

prospects cheer or sadden our view ; but all along the time is getting shorter. A few more days, or hours, and all will be ended. The grave will open ; the earth return to its earth ; the ashes to their kindred ashes ; the dust to its native dust ; The soul to judgment, to God, to eternity, to Heaven, or to Hell. The text introduced to your notice ; addresses itself with solemn earnestness, to several classes and descriptions of persons ; and first to the young.

This, I say to you, the time is short ; Children ! you have just emerged from childhood ; you have just learnt to read the Bible ; you think of little besides play and amusement ; and some giddy trifle, which will be no sooner obtained, than forgotten. Now the text says, the time is short. You have a soul, which will never die ; you are a sinner ; you may soon die ; you will appear before the judgment seat of Christ. You must give a strict account of your time, of your words, of your thoughts, of your sins : you will soon, if you live, be employed with the cares and business of life. Now is your time to learn, to think, to read, to become like Samuel, like Timothy, like the youthful Saviour. But the time is short, there is none to be lost. Be wiser, be better, be diligent, say no bad words, tell no stories, watch over your tongues, your temper, avoid bad company, read the bible, strictly observe the sabbath, pray earnestly, be ready for the worst, lest like many other children, you die while you are young, and your short time be all ended, before you have begun to any purpose to live.

And you who have advanced further in life, who have passed already, eighteen, twenty, thirty years. You are entering, or have entered, into the business of life ; the buying and selling, the building and planting, the feeding and clothing, the hoping and fearing ; the thousand cares of life,