

were under condemnation; *now* there is no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus. We were without strength; *now* we are strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. We were prodigals in the far country; *now* we are beloved sons in the Father's house. We were dead in trespasses and sins; *now* we are alive unto God and righteousness. What a transformation! Old things have passed away, behold! all things are become new. We have a new nature and a new name, and a new destiny. The change that has passed upon us is a complete change, within and without. Now there is a reciprocation of love. The tide that has flowed out to us, returns, sets now toward Christ. That grand utterance is appropriated; "My beloved is mine and I am His." And that, "we love Him, because He first loved us." And that also, "my Lord and my God." The eyes that have been opened, look rejoicingly upon the Lord; the heart that has been renewed, flows out to Him in love; the tongue that has been loosed praises Him; the life that has been redeemed, is consecrated to his service. In this position, as its grace is comprehended, we understand the import of the Apostle's words, "What! know ye not that your body is the Temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and *ye are not your own?*" For ye are bought with a price, *Wherfore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit which are God's.*" 1 Cor. 6 : 19-20.

And we feel the mighty force of his appeal in Rom. 12 : 1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies (yourselves) a LIVING SACRIFICE, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Redeemed by Grace, we are God's for ever.

"O! to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be:  
Let that grace Lord like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to thee,  
Prone to wander; Lord I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Take my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it from thy courts above."

The realization of our holding this position before God is the secret of a happy life, a useful life, and we may add, a spiritually prosperous life. Having this realization, we walk in the light of God's face. We grow in grace. We put on Christ. We forget the things that are behind and reach forward to those that are before, pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

When the young heir comes into possession of estates all new to him, he travels over them again and again to gain an intimate acquaintance with them as his own. So should the young believer dwell on the position into which he has been brought, till its greatness and grandeur and glory fill his soul, so that in the future he may disdain everything beneath it as unworthy of his love, and as derogatory to his character, as a child of God, a man in Christ Jesus.



CANADA.

MR. A. GAY who has been labouring for the past year, with blessed results, as Evangelist in connection with the Congregational Church, has concluded his engagement, and is now resting for a season at his home near Toronto, previous to entering the field again under other auspices.

MR. F. SCHIVEREA'S evangelistic services at Peterboro, Ont., has stirred that town from one end to the other. The services are being conducted under the auspices of the Peterborough Ministerial Association, and all the Ministers have heartily laid hold. As we go to press it is too early to speak definitely as to results, but we learn from those who have witnessed the work, that there are large numbers enquiring. Mr. Schiverea calls it the "greatest work in which the Lord has been pleased to use him."

UNITED STATES.

ACCORDING to appointment, Messrs. Moody and Sankey began a series of services in Selma, Alabama, on Sunday the 14th of March, which continued until the following Thursday. A large cotton warehouse accommodating about 3000 persons was fitted for the occasion. Most of the ministers of the city were thoroughly identified with the movement. Over a hundred persons have united with the different churches, and many more are expected to come out on the Lord's side. The churches have been greatly revived, and God's people encouraged and stirred up to renewed zeal and consecration. Many young men are among the converts, who gave promise of much usefulness in the cause of Christ.

DR. L. W. MUNHALL, is meeting with eminent success in Portland, Oregon, where he has been laboring since the first of February. About eight hundred have confessed conversion, many of whom are young men.

H. F. SAYLES has been greatly blessed in his labors at Manistee, Mich. Over 150 persons have professed faith in the Lord Jesus. He is now conducting services at Grand Rapids, Mich.

A REVIVAL has recently swept through Centenary Institute, Hackettstown, N. J., in which nearly all of the students have been converted.