

THE FIREFIGHTERS

IN Arctic cold or torrid heat, in blizzards or sunshine, the firemen are ever ready to fight the fire that is always threatening; and these firefighters never battle to destroy, but always to save.

Ready, aye ready, to risk their lives to save others, that is their noble duty; and they have never been found wanting.

Plunging into the smoke clouds, into the devouring flames of the fire, there is no room for the laggard, the shirker, or the coward; and it is only those of the finest courage that can qualify as good firemen.

The snuffing out of their lives in an instant, the mourning of the wives and fatherless ones as they weep over the homecoming that will never be; these are the thoughts that might well be considered by those who have never bestowed five consecutive minutes' thought on the life and calling of a fireman in the modern fire department of a great city.

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