

lin. Many servants of the Lord Jesus Christ were present, having gathered from all parts of the kingdom. Old friendships were cemented by fellowship. New attachments were formed. At the close of an afternoon meeting two Christian ministers met casually in the vestibule, and for a moment stood silently face to face. Then spoke one to the other thus,—

"I think I have seen you somewhere before; I cannot say where."

"You have," was the reply; "and I can refresh your memory concerning the occasion. Did you ever preach in the open air in the Diamond of Derry?"

"Yes, frequently."

"Do you remember that during the assizes in 18—, on a Sunday afternoon, you stood there on a chair, wearing a black cap; the judges were returning from church; your text was, 'We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ,' and immediately you had uttered it, a man in the crowd rudely exclaimed, 'Sure we all know that?'"

"Yes, I recall the circumstance now. I had quite forgotten it."

Then, with a voice trembling with emotion, the other rejoined, "I have not forgotten it. *I am the man!* That sermon was a message from God to my soul. It resulted in my salvation. For some years I have been engaged in the ministry of the Gospel, and trust that, through the Divine blessing on my labours, many sinners have been persuaded to 'flee from the wrath to come.'"

Hands were cordially clasped. Tears of joy and thankfulness filled the eyes of both the Lord's servants. Together they magnified His faithful Word, and pledged themselves never to shrink from "declaring . . . the whole counsel of God." The future of their ministry was characterized by distinguished faithfulness and signal success. While proclaiming mercy, pardon, and salvation in "Christ crucified" for the chief of sinners, inviting and beseeching them to be "reconciled to God," they were also mindful of "the terrors of the Lord," and neglected not to affirm that God "hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness" by Jesus Christ (Acts xvii. 31). Speak-

ing the truth in love, "warning every man," they delivered to each the summons, "PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD." (Amos iv. 12).—*Rev. A. Averell, in British Messenger.*

REMARKABLE INSTANCES OF SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE.

During the winter of 1783-4, whilst the troops were quartered near the house of David Sands (a minister in the Society of Friends), a secret uneasiness pressed upon the mind of himself and his wife, who felt a presentiment that some trial was approaching them. One night after retiring, she was alarmed by a noise, which her husband thought might only be the wind among the neighbouring trees. In a few minutes they heard some one near their chamber say, "Some of the family are awake, we will shoot them"; their sleeping-room being on the first floor, David and his wife easily escaped through the window, but on passing through it, they were discovered, and a gun or pistol was discharged at them, the ball from which grazed his forehead. Having on but a scant supply of clothing, and the night being cold, they suffered severely before morning. After the day dawned, they returned to their own dwelling, which they found plundered of all the cash—about \$55—most of their bedding, and even some of their furniture. A servant and his children, who were sleeping in a different part of the house, were not disturbed. David soon felt that it would be right for him to go to the encampment. On his arrival, he found several of the officers conversing who thus accosted him, "Mr. Sands, we have heard of the depredation committed at your house, and desire to know what you think can be done to discover the offenders." After a time of solid consideration, David informed them that he believed if the men were drawn up in a rank and file of fifty in a company, he should be able, by following Divine direction, to detect those concerned in the robbery.

The officers wondered at this, thinking it impossible, with no outward knowledge of them, he could point them out.