

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

— IN RELATION TO —

Politics and Public Questions.

Isaiah, 62:6:—"I have set Watchmen upon Thy Walls, O Jerusalem."

Ministers of the Gospel are called heralds because they herald forth or proclaim the King's message--the Gospel of eternal life to a sin-ruined, guilty world. They are called watchmen upon the walls of Zion, because they are expected to be on the look-out and give warning against the approach of the foe. It is not only the duty of the Christian Minister to seek to win new conquests for Christ, but to hold that which has already been won. Is there any victory that Religion can win? Thither he is to carry her banner. Is there any foe assaulting her tower? It is his duty to seek to drive the enemy from the gates.

In heralding the truth, and defending the truth the sphere of the Christian minister takes in all classes of men and all departments of life. But there is one great department of life into which a minister is told he must not intrude—a department of life too fraught with weal or woe for the community, and for the souls of men. I refer to the department of politics.

In the discussion that has arisen in this land in reference to Jesuit aggression, ministers have been plainly told, even by honourable legislators—"preach the Gospel,