

CONDEMNED ALREADY.

SOME twelve years ago — — — was living near the shores of the Great Georgian Bay, in a newly settled portion of the country where the Gospel was not often heard. One evening a young school master was preaching from that wonderful chapter, the third of John's Gospel, and was pressing home the truth of the 18th verse, "He that believeth on Him is not condemned, *but he that believeth not is condemned already*, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

The truth of the words "condemned already" took hold upon young — — —, who, at first, refused to believe the statement, saying there was no such word in the Bible, and that the preacher must be making a mistake. He was quite willing to admit that if he went on in his evil ways he would be condemned *at last*, but to be *condemned already* was more than he could accept.

Ephesians (vi. 17) speaks of the *sword* of the *Spirit*, which is the *Word* of God, and the sword had done its work in young — — —.

He went home declaring it was all wrong,—there was no such word in the Bible,—and to confirm himself in this thought he took down his neglected bible and turning to John iii. 18, read the solemn words: "*condemned already*." Yes there they were, but even then he would not admit the truth of the words, but