

perhaps hardly any fault from which we suffer so often at the hands of other people as this of unpunctuality. Sometimes, without doubt, it is inevitable ; but there are many people to whom it seems to be absolutely impossible to be in time for anything. Such persons can hardly understand how serious

carelessness of unpunctuality and procrastination, and let these memories be a continual spur to us, lest we should be guilty of inflicting such experiences upon others.

In religious work, like that of the Sunday School teacher, carelessness in the matter of regular and punctual



is the injury which they inflict upon others by habits of procrastination. The loss of time is bad enough, but the loss of temper, the disarrangement of business, the hurry and bustle which are the inevitable result, are even more trying than the waste of time.

Let us remember all that we ourselves have felt of anger and irritation when we have been the victims of the

attention to duty is even more unpardonable than in the ordinary affairs of life. And yet the young man who is never late at his office in the week-day, because he knows that he would risk dismissal, does not shrink from the responsibility of coming to Sunday School late, or of staying away altogether.

Consider what this means. When