

hours of life and health cheaply purchased by the sacrifice of all the riches and honours the world could give us. If people would think more frequently and more seriously upon this last scene of earthly existence, which is the only event we can count upon as absolutely certain to come to us in some shape or another, sooner or later, they would not expend so much time and thought upon provision for their temporal wants, and for enriching their families, very often at the expense of principle, and by means which can never be justified in the sight of God. It is indeed fearful to think how very few there are, even among professing Christians, who are under the influence of the fear and love of God sufficiently to resist temptation, when any worldly advantage is to be gained by sacrificing their duty to him. How few there are who hold the Sabbath sacred to his service, when by doing so they seem to resign the loss of time which may be profitable to themselves. How very few who do not devote themselves ten thousand times more to the pleasures or business of this world, than to securing a home in that "house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," which has been purchased for them.