

IMMEDIATELY !

IT is related of one, that he had a large iron plate put up near his house, having on it the words, boldly painted, "Prepare to meet thy God !"

One day a gentleman, in passing by the place, noticed that the letters of the inscription could scarcely be seen, and he got permission to have the paint renewed, so that the words should be perfectly plain. He then engaged a painter to repaint it, but the latter was so negligent that it was not done. Several times he went to the shop to speak about it, but finding it still unattended to, he very decidedly requested the painter to enter it afresh in his order book, and see it was attended to immediately. Looking over the man's shoulder to see that he had actually entered the order, he saw that he had written,

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD—IMMEDIATELY !

As he read the account, the words seemed to stand out like letters of fire ! Prepare *some time*—prepare when we get ready—prepare before death shall come—*every one intends that !* But now—at once—immediately, it sounded like a message direct from heaven !

A wise man once said to his disciples, "Be sure and turn to God a day before your death !" But they said, "How can we know the day of our death ?" "You cannot," he replied ; "therefore turn to God to-day, for you may die to-morrow !"