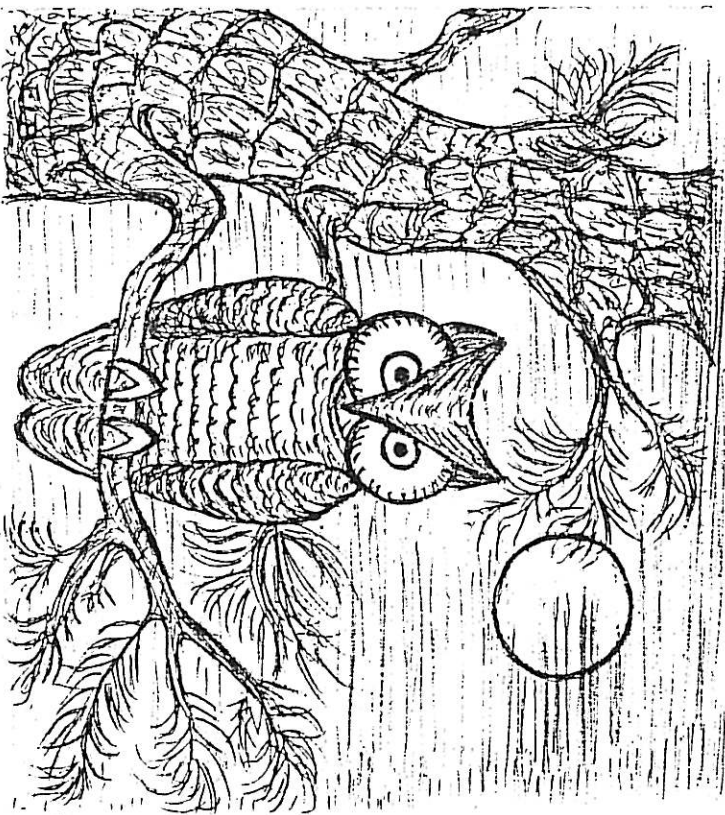


The Night Watchman



"I have set thee a watchman...; therefore thou shalt hear the word at My mouth, and warn them from Me."
Ezekiel 33:7
"The night is far spent, the day is at hand."
Romans 13:12

The owl with large and solemn eyes
Is thought by many to be wise,
And through the darkness, he can see
Our garden's smallest enemy.
We can be God's "garden keepers,"
Standing watch for heavy sleepers,
Warning them of "nighttime thieves"
That seek to steal the "harvest sheaves!"

Those things that nibble leaf and root,
And blight the growth of goodly fruit,
Creep through the darkness everywhere,
While dozing gardeners aren't aware.
But God's word warns both you and me,
And gives light for our eyes to see,
So we may waken and alarm
Those who sleep in loss and harm!

"Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."
"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them."
Ephesians 5:14, 11