

threw the bible on the floor saying, he did not care if it was in the bible, it was not true, and he would not accept it. But the sword had done its work, and to use his own words, "God lashed my conscience with those words for *five years*." "Condemned already! condemned already! and many a time I went and got drunk in order to stop that voice, but it was no use." Finally, through God's mercy, he was brought to acknowledge the truth, and take his place as a poor lost sinner, where he soon found the sinner's Saviour, who had in His grace been following him all those years, waiting until he had "come to Himself," like the Prodigal Son in the fifteenth of Luke, and was willing to accept God's provision for a sinner *condemned already*, which is so beautifully expressed in the first part of the verse above quoted. "He that believeth on Him is *not condemned*." Dear, unsaved reader, has the truth of this solemn portion of God's word ever been brought home to your conscience, or are you like young —— and thousands of others, refusing to believe the truth that you are "condemned already?"

Last fall there was a young man in the County jail at ——, who had been condemned to be hanged on a certain day. From all that can be learned he never realized the solemn truth that he was a *condemned* man, but appeared to have been hoping that in some way he might escape. How gladly would he have welcomed the bearer of the good news (Gospel) that he was fully pardoned, but alas! his doom was sealed, and on the day fixed the sentence was executed.