

they do not always stand open; for then you will be crowded with visitors, and perhaps with many such as you do not like; let them never be shut, however, against the instructive parent, the advising friend, the supplicating orphan. I took notice of one gate in the port at which all your company go out; let it generally be barred close, and be cautious what visitors you let out publicly, lest any of ill character be seen coming thence, and you draw a scandal upon your house. It will be necessary, therefore, to lay a strict injunction on vigilance on your two portals who stand sentinels in liveries of a pale red, just without the ivory palisadoes. I have seen some people paint the two pannels just below the windows; but I would advise you to the contrary, for their natural colour far exceeds all the decorations of art.

Beneath is the great hall in which you have a small closet of excellent workmanship; this, I suppose, is the place of your secret retirement, open to none but yourself, or some faithful friend; and I advise you to keep this always well furnished, and make it a little library of the best practical authors, and visit it frequently, especially when you return home from the house of God, or leave a circle of acquaintances which you have met at the tea-table. Let the outside of the hall appear, not like a hearse hung round with escutcheons, nor like a coach of state, bedaubed with gilt and colouring, but let it be plain, neat, and clean, to convince the world that it is kept more for use than ornament.

You are sensible that time effaces beauty, and demolishes the strength of the noblest structure, and therefore you will not be surprised to find your little tenement subject to the same change. Doubtless it has often wanted repairs, though you have lived in it not long, which are plain intimations that the house will one

day fall. You may soon be burned out. The landlord may give you warning, or may not; this is uncertain. Be ever ready to go when called upon, and then you will not be afraid to leave it at the shortest notice. One thing I should observe—when you quit the house, no other tenant will inhabit it, but it will lie in waste and ruins. Yet the proprietor will some time or other rebuild it for your reception in a more durable manner, with the same materials, but so refined and modified, that it will be liable to no accidents or decays; and as it is absolutely necessary that your habitation be newly reared in some other place, I heartily wish that it may be in a fairer country, and under a milder climate, well sheltered from all storms; then will your situation be happy and honourable, and your lease *never expire*. C. M.

IMMENSITY OF GOD'S LOVE.

The late Rev. Rowland Hill, while preaching upon the love of God, cast his eyes towards heaven, and exclaimed, "But, I am unable to reach the lofty theme! Yet I do not think that the smallest fish that swims in the ocean, ever complains of the immeasurable vastness of the deep. So it is with me. I can plunge with my puny capacity into a subject the immensity of which I shall never be able fully to comprehend."—*Life, by Sidney*.

ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

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History, in all its forms, is a species of reading with which almost every one is delighted. Indeed, narrative of every kind, whether authentic or fictitious, by bringing us into real or fancied contact with our fellow-beings, is directly calculated to arrest and fix our attention—whether profitably or otherwise, will depend upon the