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mentous consequences ? For in anticipation of that change which awaits us all, would not this be the feeling and the prayer of every one who hears me, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his !" But O, what can avail the mere inward expression of that prayer, unless through the power of Christ, by faith in his Name, and obedience to his Gospel, you are *living the life of the righteous*, and giving testimony that you are "new creatures in Christ." Spare yourselves, I beseech you, the dreadful disappointment, the unspeakable agony of discovering—when the discovery will be too late—that you have deceived yourselves by hopes to which the Gospel gives no countenance ! And that you may be spared this misery, let Christ be your life that death may be your gain !

Alas ! it is melancholy to reflect upon the numbers who "care not for these things"—who slight every duty of their holy profession, and who move carelessly onwards to the grave without a thought upon the dreary eternity beyond. What a gloomy register of the inconsiderate, the irreligious, and the unprofitable, does every community offer ! Not even, perhaps, the book of God in their houses ; and where it is, never opened to