

THEY SLEPT AWAY THEIR OPPORTUNITY

A FEW weeks ago there occurred a disaster to a yacht with two men upon it, off Long Point, in Lake Erie, which illustrates in a very striking way, the danger of letting the opportunity slip, and reminds us of that word: I Thess. v, 6th verse, "*Let us not sleep as do others.*" They had sailed over to the fishing grounds off Long Point the evening before, and having cast anchor (which was secured by only a slight cord) they pitched a tent upon the deck of the yacht, and went to sleep intending to be up early next morning and enjoy the fine fishing there.

During the night a very severe storm arose, and in the morning the keeper of the light house at Long Point saw that the wind which was blowing off shore had broken the cord by which they had been anchored, and that they were drifting out into the open lake, which at the distance of a few miles from shore was lashed into fury by the severity of the storm. As he looked at the yacht with the tent still standing upon its deck, drifting out to what was sure death to the men on board, he wondered that they could sleep as long as they did, but after they had drifted out several miles he saw them through his glass, at last take down the tent, and hoist sail making every effort possible to reach the shore, but alas! it was too late, and although they made several tacks in the endeavour to reach land it became evident they could not