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## "Don't Give Up the Ship"

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Were the heart-stirring words of our dear Lawrence as they fell from <sup>his pale & trembling</sup> ~~quivering~~ lips ~~but~~ <sup>from</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> from the loss of blood ~~which~~ <sup>when</sup> fighting in defense of his injured Country. - They were the last he ever spoke - the flag of his ship was his shroud. which a generous foe wrapped round his lifeless Corpse. "Don't give up the ship" was whispered by every mouth as every fold was adjusted to cover his ~~body~~ <sup>wounds</sup> - The silent tears, the deep drawn sigh gave <sup>testimony</sup> ~~evidence~~ of that tribute which the brave <sup>always</sup> pay to the brave among all nations.

The words of Lawrence lived tho his body was ~~interred~~ buried on an enemy's shore. They lived in the heart of every American. The father and the son, the mother and the daughter talked of them together and the patriot <sup>grasping the hand of friendship</sup> ~~when~~ meeting, patriot would say, ~~was grasping~~ <sup>what</sup> the dying Lawrence said "Don't give up the Ship".

"The Ship was not given up" - Thousands stepped forward to the call of duty, and the American Navy was saved to enjoy the triumphs of many a Victory.

Now all this treats of Temporal affairs - On the page of secular history we read it - and our hearts are again moved into deeds of patriotism when in times of difficulty and gloomy ~~with~~ <sup>our</sup> prospects are before us. When our national prosperity and honor are put in jeopardy - instead of shrinking from the behests of duty we look one upon another, and repeat the words of our dear Lawrence "Don't give up the Ship". ~~But is there not a better way?~~

This sentiment appealing as it does to the <sup>best</sup> feeling of each patriotic heart, unites all together as one man in love and duty; and directly all is as it should be. The ship is not given up, and our Country is saved.

But if there is other things but these which are temporal - are there no other pleasures but those which



wave on the helmet of a <sup>mortal</sup> Soldier?  
Is this life every thing with one who knows he has  
an immortal soul? Are there not eternal  
honours - crown, that fade not away like  
temporal laurels; <sup>glorious</sup> eternal in the Heavens for which  
we should chiefly strive? -

There is - there is a Land where Heaven is eter-  
nal rest. There is a Ship launched by Jehovah's  
hand on the waves of this troublesome world  
which is bound thither. It is officered by the  
Great Captain of our Salvation. It spreads its  
sails, its ordinances and sacraments to receive  
the Holy Ghost [Paraclete. Hagion] the breath of  
God. Its compass is the word of God: the Holy  
Scriptures. Touched by the inspiration of the spirit  
of truth: so that in the darkest night it  
sheweth the course which points to eter-  
nal life.

With <sup>this</sup> ship we are chiefly concerned.  
On board thereof every Christian is <sup>entered</sup> at  
his baptism. The seal of his admission has  
inscription on it the name of the Christian  
Father Lord and Holy Ghost and to serve  
this God who is eternal and to save his soul  
which is immortal is his end and aim. -

The world <sup>with</sup> all it contains if attained is nothing  
in comparison of this: for what shall a man give  
in exchange his own soul? -

The Ship (which is the means of this Salvation  
The Church of the living God: the Ark of  
Christ's safety) must not be surrendered  
neither in life nor in death must be  
warrant to surrender it to the foe  
Don't give up the ship must be the  
first and the last words of every Christian.