THE RHYMING **OPTIMIST** By Aline Michaelis-

MY TASK

A task have I: To bring always My share of gladness to the days, That other lives, perhaps less bright,

May gleam some glimpses of delight

To cheer their shadowed ways.

A task have I: to find content Though sun sometimes with shade is blent,

chance

In every quirk of circumstance Gives to thy life a truly happy place. And solve the message sent.

A task have I: to pass along The cadences of carefree song And send their echo far afield Till right and beauty stand revealed

Where all had seemed but wrong.

For all that comes to me of good I greet with truest gratitude; Good gifts are given only in

And I who would be always just Share them in humble mood.

Most God-like Dower

This, then, is more than all the rest men prize, Than any claims of Earth's most ancient race,

Than any group the potentates devise.

Or any wonders of a well-loved face.

For every race has had unworthy

fallen to dust,

come despairs When ruthless Time has blurr- eight days. ed them as he must.

that defies

Old Time and all the whims of chance and change, The force that far beneath life's

surface lies, But dimly glimpsed as some-

thing vast and strange.

Most God-like dower, this, of all Earth's dream, The will that rules, invincible, Toronto, March 24th, 1929. supreme!

Circles of Faith

Take from the world its crosses, their sorrows; Seek, openly, elysian enchantments, And, every morn shall bring glad Tomorrows, Spreading God's sunshine o'er earth's escarp-

Enchantments are as practical as streets, Within a town, if men will have it so, As there is joy in sharing what entreats, To standards meet, to a fair entrepot.

There is a faith which builds on others' loss, As though Life's highest good were to im-

On fellow-men, restraints from what is dross For them, and, on the faithful health be-

There is a destiny where man is found, A plaintive suppliant for grace, and sign, That, somehow, he shall make his life redound To mankind's good, wherein "Thy weal is

To seek some wiser hand than To make thyself a hostage to the race, Needing palladium as friend and guide, -Among thy fellows, wheresoe'er abide.

> To make each day a conscious jubilee, In which unconscious ends are realized Through contacts oft unknown, builds sacristy Of life, in which no one is sacrificed. -R. R. M.

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