

isters of the gospel comes from above. Prayer must therefore be made without ceasing, while we prosecute divine ends by means which have the sanction of heaven, and wait the quickening imparted by the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. The important changes which have been effected in the College, in its locality, management, and especially in the increase of its staff of Professors, demand that the churches with one heart and with one soul cry for a double baptism of the Spirit, that men of God may be raised up and sent forth into the harvest field to gather many to the Redeemer.

CHRISTIAN WATCHFULNESS.

This duty consists in constant vigilance over our own hearts lest we grow carnal. The idea is military. To keep guard as a sentinel. A guard must challenge all comers and goers. Who comes? Friend or foe? Keep thy heart with all diligence. Examine whatever seeks an entrance. Mount guard at every avenue of approach, the portals must be watched, especially the eye and the ear. This implies a scrutiny of the kind of persons with whom we associate, of the books we shall read and study, of the sounds we shall listen to, of the sights we shall see. A searching investigation is demanded lest we should honour that as friendly and harmless that comes with the deadly purpose of destroying our souls. Challenge the approach of every comer: the password must indicate that God permits. Search for the hand and seal of the Lord on the passport, if dark, hold it to the light of the Bible. Whatever comes in the strange garments of flesh and sense must be denied admission. The heart belongs to another and must not be defiled by the presence of unclean desires. Open to Christ and welcome him in, but deny access to all that usurps his authority. Waiting for the Lord is watching. The Psalmist says, My soul waiteth for the Lord, more than they that watch for the morning. A visit of a great commander to a lonely sentinel would impart courage and zeal to guard the post assigned, thus when the Lord comes to the soul it is led to more vigilance and prayer—watch and pray lest ye enter into temptation.

Watchfulness requires a faithful consideration of the signs of the times lest we omit to do what the age requires for our Lord. Evidences of the coming destruction of Jerusalem were to be acted on, so also as to the coming of the Son of Man. "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of Man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning. Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping." The church to be watchful must mark the events that are transpiring. While there are many signs of a hopeful kind in our day there are others dark and portentous. There is hope in many glorious enterprises carried on with zeal and faith and love by the churches for the evangelization of the world, yet there are signs abroad and around which we dare not disregard, else we prove ourselves to be asleep. These we need not here enumerate, but if the foe is at the gate let the trumpet of warning sound, that the marshalling friends of truth may fight her battles, earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered to the saints.

A diligent preparation to resist the attacks of spiritual foes manifests true