

ETERNITY.

A SERVANT of the Lord was resting one evening in his room after having preached the gospel, when there came a rap at his door and a visitor was introduced. It was M. H—— an acquaintance of the preacher's. After a little conversation about eternal and invisible things Mr. H—— said :

"You know D—— that I have often heard you preach on this subject and I know all that you can tell me. It is all right for you who are a Christian, but what is it to me who believes neither in God, in heaven, or in hell?"

"Well," replied D—— "I also have heard all that you have had to say as to these things, but now allow me to ask you to do something for me."

"I will do it with pleasure, my friend."

"Very well, go home, and for three consecutive nights after putting out your light, and before lying down on your bed, at the time that others would be addressing God in prayer, say these words : *Eternity ! eternity ! eternity !* I shall have to meet you ; where ? I do not want God ; I do not believe in heaven ; I deny that there is a hell ; WHERE AM I GOING ?"

H—— agreed. That night he put out his light with a resolute air, and standing erect, he pronounced without hesitation the words which his friend had asked him to say.

The second night, he would have liked, although not ready to acknowledge it even to