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beginning of woes, unless there follows repentance deep, cordial, and sincere, which shall lay hold on that long-suffering mercy, which is extended even to the eleventh hour. But it is the melancholy experience and testimony of those who have the best means of judging, that the compunctious visitings of persons who have delayed repentance till they come to a death-bed or the prison-cell, are for the most part only the effect of fear, that they are not the Godly sorrow that worketh repentance not to be repented of ; not that true change of heart which would certainly produce a holy life ; for of such instances where the life that seemed lost past recovery, has afterwards been spared, there are few, very few that have not quickly cast away all signs of contrition and returned again to their evil ways. May these unhappy men be led to sorrow after a Godly sort, and to find mercy. There are some that have escaped detection and a miserable end, who were the guilty associates of the convicts. Their period for repentance may be lengthened out. " Let him that stole, steal no more, but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." Let all wrath, strife, seditions, murders, drunkenness, and revellings, be put away.

But think you that the men who have suffered and have yet to suffer were sinners above all that dwell among us ? As their judge stated in his impressive address, " each of them was a striking and awful example to others, of the crimes which men commit, and the misery which inevitably follows it, when they throw off the restraint of the laws of God and man, and give themselves up to their own unbridled passions ! " But many who have not proceeded to such open excesses have the same need of repentance ; which of us needs it not, for himself and the whole community ? What irreligion, profaneness, sabbath-breaking, and low debauchery, openly prevail amongst us ! How many heinous sins are committed that are hidden from men, but revealed to Him who is of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, but with abhorrence. How many sins