

READY, AYE, READY.

THE first question of the Christian on enlisting in the service of Christ is, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" As a true soldier on enlistment in a regiment is anxious to know what he must do, so the Christian, recognizing the leadership of Christ, and grateful to God for His goodness and love, asks this pertinent question of his Master. He does not seek any place, but is willing to undertake any work which God commands. Without any personal choice, the servant of God accepts gladly the choice of his Master. He is eager for service, and is willing to go to the front or stay at home. When the country in a time of need calls to its citizens, "To arms!" the answer of the patriot is, "I am ready." The minute men are ready to leave their business at a moment's call in defence of their country. The answer of the fireman and of the true missionary alike is, "I am ready." This was Paul's answer to the call of God. Four times in the New Testament he said "I am ready." This is the sentence in the heart of every man consecrated to God; and no higher word ever falls from the lips of the greatest saints.