a visit to the Scottish hill-country near Balmoral, traveling with her husband "incognito." For a long time no one recognized them until a hotelkeeper spied the royal arms not quite obliterated from the visitors' carriage and then, looking fixedly at the queen for a moment, discovered who she was.

There are times when Jesus comes standing before us seeking to be recognized. Perhaps for each of us there is one time above all others when he seeks for recognition and self-surrender. Happy for us if in that moment when our hearts leap up towards him in the joy of a first discovery we do not draw back, but surrender ourselves to him. He who is

the Son of God wants us to recognize him, to discover him for ourselves as the divine Saviour, to give him our unreserved confidence, to enter into his service and friendship.

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In Training for Active Service

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II. HOW BOYS MAY GET INTO TRAINING

Six of Mr. Moore's eight boys had already gathered to the first bean supper and mid-week meeting ever held by the class. Mr. Moore had just returned from a Leaders' Conference on Boys' Work, where he had received a great vision of the possibilities of work through the Canadian Course of Training for Older Boys known as the Canadian Standard Efficiency Tests, and he was very anxious to have his boys enlisted in training for active service. He told them something about it on Sunday, and they had arranged this meeting to talk it over more fully.

Two of the boys had volunteered to prepare the bean supper, and now that the other four boys had arrived they all sang a table grace together and sat down to supper. What a thoroughly enjoyable half hour they did have chatting and chaffing one another, or telling stories and jokes at one another's expense. They had never really got to know one another in the more formal meeting on Sunday and never realized that there were so many jolly good fellows in that class, and above all that their teacher, Mr. Moore, was such a good sport and so full of life and fun.

After supper, while the boys were munching their apples, Mr. Moore began to tell them further about the National Training Course for Canadian Older Boys. He reminded them that Canada was trying to enlist and train half a million men for active service at the front, and that the churches were out to enlist and train for active service, half a million Canadian boys as Christian citizens to take the places of the men at the front and establish at home those principles of honor and justice for which the men were fighting.