

A WORD IN SEASON.

"I have been so unhappy and dissatisfied with myself, through all this week!" she says. "I tried to drive your words away by thinking of the gay life I have looked forward to so long; but the thought of that eternal life you spoke of came between all my bright fancies, and shadowed all my pictures. And your patient, sorrowful face has been preaching to me every day, until, this morning, I resolved that I would come to you, and ask you how I must begin to live in earnest."

"I can only point you to the example which has been given to us all," says Jessie. "'To love God and keep His commandments,' Jesus said, is life eternal. We can do nothing more."

"But I do not know how to come to Him. I am afraid I do not love Him as I ought, and I do not know how to begin."

"His own Word will teach you that, dear Nellie. 'It is impossible to read of all that He has done and suffered for us, and not love Him; and loving Him, we must obey and follow Him.'"

"But it seems so strange, Jessie, that the enjoyment of the world must be given up, and all our amusements and pleasures! I cannot understand that."

"And God does not require us to relinquish them, Nellie. It would not make you enjoy to-day's pleasure less, would it, if you knew that the happiness of the