

A SOLEMN OCCURRENCE.

GOD'S Word says: "He, that being often re-
proved. hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly
be destroyed, and that without remedy.—(Prov.
xxix, 1.)

A very solemn case that I know of, might come within the scope of the foregoing. About twenty years ago I was preaching in a barn in the outskirts of the town of C. in England, and afterwards in a room in the town, and another brother in the Lord was with me a good part of the time. The Lord was working in the place and souls were getting blessing. Amongst those who came to the gospel preaching was a man named P. He was a tall, fine looking man, but one who had been a pretty hard character, fond of horse-racing, and the usual accompaniments of gambling, drinking, etc. From the first the Word seemed to produce a marked effect upon him. I shall not easily forget the scene that presented itself to me one evening after the preaching. As usual we were speaking to different persons. After a little while, turning around, I saw my friend speaking solemnly to P., who was much taller but whose head was bowed down like a condemned criminal, and the tears streaming down his face. Every time P. came to the preaching, the Word seemed to have a wonderful effect upon him, and he nearly always wept as the preaching was going on. There was a change in the man's life for a time, but after a while he attended

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