

As a soldier in the Divine Army you must expect fellowship of a somewhat military type. If that fellowship is not often talked about, it is none the less real on that account; and practical evidence will be given when called for. Of course if you are merely a straggler or camp-follower it may be different; but, depend upon it, men notice and (with an unseen thrill of admiration) recognize fellow-soldiers who do their duty bravely and maintain the honour of the Cross-emblazoned Flag. Fix your attention, then, on the great Captain and the post of duty which He has assigned you. Stand firmly at that post subject to His orders. Don't weakly lean upon others or depend on their attitude.

What would be thought of a soldier who pettishly or sullenly should retire from the ranks because of certain feelings towards his comrades? Away with such unworthy ideas! Eyes front! Brace yourselves to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ!

(3) *See to your foundation.* This point of dependence brings us to the root of the matter. Look at in another light. For your attitude on this social question is important because it influences, and is influenced by, the very basis of your spiritual life. What is that basis? Does your religion depend upon God or man? In answering be not self-deluded by party cries. "What is your religion," I ask a man. "I am Protestant" he replies, and valiantly adds "I allow no man to stand between my soul and God." "You go to Church?" "No, I don't happen to care for our Min-