



KEEP MORALE HIGH IN YOUR HOME!

There are many things we've learned to do without since this war began. Many of these we've given up in patriotic silence. However, living in a home where the curtains are dull and drab isn't being patriotic—you can do more toward boosting your family's morale by keeping your home lovely. No doubt those who paid us a visit at our drapery display (as pictured above) during Barrie Fair week will have some idea of the wide selection of curtains and draperies which we carry in stock. So if you are planning to re-curtain your home—stop in to see us first, and get our suggestions and hints about how to have lovely things at moderate cost.

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FRIENDLINESS

Plain ordinary friendship and thoughtfulness are two things which will go a long way towards making our lot bearable in war-time. For too many years we kept ourselves to ourselves and our own kind. We called it minding our own business, a good quality in itself, but one which can be overdone.

You don't need to be forever running to a neighbor's house to show your interest. The kind of friendliness we must have is, not being afraid to smile and speak to the man who has come to live in your district, even though you haven't been formally introduced to him—even though he doesn't look very friendly or jolly himself.

We do not know what may be weighing on his mind. Don't be afraid when you meet him to pass a remark, such as, you are a newcomer here. I hope you will like the district. Or words to that effect. That this doesn't happen often enough today is a shame and a reproach to us.

We are so pre-occupied with our own worries and anxieties that we pass unseeing down the street, ignoring the stranger whose need of comfort and cheer is often much greater than ours. All of us have at one time or other in our lives said regretfully, I wish I had known that Tom, Dick or Harry was having all that trouble. I might have given him a hand with things.

Just talking to someone at such a time helps a lot, too. But the golden moment has passed when we could have done a good turn. It's a funny thing how deep is the reserve which keeps us from being natural. If the war lasts long enough perhaps we will lose it. There is such a thing as honest emotion which springs from the heart, as when for instance the first bars of the National Anthem is struck and a great crowd starts to sing—why should we be ashamed of the choked feelings in our throats. We should be proud that the great qualities of mankind still have power to lift us out of ourselves, to move and stir us.

LIFE'S ROAD

We go our way so oft unheeding
Our comrade on an uphill road;
We forge ahead and do not notice,
That he has got a heavy load.

His smile may hide a heartache
Longing for a friendly hand or word of cheer,
Or for someone to walk beside him
To feel the presence of someone near.

He may have hurts deep down within him,
The burden he bears may seem too great;
His soul, once tender and forgiving,
Is warped with bitterness and hate.

Or grief too deep for tears relieving
Is right within him night and day,
Have we no time to say, My Brother,
I, too, have known the bitter way.

Be of good cheer, though clouds hang heavy,
The sun behind is clear and bright.
And soon break through with warmth and healing,
Have courage Comrade, all will come right.

—RCAF—

ARE YOU?

Are you an active worker
The sort that would be missed
Or are you just contented
To be a name upon the list?

Are you chummy with your comrades
And mix in with the flock
Or do you lounge about the drome
To criticize and mock?

Do you ever go to visit
A comrade that is sick
Or leave the job to someone else
And talk about the clique?

Think it over comrades,
You know the right from wrong
Are you an active worker
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