

as a just judge, He will not be regardless of our dispositions and ignorance, but if His law has been promulgated for all, and if having the means to know it, we have ignored it, will He not pass sentence accord-

ing to the same law? And if it should happen that we are condemned to an everlasting punishment, will an appeal be possible on the plea that such a pain was not found in the reformed creed?
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THE WATCHER'S HYMN.

O weary watchers of the night
Behold on eastern hills afar,
Dawn sheds her first sweet beams of light,
And brightly shines the morning star.

The day is surely now at hand;
Put off all works in darkness done,
And clad in shining armor stand,
Waiting the fair uprising sun.

And when the glowing morn shall chase
The darkling shadows fast away,
With honest hearts and heaven-set face,
Walk as the children of the day:

Not like the wanton wretch that creeps
From vice, when shines the morning moon,
And in unholy slumber steeps
His senses, till the day's high noon.

But let Christ's life, like yon bright star
With influence mild, your hearts control,
And let no darkening passions mar
The fair sweet sunrise of the soul.

—H. M. STRAMBERG.

WHAT ARE CARDINALS?

“WELL, what are cardinals,” asked a friend the other day as the conversation rolled on the illustrious departed Cardinal Manning, whose praise was sung with such harmonious unity throughout the length and breadth of the civilized world. The question did not surprise me, as it came from one who is not a member of the Catholic church; for even an otherwise well instructed

Catholic might chance to require some information on this subject. As cardinals are often mentioned, and to satisfy a legitimate curiosity of the questioner, I gave the following answer, which might be of use to enlighten some of the readers of the MONTH.

The word cardinal is derived from the latin “cardo,” a hinge. But what has a hinge to do with it? Be