

## MORAL REFORMATION.

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WON'T SINK."

**M**Y dear reader, you have now read the preceding account of the ways of the God of all grace towards a poor sinner. Will you grant me your further attention for a little, that from it a useful lesson for your soul may be presented to you. It is said that "God speaks once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not." (Job xxxiii. 14.) He can do so by various means. Sometimes by preaching, or directly by the word, or again by a tract. At other times God may speak by some striking event, or by affliction, for God is great in power and rich in resources.

Usually when God speaks to any one both the heart is touched and the conscience awakened, and the person sees clearly what is evil in his ways. Then good resolutions are made, he intends to change, to correct his bad habits, to restrain his passions, his fleshly and worldly tendencies; in a word he will reform and become religious if he is not so. In the world, and I may even say in the religious and evangelical world these dispositions are systematically approved and encouraged. For the drunkard there is total abstinence; for those who have fallen into immorality, or who are in danger of so doing, there is moral reformation. We know also the activity displayed everywhere to develope a religious