

*because I wish to have something to fall back upon when death approaches.'*

However carelessly people may live, there are very few who like the thought of *dying* altogether without religion. It is a fearful thing to leave this world, and launch out into eternity, like one putting to sea in the dark, or with a boat that he cannot thoroughly trust. It is a fearful thing not to know where we are going, and to have nothing to rely upon at such a tremendous hour. Ah, there are many who care not to live a Christian's life, but they desire to die a Christian's death. And therefore, with all their worldliness, they are unwilling entirely to give up religion, hoping that it may serve them a good turn when the world can no longer do anything for them. They look upon it as a sort of bridge, over which they may pass into the other world with some show at least of safety.

Do you not feel that these would be but poor sorry answers to the inquiry, '*Why*