

whole congregation, but it rests habitually on his own sections. How stand matters in those families of which it is composed?—Are domestic duties discharged?—Are families living together as Christians ought?—Is this feud between neighbours healed?—Is affliction sanctified?—Is the mourner comforted;—are some of the questions which suggest themselves to the right minded elder, as he seeks to discharge his duties. And whilst he is deeply interested in all the congregation he recognizes the principle, “Every man in his own watch.”

III. Every parent’s watch is his own family. And how solemn and important a watch is this. Scarcely any other so much so,—for you shall hardly find another in which faithfulness will accomplish so much, or in which neglect will be certainly followed by results so disastrous. The right thinking parent then looks at home. He is thoroughly impressed with the conviction that no zeal, or diligence, or activity elsewhere, will compensate for inattention *there*. The mother, especially, has her “*watch*” among “the little ones at home,” and most melancholy is her mistake who forgets her holy calling for any work of charity abroad. The centre of the family circle is her post of honour. Here a Hannali—a Lois—a Eunice—watched and laboured and prayed, and a Samuel and a Timothy yet edify the Church and help to reform the world. Fathers! Mothers! *Every one of you in his—in her own watch.*”

IV. Each Christian’s own watch is his own heart. Whether we are ministers, or elders, or parents, or teachers, or deacons, (for it were easy to multiply instances,) whether we occupy a public or a private station, whether in office or without office, whether young or old, or high or low, or rich or poor, this is the great watch for us all. “A sound heart is the life of the flesh.” This is the very citadel of the garrison. If this be safe, the whole fortress shall be maintained,—if this be lost, all is lost. “Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.” Maintain a strict watch upon the heart and this will guard the whole man—the foot from stumbling—the eye from wandering—the tongue from vain words—the whole life from evil.

And as for the rest—for the special duties of each special condition—what is of vast importance is, that every one of us search diligently and ascertain what his peculiar vocation is. Every one *has* a peculiar vocation. Let every soldier in Christ’s army find his allotted post—abide by it manfully—defend it bravely—perform its duties with singleness of heart. Not carping at the conduct of a brother—nor yet indifferent to his success; but intently engaged upon *his own labour*, working with all his might. Too much occupied with his own duties, to interfere unwarrantably with those of another, let each of us strive to commend himself to the Great Master of all. Let us be diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, and “EVERY MAN IN HIS OWN WATCH!”

LIFE AND LABOURS OF JOHN KITTO, D. D.

ARTICLE III.

In our two preceding articles we have given a brief sketch of the principal historical facts connected with the life of Kitto. In our present communication we shall endeavour to point out a few of the practical lessons which this review of his life suggests. There is an advantage to be gained by ga-