

R—— while laying the foundation of his new house took several successive colds of which the consequences were fatal. He was attacked with violent pains in the head; became deaf, and extremely weak. However the house was finished, and in the autumn of that year he was able to take possession. I met him some days afterwards; in walking, he supported himself upon a stout stick; advancing slowly and painfully. I enquired as to his state of health and he frankly informed me that he did not think it could be re-established, that he quite saw his end was approaching.

"It is a serious matter Mr. R——," I said, "when one has come to such a point. After death comes the judgment which settles all for eternity. If you are not ready to die and appear before God, you should think of it.

"I know it," said he, "and I do think of it, but," he added with a deep sigh, "I have lost my opportunity, but," he continued, "I would like to have a private conversation with you when we have got through with the workmen here."

"Wherever you wish," I replied.

"Thank you, thank you," said he, pressing my hand, whilst a tear escaped from his eyes, running down his cheeks upon his beard. A strange sight in one so hard and repelling in appearance. Thoughtful and with emotion he pursued his way.

From this time he was much on my heart. The God of mercy who willeth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live, also

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