

## "I AM NOT READY TO DIE."

ON one of the electric car lines which runs between Oakland and Berkeley in California, a wire had become displaced and was left in such a position as to be a menace to the life of any person who might touch it. It was what is known as a "live wire."

A passenger on one of the cars was heard to remark, "I would not like to be the man to touch that wire, for I am not ready to die." That very moment he was stricken with death and he fell dead on the spot. He had not touched the wire, but ready or not ready, he died at the very moment the confession passed his lips that he was not ready to die.

This is not a fiction invented for a purpose, it is the statement of an actual occurrence, well authenticated by several witnesses; and we may say it is not necessary to draw on the imagination to help the truth of God. If we would heed the voice of those warnings which God gives by such circumstances as the above, it would suffice.

Not ready to die! What a pitiful confession of man's condition. Not ready for what may happen at any moment, for we have all touched "the live wire" of active sin, and the consequences may be swift and terrible.

Is it wise to put aside the subject? Is it not very unwise and foolish to ignore dangers which threaten our natural life? How much more so