

self unto him that judgeth righteously. Is the soul assaulted with most powerful temptations? Does the Christian come to the house of God on the Sabbath, his soul in perfect agitation, through the raging of evil desires which he wishes not to gratify, and yet knows not how to get rid of? What is so adapted to calm and subdue him, and to deliver him from the power of temptation, as a sight of Jesus, overcoming all his spiritual foes, even in his death triumphing over principalities and powers! Thus we see that the cross is admirably fitted to console.

Christian, love the cross more than ever! Sit beneath its hallowing shade. Strive to get as close to it as possible.

Unsaved hearer, how great is the love of God to your soul! He intensely yearns for your return to his favour. The sincerity of his intense yearning is seen in the cross, as it is the means of reconciliation. God likewise sends his messengers to you with the word of reconciliation, that you may embrace it, and live. Through the preaching of the gospel, he holds out the sceptre of mercy to you, and beseeches you to touch it and live for ever. Before his beseeching tones die away, through your removal from them into the eternal world, and the echoes of them abide in your memory only to embitter your cup of woe, "Be ye reconciled to God; for he hath made him who knew no sin to be sin for us that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." A.

For the Canadian Day-Star.

A NEW HEART.

HOW IS IT TO BE OBTAINED?

"Make you a new heart and a new spirit, for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek. xviii 31.) The voice by which these solemn and pregnant words were spoken was the voice of God, and they contain His reply to our question. To many an inquiring soul, however, these are mysterious words, and consequently, hard to be understood. Some there are in our disjointed world who long to have a "new heart"—who long to become heirs of glory, possessors of life eternal. And there are not a few, perhaps, so eager to possess this pearl of great price that they have "sought it carefully with tears." This small minority of mankind, it may be, look upon the words quoted above as one of the "dark sayings" of the Divine Spirit, which the natural man