

And the prophet Micah says also : 'Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.' (Ch. vii, 19). You see also in what manner God has made us acceptable ; it is in the Beloved ; and we have in Him redemption, eternal remission of all our sins. It is God Himself who tells us it repeatedly in His word. Shall we kneel down together and thank God that for the sake of Christ He has forgiven all our sins and made us accepted in His beloved Son.

We went on our knees and I prayed. When we were risen up, the expression of unhappiness which had been imprinted on the face of my young friend, had given place to a sweet reflection of divine peace. She was able to rejoice anew in the assurance of salvation and in the love of her Saviour. The enemy had been vanquished—the distress had passed away.

If these lines fall into the hands of any poor souls harassed by doubts and fears, and assailed by Satan, may they be led to consider Christ, the Lamb of God, who offered Himself without spot, who "loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour." (Eph. v, 2).

What a thought, that on account of the infinite value of His Person and work, every one who with simple faith can say "O God, Thou hast accepted in my stead Thy well beloved Son," will surely be accepted of God by virtue of the preciousness of the well-beloved of God, for it is, "unto you therefore which believe He is precious ;" and again, "he that believeth on Him shall not be confounded." (I Pet. ii 6 7).