

them and lays them prostrate upon beds of pain, and the thought that death, with its cold and clayey hand, is about to lay hold upon them, enters their minds, then the awful reality with regard to their future state will be brought home; then will they begin to be afraid of taking a leap in the dark.

Are you, dear reader, taking enough of thought about the future well-being of your immortal soul? In the first place, have you realized that you are a sinner? are you convinced that you are a rebel against your Creator? have you been brought to feel that the sins you have committed are sufficient, if not forgiven, to fix your future doom in hell? If not, you are sleeping the sleep of death; beware, O beware, lest you never awake on this side of the tomb! You are aware that that "Book of books" says, "There is none that doeth good, no, not one." Again it says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Now you are included in these passages, and God hath said, "He cannot look upon sin but with abhorrence." He must, therefore, be looking upon the sins that you have committed with abhorrence. Again we are told, "that no sin can pass unpunished;" you, therefore, must,—unless we impeach the veracity of the Bible,—suffer the penalty due to your sins, if you die impenitent. And what will be the punishment? We hardly need tell, because the Bible is so full of information, as if to guard from such an awful end. It says, you shall be consigned to that place "where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." Such must be your doom if your sins are not forgiven. Are you in the face of this prepared to meet death unprepared? are you prepared to separate yourself for ever from everything that is happy and holy, to allow yourself throughout an endless eternity to rest beneath the awful frown of the Creator of the universe? Are you prepared to dwell throughout those never ending ages with the sinful of all ages? If you are, then continue in a state of indifference with regard to your future welfare. Think not, O careless soul, that you will escape if you neglect all offers of mercy; God is too holy and too just a Being to allow the incorrigible to pass unpunished; the heavens and the earth may pass away, but one word that he hath spoken shall never pass away. The dread sentence hath gone forth with regard to those who remain impenitent to the last, and cannot now be revoked. Are you, dear reader, still in an unsaved state? are you still continuing to trample upon the blood of your crucified Redeemer? What if the sentence to