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WATCHFULNESS.

last of fifty pairs of eyes. While Ulysses slept, his sailors loosed the baleful winds of Æolus. So the classics are woven and interwoven with legends strikingly illus-

trating the necessity of eternal vigilance. It remains, however, for the Divine Teacher, divesting the subject of quaint fiction, to define the ethical principles involved, and

ground the necessity upon a moral basis. This Jesus does when He reveals the truth that man is God's servant. What he has

he holds in trust for his Maker. He is not

an original, independent proprietor. He holds nothing in fee-simple. He is to occupy, use and increase. But the account of stewardship is ever impending. This accounting-time is the assize of the soul. It is to be always kept in view. One is to be

is to be always kept in view. One is to be instantly ready for it.

Here, however, is no harsh, unreasonable and purely technical reckoning. Nothing can surpass Jesus' radiant portraiture of

Him with whom all souls have their final

dealings. Nothing is hid from His omnis-

cience, true, but it is a benevolent know-ledge. It is so all-inclusive as to descend

to the very hairs of one's head. It hids the

child of God take no anxious care. He who

sustains the soul in being will provide bodily comforts. He who notes sparrows and

lilies will not neglect immortals. The prin

ciples of absolute equity will be observed in the final accounting. He will not at-tempt to reap where he has not sown. A

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reasonable increase only will be demanded. The ratio between the knowledge and the

Yet all this does not muffle the alarm.

Jesus sounds it unequivocally. "Gird your loins. Light your lamps. Be ready.
Blessed is the faithful and wise steward."
The reward of christian fidelity is rich and enrapturing. As in the Saturnalia host sometimes turned servant, so in the festival of salvation, as a token of regard and appreciation. Jesus will serve in person, and exalt to higher stations those who have been person are proposed in the festival misspent probation, and an unpreparedness for the Lord's advent. A physician aptly defines drink as the devil in solution are proposed for the Lord's advent. A physician aptly defines drink as the devil in solution are proposed for the Lord's advent. A physician aptly defines drink as the devil in solution are proposed for the Lord's advent.

persistently trustworthy.

As in oriental cities there is no organized or adequate police, each householder must be his own patrolman. Ignorance of the hour when the thief will seek an entrance necessitates an instant and perpetual alertnecessitates an instant and perpetual alertness. The Lord's coming shall be equally unannounced. As the interests at stake are infinitely greater than worldly goods, so should the vigilance he proportionately greater. The Lord's good servant, in whose heart the principle of good stewardship is regnant, and who rules the Lord's household, not as one who is ministered to but ministers, rightly dividing the line of trnth so that everyone "gets his due, undiminished and unadulterated"—happy that ser-

vant! He shall be promoted.

the victim in "the everlasting contradiction of dying, yet not dying—misery."

Could even the infinite Lord show greater fidelity in the cantion of His disciples? It is impossible for human language to convey more significantly or powerfully the Master's appeal for watchfulness. Speech of man would have broken down had he laid any heavier burden upon it. Until He comes, His high, moral bugle-notes will keep ringing, "Endure to the end!" "Watch!" Thus the frequent and familiar repetition of the name resounding throughout the household, would remind them of the Master's injunction, "Watch!" "Watch!" the Master's injunction, "Watch!" "Wa

THE TEACHER'S LANTERN

The spirit of true christian watchfulness is sometimes lost in the mazes of arithmetical calculations of the date of the second coming of Jesus. He watches best, who serves most diligently.

Wesley's reply to the question what he would do if he knew he was to die next day at midnight was characteristic: should do just what I expect to do. Preach tomorrow morning at B and meet the leaders. Preach in the afternoon at F., and ride over to M. where I should preach in the evening. Then I should go to bed to sleep and wake in glory." That is an awaiting the Lord's coming, ideal and glor-

The use of the probationary life as related to the life immortal is finely expressed in the lines.

"Since I am coming to that room, Where with the choir immortal, I shall make Thy music when I come, I tune the instrument here at the door. And what I must do there, think here before."

Jesus' faithful servants are to be exalted in highest rank conceivable. The revelator day. The degrees were imperceptible. saw thrones for the faithful. They shall There is peril yet of lapse. The church, the be rulers.

The wisdom learned in humble spheres shall be useful to the mighty Governor of a

to them when they fall into his hands!

Robin Fitzpatrick was a local celebrity, whose fame survives in Highland county, whose fame survives in Highland county. Ohio. He appeared to wake during that phenomenon familiarly known as the 'falling stars.', He sprang out of bed, exclaiming, 'Betsey, get up! The Lord has come!' Standing a moment, and gazing at the splendid scene, he cried: 'I'll just run over and tell neighbor Holt. Perhaps he doesn't know the Lord has come.' In an instant he was vaniting a 'teste and ridge' fance But there is subtile temptation in the de lay of the Lord's coming. One begins to and running across the field like a deer. But there is subtile temptation in the de lay of the Lord's coming. One begins to feel himself proprietor rather than steward. Extremes meet in such an evil servaut. He is tynannous toward his fellows; indulgent toward himself. To such a one the unannounced coming of the Lord will be a dread surprise. He shall be cleft in twain. He shall suffer that punishment which puts the victim in "the everlasting contradiction of dying, yet not dying—misery."

Could even the infinite Lord show great-scaled and running across the field like a deer. He set up a violent knocking on his friends door, all the while calling, "Get up, Neighbor Holt; get up; the Lord has come!" Truth is, "Neighbor Holt," had already got a glimpse of the celestial pyrotechnics, and, not feeling as well prepared for the Lord's coming as Fitzpatrick, he had ignominiously crept under his bed. The child-like joy and prepareduess of the eccentric Scotchman is to be admired.

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There is a sense in which the coming of Jesus is imminent. He is ever at hand. Individuals, homes, communities, otices, states, nations, must be on the qui vive of His appearing. They must be ready at a moment's notice to enter into account with the great Head Steward. There is a pro-gressive judgment—an assize that never ad-journs. This continuous coming of Jesus is providence and in the sphere of the conscience is our second advent. We represent those who shall be alive at the milennial appearing. Emotions and purposes which are suitable for the last age should characterize each successive generation.

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The awful oppression, the simony, the gluttony, the unbelief and dissoluteness of the clergy in the Dark Ages is a terrible commentary upon the parable of the Evil Servant. It seems incredible that such apostates could foist themselves upon the heritage of Christ. «It was not done in a ministry needs to heed Jesus' ringing "Watch, therefore!"

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The general deficiency bill reported by the Senate Committee on Appropriations Wednesday carries \$11,342,146, an increase as it passed the House of \$940,525. The principal amounts of increase are: Payment to French Cable company for daments of the Stanish of the Stanish ages for cutting cables during the Spanish war, \$77,712; prosecution of frauds in the customs service, \$30,000; for expenses of the Spanish claims commission in taking testimony abroad, \$20,000; Senate expenses,

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