

To the younger portion of my congregation let me address a few words of advice. How is it, my beloved friends, that so many of you have not yet given your hearts to God, that you have been losing this bright and golden, I might almost say, this only opportunity, of securing an interest in Him who is able to afford you real happiness? Oh! why is it that I have been earnest in the Sunday School and out of it, in pressing upon your attention the importance of remembering your Creator "now in the days of your youth?" Because I have been sensible that your age was in itself no security against the approach of death; that, whilst in the act of addressing you, the deadly messenger might have already received his commission to cut you off from the land of the living. And such has, in more than one instance, been the event. Yes, I have more than once passed from the Sunday School, where all was life and intelligence, to the grave, where naught remained but the inanimate clay. I have exhorted you to pay immediate attention to religion, because, conscious that your youthful hearts were by nature corrupt, and that unless transformed by the influences of the Holy Spirit, you could not hope to be saved. I have exhorted you to seek religion in youth, because,