

children I spent a very pleasant time in conversation on the necessity of enduring the scorn of the world for the cause of Jesus; and also that it is the duty of every follower of Christ, whether young or old, to prove by his truthfulness, uprightness, and love, in his daily walk, that there is indeed a reality in the religion of Christ.

"Mr. C——. I found both him and his wife at home busily engaged in shelling corn, which they hesitated not to lay aside to converse with me on the great subject of the soul's welfare and to join in prayer. They freely unbosomed to me their troubles and their poverty. Not long ago they lost their only child, and on account of the illness of Mr. C—— they were brought so low as not to be able to provide themselves with a change of dress so as to go to church on Sunday, and this we hear from many. But we feel thankful that now we can in a measure relieve such distress, especially in the case of children, by the kindness of Mrs. Hellmuth, who has furnished us with quite a quantity of clothes. Before leaving I had reading and prayer with them and gave them tracts.

INDIFFERENCE.

"Z. W——. Another family, who are apparently living without God in the world, and possessing a strange state of mind, for they have as little ambition to lay up treasure on earth, as they have to lay up for themselves never-fading treasures in heaven. Under the influence of a morbid sensibility and a constitutional indolence they are indifferent alike to heaven and earth. In such a case what can the missionary do? Nothing, but with all prayer, to wield the sword of the Spirit faithfully, and leave the result with Him who alone giveth the increase. I read to them an appropriate portion of Scripture, and sincerely exhorted them to avail themselves of the opportunity of coming to Christ while the day of salvation still lingered, for the night cometh when no man can work, and concluded my visit by kneeling with them at the throne of grace and pleading for God's quickening Spirit to be poured out on the household, and then exchanged tracts.

"Mrs. W——. My visits here are generally pleasant. I had scarcely been in the house a minute, when all who were in it were in the room with me, even old Mrs. S——, who is more than 100 years of age, and so infirm of body that she can scarcely move round; she is now exceedingly childish and continually talks of going home, and it will indeed be a happy day for her when her spirit takes flight from this weary world to the bosom of her Saviour. A little more than eighteen months ago, when I first knew her, she was quite capable of holding a lengthy conversation, but she has much changed since then, she is too feeble now, and her mind seems continually wandering. Her daughter, Mrs. W——, watches over her with great care, fulfilling the command 'honour thy father and thy mother,' and expecting through the merits of Jesus to reap the promised reward. I cannot help admiring this home, they seem so kind and good to one another, while they all depend upon Mrs. W——'s son, a youth I should say of about nineteen, for their support. After some time passing by in conversation, I read a portion of Scripture and then knelt in prayer to our Father in heaven.

IMPROVEMENT.

"Mrs. B——. She is left quite alone with her family, her husband having gone to the States during the war had not yet returned, so that by economising the bounty which he sent to her, and adding to it what little she could earn, she has as yet comfortably kept herself and children. It was indeed gratifying to remark the change in this woman since we first visited her, when we asked if she went to church she very doggedly answered, no, and by a rather impudent kind of argument tried to make out that there was no need for it, and very strongly insinuated that our absence would be more welcome than our presence. But now how changed, she goes to the house of prayer regularly, and is