

A WORD IN SEASON.

contains the whole history of Christ's life upon earth, came into my mind, '*He went about doing good.*' I tried to express my ideas to the girls. I said that God wanted us to be happy, but that the only real happiness was found in trying to work for Him, and in knowing that our happiness for the life eternal was secured. I thought of all He bore and suffered for us, and how little He esteemed His own comfort through all the weariness and pain of His sojourn upon earth, and remembered that those who follow Him alone make the best use of life. Perhaps I spoke too earnestly, or the girls misunderstood me, for no one said a word when I stopped talking, and some of them have scarcely spoken to me at all since. I am very sorry. I would not like them to think that I set myself up as better than they, or that I tried to teach them. And yet I do not feel as if I said more than I could help, since they asked me. Tell me if I am wrong, and what I should do to make my part right."

The same day that the letter containing these passages was posted, Jessie finds that she need not have been troubled about the effect of her earnest words, as far, at least, as one of her hearers is concerned. Nellie Bleeker, the young lady mentioned in Jessie's letter, is the daughter of a wealthy and fashionable gentleman in one of the western counties. Left motherless at a very early age, her life has been spent at boarding-