

are souls that wait upon his ministry, there are little ones who follow his example and invest him with heroism, there are enemies who would tempt him from his solemn task. He must be content, he *is* content to bear all that his position invites.

And think too of the responsibility of the watchman. He is not only to guard his own section of the wall, the whole city is his care. If the enemy creeps over his section then every quarter of the city is in danger. He must not fail to blow the trumpet if the cloud of dust on the plain betokens an approaching enemy. Mistakes will be fatal. He must shout "a lion"! the moment an angry beast appears. If he fails in the least particular, the blood of the people will be required at his hands. Oh! the deep, deep responsibility of the priesthood. "They watch for souls as those who must give account." Not the individual parish alone, but the diocese, the whole church is involved in his fidelity. If he falls, the church everywhere suffers and his brethren hang their heads in shame. He must cry out against every threatening foe. Is it intemperance, impurity, false doctrine, heresy, immoral literature—are these the enemies out upon the plain? Then let him give warning unto the people. He "must banish and drive away all strange doctrine," fight against the indifference of the people and in a thousand ways guard the souls of those committed to his care. "And if it shall happen the Church or any member thereof to take any hurt or hindrance by reason of his negligence, ye know the greatness of the fault and also the horrible punishment that will ensue."

These are the things, then, that are involved in the figure of the watchman. The priest is alone, prominent, responsible. Let us turn now and see if there are not duties of the people also suggested.

The people must keep the walls repaired and trans-