

seemed barren, indeed. But these human flowers took root and blossomed so profusely and splendidly that there was no longer a barren field. The world was better and brighter through the flowering of these poor boys and girls.

What made them what they were? Did outside assistance drag them on and on to the accomplishment of those things which were undreamed of until they made them realities? No! By their own endeavor they made accomplishment a common thing in their lives. They waited for no-one to lead, but started on their course guided by an inner vision which was sustained by a moral sense that it was right—they made it right, so sure were they of the right, so full of good purpose. If you would reach higher altitudes than is gained by the rank and file of your fellows, help yourself—depend upon yourself.

By the foregoing we do not mean that one shall live aloof from his kind—rather nearer, if anything, that he may help if possible instead of asking help. There is no greater or better life than one of usefulness; usefulness in the broader and better sense; usefulness that may better the whole world; usefulness that by example will impress and uplift mankind and serve as a model for the few or the many, according to the circle of our influence. Help others to accomplish this work by helping yourself to lead and blaze the way. More self-helping leaders is what the world needs. There are too many in the ranks and too few leaders such as we picture in our minds. Help yourself first, and then by the lesson you have thus learned you will be better fitted for the work of helping others who may be weaker than yourself. Is this not an idea worthy some consideration?

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Good citizenship makes many demands upon those who compose the population of a country. Good morals, good intention, and a kind and sympathetic nature are all very well, but something more is required in the making of an ideal citizen. Loyalty to country is of the utmost importance, but loyalty, fine and commendable as it is, does not suffice wholly.

The best citizens will serve their country whole-heartedly in a time of need, but through lack of information regarding the needs of the country they may be ill-fitted to render efficient service, even though their hearts are loyal and their courage undoubted. To be truly commendable in an efficient sense as a citizen it is necessary to be well-informed regarding those matters, domestic and foreign, which may affect the welfare of the country. It is necessary to watch current events