

act the material business of the city. The watchman must not be expected to come down from his position and concern himself with the broken fortress, the shattered wall, the routine of the city's life. And surely the congregation will free the mind of the parish priest from the burden of financial worry. He will not be expected to busy himself with the material development of the parish. Many a priest has made wreck of his ministry through the harrowing details of parochial organization. Nothing cuts so dreadfully at the spirituality of a priest's work as the ceaseless anxiety over parish debts and church repairs. So let the people repair the wall and keep strong and healthy the affairs in the city.

And then the people must be ready to heed the warning of the watchman. When the trumpet calls, they must stand shoulder to shoulder, prepared to face the enemy. There must be no severing of forces, or disagreements. They must have faith in the priest and believe that his warning is sincere and necessary. They will "go and show themselves to the priest," quick with their answer to his call, ready with strength and sympathy for whatever task, prompt in their heed to his earnest warning. Thus, the watchman and the watched will stand together, the priest and the people will bear loving relation to each other.

II. THE PRIESTS ARE MESSENGERS.

Out from the royal court comes the Ambassador bearing his message from the king to the people. No doubt lingers in his mind as to the truth of the message, no difficulty stays his feet as they hasten forward, no thought of his own worthiness clogs his mind or cripples his speech. The message is all important—it is more than the messenger. Keeness, sincerity, self-forgetfulness—these are the marks of the faith-