

my dear fellow," (my father always spoke to a young man as though he were young himself, he never spoke down to him) "the responsibility of rejecting a call to higher things is equally as great as the choice of the higher life without the true call from God. If you have ever seriously intended to take orders, do not lightly, from fear of making a false step, lay that intention aside."

"Yes, sir, I have often felt that," Hazlewood said, "I have prayed to be guided aright, and sometimes I feel that I must be a clergyman. I feel that to choose the lower, would have a paralyzing effect on my whole religious life. And yet again there are moments in which all my religion seems to go, and the world only appears worth living for. At such times the quiet, uneventful life of a clergyman fills me with dread. I fancy I should die under the monotony. If I could live such days as I have lived here, all my life, I should have no fear. But I am going back to the world and to temptation, and from past experience I know that I shall fall. Surely it is almost a dishonour to God for one so weak and changeable to think of setting himself up as a guide to others."