

## TIME ENOUGH.

A YOUNG lady came to me anxious about her soul—her family, being all worldly and desirous to put her off thinking of religion, told her that, in the parable, the labourer who came in at the eleventh hour received as much as those who worked from the beginning: from whence they argued that it was *time enough* for her when she became old, or was taken ill, to think of her soul—Now there is nothing whatever about the soul's salvation in the parable referred to, (Matt. xx. 1 17). It is simply a question of service; hence therefore, it is a fatal mistake to apply it to hush the anxieties of an exercised conscience. There is a very wide difference indeed between a labourer in the Lord's vineyard, and a sinner in guilt and misery. The former shall receive his reward according to His Master's sovereign goodness. For the latter, there is nothing before him but the eternal flames of hell—appalling thought!

But oh! how dreadful to whisper in the ear of such an one, "time enough!" There is certainly no such word in the Bible, from beginning to end. It is Satan's opiate to lull souls into slumber which may be interrupted in a moment by the arrow of death. It is a poor thing to talk of old age or a lingering illness, for who can count on either the one or the other? We know not the moment when the hand of death may snap the thread which connects us with this present scene of things. We may be called away