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of the Public Domains, Count Kisseleff, assured us that the serfs of the Crown (Crown peasants, as they called them,) were in round numbers 20,000,000; those belonging to the members of the Imperial family, as *apanages*, were 1,600,000; and those who belonged to the nobles were 26,500,000; making a total of little more than 48,000,000 souls. It is the last named class, the serfs of the nobles and other landed proprietors, whose liberation the emperor has been aiming to effect. As to the others, their condition has been far better than that of the serfs of the nobles; and in fact they are unwilling to be called *serfs*, calling themselves *freemen*, because they belong to the emperor! Their turn will come by and by.

A SHINING CHURCH.

A church may be what the world calls a strong church, in point of number and influence. A church may be made up of men of wealth, men of intellect, men of power, high-born men, and men of rank and fashion; and being so composed, may be in the worldly sense, a very strong church. There are many things that such a church can do.

the trustful child, sinks down to rest in his Father's arms. So God giveth his beloved sleep. *—MATT. 26: 46.*

Now, what lesson, my friend, shall you and I learn from this prison scene? It is a very simple one, and yet one exceeding hard to learn—the lesson of composure in the time of trouble. That is the truth I gather from the sublime spectacle of the sleeping hero in Jerusalem's dungeon. Sublimity is the childlike repose of that hero of faith

1. *Deficiency of serious consideration.* Momentous interests often suffer more from want of due regard to their nature and claims than from wilful neglect. Whether from habit, occupation, want of information, or feeble spiritual life, few seriously inquire, "What is my obligation?" "What can I spare for the welfare of hundreds of millions of men?" What luxury or lawful good can I forego for the glory of Him who recovered me from infamy and woe?" If such questions were generally answered, would the

apology. The press has spoken out more fully and frequently, with noble results. General and urgent inquiry now demands for it that high position in the *pulpit*, which comports with its vital importance. Shall not the ministers of Christ now give themselves to a thorough understanding and treatment of a subject so largely treated of in the sacred Scriptures, and so intimately connected with the salvation of men and the glory of God? "The times of this ignorance God winked at;" but neither God nor man will

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