

will leave you with the *great* prize, the prize of "The high calling of God in Christ Jesus," in the world to come, unattained.

And the foundation of *this* "knowledge," like that of all other "knowledge," should be laid in *youth*,—if for no other reason than for this: That youth may be your only season for attaining it. How many, as full of health and strength and hope as any now before me, every year, like the son of the Shunammite, or like the daughter of Jairus, are summoned from life's scene of chance and change! Or, if your days are, by God's mercy, prolonged, how know you what hinderances there may be, by and by, in the way of your running faithfully the course of Christian faith! Therefore "the lips" of the Author of the text again drop jewelled words when they give utterance to the solemn admonition, "Remember *now* thy Creator in the *days of thy youth, while the evil days come not.*" Those "days" of "evil" *will* come sooner or later,—if not days of trial and tribulation, yet days of feebleness and old age, days when it will be too late to commence acquiring the glorious "knowledge," so many facilities for compassing which are now placed freely within your reach.

Take as examples of the blessings accruing from an early search after this "knowledge," the bright histories of youthful piety recorded for your instruction and encouragement in the Sacred Scriptures. Read, and what reading can be more fraught with interest, the