

larger measure than has been enjoyed since the day of Pentecost. God is drawing his people around his throne, and fitting them to receive richer manifestations of his power and glory. On the continent of Europe, and in nearly all civilized states, men, restless and dissatisfied, are demanding in firm attitude, their social rights, and are filling with dismay the despots that have so long enthralled them. This is especially the case in Italy, in Hungary, and in those countries where popish influence holds the dominion. The rulers of Europe, greatly perplexed, are about to meet in Congress, in order to arrange the unsettled elements of society, and, if possible, to adjust the antagonistic claims of liberty and despotism; whilst the adherents of 'the man of sin,' appalled at the course which things are taking, and dreading the downfall even of 'the seat' of their once deemed infallible head, are everywhere heard crying, 'Alas! alas!' The upheaving and disturbing force, which seems to have come forth from God, will we believe, go on rending and destroying, till all the obstructions which withstand the progress of the Bible, the gospel, and human improvement, are taken out of the way. And in the far distance we behold the power, the intelligence, and the civilization of the western nations forcing the barred gates of the eastern world, subjecting the races there to their sway, and opening entrances for the servants of Christ; commerce and science searching all lands, even the most inland and remote, for materials on which to employ their ever expanding energies, and uniting all nations in bonds, which are preparing for the time when the entire families of the earth, shall constitute one brotherhood, 'blessed in Christ;' and the messengers of the churches visiting, in growing numbers, every clime, mastering the languages of heathen tribes, erecting churches and schools, and inviting all classes of men to look unto Jesus and be saved; and, as they toil on in their noble work, encouraged by the brighter light which is rising in the home churches, and strengthened by the new life which is already flowing forth from the gracious revival which these churches have begun to experience. Indeed, whether we look east, west, north, or south, all things are in motion, and the movements are on the side of liberty, social well-being, and Christian progress. The Spirit of God is troubling the dark and long-still waters, and parts of the new creation are appearing. The roll of Messiah's chariot is heard, and the call is issued for his servants to place themselves under his banner, and to march with him to the conquest of his enemies. The times are truly full of promise; events are deeply marked by the handwriting of God, and there are voices everywhere uttered, which proclaim that the Lord is taking to himself the predicted empire of the world. In such a state of things, and at such a time, it becomes each of us to occupy his place in the movement, and to see that his character and conduct correspond to the claims of duty. This is our period of action, where our services are called for; for the Lord says that he has need of them. It is quickly passing away; and according to the manner in which we use the portion of it that remains, will depend the complexion of our everlasting lot. Let each of us therefore, aved by the aspect of things and impressed by a sense of his individual responsibility, go, at the commencement of this year, into the presence of God, and there on his knees, with the Bible open before him, and eternity in view, and with an earnest invocation of the heart-searching Spirit, ask himself these three questions, What have I done for the Lord in the years that are past? What are my present relationships to God? And what do I intend to do for the time to come? And should this solemn exercise be rightly conducted, there is a certainty that it will lead to a purpose of heart which will find fitting expression in the inspired words: 'The night is far spent, the day is at hand; none of us liveth to himself; and henceforward 'FOR ME TO LIVE IS CHRIST.'"

AMERICAN SLAVERY—REV. DR. CHEEVER.

Dr. Cheever, of New York, and his congregation, by the stand they have taken against slavery, have brought themselves into difficulty, and find it necessary to ask assistance from Britain. Many distinguished persons are interesting themselves in the case, and collections are made by a number of congregations, among