

# GRAND ROUNDS.

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ADDRESS BY THE EDITOR.

*Sentry.*—Halt! Who comes there?

*Field Officer.*—Grand Rounds.

*Sentry.*—Stand, Grand Rounds! Advance, one, and give the countersign!

*Field Officer.*—(Gives the countersign).

*Sentry.*—Pass, Grand Rounds, All's well!

The Bible is emphatically a book for warriors. Life is there frequently spoken of as a warfare; and the many beautiful illustrations used to explain the gospel are peculiarly suited to the feelings and understanding of the men who are professionally engaged in the service of their country. The position of the sentry, the watchman, is often alluded to in God's word; he is one to whom a solemn trust, a great honor, are committed, and from whom is expected the accomplishment of very definite duties. It is not his part to command, nor to plan; he has simply to hold his post, and give the alarm should an enemy approach. He possesses no high rank, yet the honor of his Commander is to a great extent in his power, for one faithless sentinel might lose the city which his Chief

would have held for the sovereign, or might otherwise bring reproach on the discipline maintained by his officers. Then he must be ready not only for the enemy, but for the visit of the Field Officer going on his Grand Rounds from one post to another to see that all are on the alert and performing their duties as becomes faithful soldiers. And how beautifully all this is spiritualized in the Bible! God has placed us in the world, not to live independently, just for ourselves, but to be a mighty chain of sentries holding the world for Him, not choosing our own post, but filling the position to which He sees fit, in His infinite wisdom to appoint us. O how many ought to be God's sentinels, who cast away this glorious birthright, refuse the honor, and are but deserters and traitors to their King. How many, in this poor sinful world of ours choose the devil's service rather than the Lord's, and yield up to their spiritual enemy the time and strength and talent which should be devoted to their rightful Lord. And remember, dear friends, God has a special right to every one of us. He created us and therefore we are absolutely His to use as He pleases; but He has a deeper, tenderer right to us than that of our Creator; *He redeemed us*, when we were such enemies, such rebels that we had lost all claim