

"When all thy mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise."

What, then, are some of these possessions? In the first place a hitherto-unknown civilization based upon the principles of God's word, and enriched by the experiences and efforts of those who have preceded us. We have a broader outlook; the history of ancient and modern times in all countries is before us; we have the benefit of all study, experiment and discovery in the arts and sciences. It is our privilege to traverse, with much comfort and in a comparatively short time, the whole surface of our globe; we see oceans bridged and continents brought within speaking distance of each other by the electric current. We are saved much of the drudgery of former times by the labor-saving appliances of to-day; more people live in comfortable houses than ever before; slavery has been rooted out of Christian lands, and those nations are interfering on behalf of the bondman in unenlightened and cruel governments. Arbitration is now frequently employed to take the place of war in the settlement of difficulties between nation and nation, or between the government and people of the same nation. The moral tone of the people is more elevated than ever before, and much of the literature of even the last century can find no place in the homes and libraries of our land. A mighty warfare is now being waged against the liquor traffic, with every prospect of ultimate victory; the sufferings of humanity are being regarded with a view to their amelioration, and in our day we see the hospital for the sick, the asylum for the insane, homes for the aged, the incurable, and the orphan, together with many other institutions for the alleviation of want and woe.

Never before could man so reach out in every direction. Invention after invention, and improvement after improvement have produced the magnificent scientific instruments of to-day, which, however, are capable of still further development. The telescope enables us to scan the great dome of the universe, and we grow familiar with other worlds than our own, while our abounding delight and admiration cause us to exclaim with the Psalmist, but more intelligently, "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork." The microscope, which so presents the roughness and clumsiness of man's work, reveals the beauty and perfection of all the parts of the minutest works of the Creator. The spectroscope, and many of the other valuable instruments of to-day were wholly unknown to our forefathers, though they have aided in the discoveries and processes which have brought these conclusions. The

avenues of knowledge are all open, and may be penetrated far, though no one ever gets to the end of any one of them, and so feels that there is much more ahead and beyond.

We have rich treasure in the accumulated thought of the good and wise in all past ages as recorded in books. With good books we enjoy the best of company, and we feel that those with whom we seem to commune are real friends.

The explorer, with pick and spade, is revealing still further external evidences of the truth of Biblical record. The internal evidences of the truth to most honest and careful searchers after truth have been sufficient to establish his faith in the inspiration of the Bible; but just at this time it is pleasing our Heavenly Father to make Egypt and Assyria yield up their long-hidden proofs of scriptural truth.

The day of authorized persecution for conscience' sake is past, and now we may worship God under our own vine and fig-tree, none daring to make us afraid. How different it is in many countries not having Christian governments. "Surely we have a godly heritage."

Never before were there so many students of God's Word, and never before were there so many agencies at work for the extension of His kingdom. This is true of our own beloved Canada as well as of other Christian lands, and the missionaries of the Cross to this country gave the impulse which has brought about this state of affairs. What has been done for us let us do for others. Let us take or send the Gospel to others who have never heard it. Our ancestors nobly prepared a rich inheritance for us, let us think and work to make things even better for the generations yet unborn. Were these blessings, only a few of which have been named, but which suggest so many more, heaped upon us to hoard and selfishly keep to ourselves, or were they entrusted to us that we might scatter them abroad, and thus enrich and enlighten those who sit in darkness? See the misery and hopelessness of the many millions yet in Paganism, the cruelty and suffering consequent upon the false religions which never cheer or brighten the lives of those trusting in them. What can we say to the Judge in that great day if we disobey God's command, which cannot be guiltlessly shirked, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature?" Can anything be plainer than that? And until all have heard the good news that command faces us, and peremptorily enjoins compliance.

But it is more easy to work when love prompts the action; and if we realize God's love in our hearts, and bask in its sunshine, we will be anxious that everybody shall enjoy it also. Many heathen are calling