

taken in the study of the Bible than now; it is very pleasing to see with what earnestness many attend the different meetings held for this purpose. We have had as many as sixty and eighty old people meet after the sabbath morning service to commit to memory the text in their native tongue. Thus they go home with one more verse of God's word to comfort and bless them.

One old woman said: 'Missionary, you think, perhaps, that I forget all the good words. No, I have a little box full of pebbles, and I have a text in my heart for every pebble I put into it.'

We have been blessed with a welcome work of grace, especially among the old people. It commenced immediately on the death of a fine old man, who received the name of Enoch Wood. In a few weeks, nearly every old man and old woman were in attendance on class and prayer-meetings, and it resulted in our receiving sixty or seventy by baptism. Some of these had been on trial for years others had said: 'The children may go and get to know the Bible, and the new way, but we are too old.' Now they are most earnest, and the Church generally has been much blessed."—*Miss. News.*

## NEGLECTED OPPORTUNITIES

No words can be more solemn, and no thought strikes at the heart more forcibly—how often our lips have been mute and our hands idle when we might have been working for Christ. As days and months and years pass, and the childish dreams of early life vanish, we begin to feel anxious and restless, and desire to be something more than we are. We begin to realize that *merely living* is not the grand aim of life. Then comes a time when the heart grows dissatisfied, and although the "still small voice" keeps whispering to us, we try to throw off this feeling of restlessness, and like Felix, we tremble and say, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season I will call for thee;" but the "more convenient" season never comes.

As soon as the call is heard is the time to heed the call. "Now is the accepted time," not to-morrow. "To-day the Saviour calls," not to-morrow. That call may be rejected once to often, for God has said, "My Spirit shall not *always* strive with man." It is not enough, to be like King Agrippa, *almost* a Christian, but an altogether Christian; a Christian bound up in Christ; and until we are such

we are neglecting the grandest opportunity ever held out to man; but as soon as the hand of faith can grasp this opportunity the clouds begin to break away, light pours in on the soul, and our whole being is lifted up nearer to God, and opportunities never before dreamed of spring up all around us. We need not wander far from home to find opportunities, for if our eyes are only open wide enough and if our hands are only willing enough, we can see them all around. A word, a prayer, even a clasp of the hand may win a soul to Jesus. It seems sometimes as if we were ashamed to have our friends know that our hearts yearn for them. O if we could only be more deeply in earnest, and show the unconverted *how much* in earnest we are, fewer opportunities would be neglected, and more souls would be brought to Jesus. What can you do? what can I do to warn the careless of their danger? how can we most effectively point them to the "Lamb of God?" Let us hold up the banner of our Master, and at every opportunity point them to the sin cleansing fountain, by telling them that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that *whosoever* believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life."—*Phil. Pres.*

## GUARD YOUR HOMES.

Those who are heads of families have a most solemn responsibility resting upon them to guard their homes from the intrusion of evil persons. The vain, the proud, the false and the frivolous are to be excluded. Admitting them, you may introduce infection, sin and death. Children may be ruined by the bad examples and precepts of strangers who are welcomed to the home.

"Evil communications corrupt good manners;" and this is especially true in the case of the young. They are easily led and easily misled; and parents cannot too carefully watch and guard their children. It is their business to know whom they admit to the home-circle. They are not to trust to a mere negative knowledge; it is not enough to know nothing against persons; we should know something positive in favor of them before we are warranted in introducing them to the sacred precincts of the home.

Parents have much at stake in this case. If children suffer the parents suffer with them; if children go astray the parents have sadness and sorrow. "A wise son maketh a glad father, but a fool-