Now, good reader, do not think that I am a fanatic or a dreamer, and that I am indulging in flights of fancy. It is true, I am brought up and educated amid scenes of gloom and desolation, I have seen the glooms of a Meadows, I have been trained in the school of sorrow, I have seen thousands of others weep, and I have learned to understand the language of nature.

I have seen the tears of the widow and the orphan, I have seen the tears of the slave and the oppressed, I have seen the tears of the poor and the afflicted, and I have learned to sympathize with them.

I have seen the tears of the rich and the mighty, and I have learned to understand their language.

I have seen the tears of the godly and the righteous, and I have learned to understand their language.

I have seen the tears of the wicked and the ungodly, and I have learned to understand their language.

I have seen the tears of the just and the unjust, and I have learned to understand their language.

I have seen the tears of the living and the dead, and I have learned to understand their language.

I have seen the tears of the happy and the sad, and I have learned to understand their language.

I have seen the tears of the rich and the poor, and I have learned to understand their language.

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