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SECRET SINS DRIVEN OUT BY STINGING HORNETS.

A Sermon delivered on Sunday Morning, Jan., 28th, 1866, BY C. H. SPURGEON,

At the Metropolitan Tabernacle, Newington. "Moreover the Lord thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed."—Deut. vii. 20.

given to Abraham and to his seed by a covenant of salt. Our body, soul, and spirit are given to continuance of that confidence it is his desire to merit and manhood for Christ; that he may have possession of it in all its powers and passions, parts and faculties. When our Lord Jesus Christ died, he bodies; and he did not purchase a right to a part | come of evil, but overcome evil with good." of us only but to the entire man. He contemthe whole heart is faint: from the sole of the foot | victory through his grace. even to the head, naturally, there is nothing but In Mock Ermine and Martin Blankets and Horse Rugs. resolutions. Our sins have chariots of iron, as from the house of bondage. And you are re- was it sung that it seemed as if all must have

Shall I surrender my judgment to be perverted by | possession for ever.

out even to the death against these our sins. beloved, I have no more right as a Christian to dan's brink with my corruptions. Remember how meeting was dissolved. they are naturally troubled with pride, that they more you will have to fight against sin. The and useful at any time. have naturally a high spirit, or a haughty temper, whiter a garment becomes, the more easily is a Instead of urging people to attend, and comand when they are told of it they grow rough spot seen, and the more you get like Christ, the plaining if they do not, it is easy to make these

of these sins, and not make a truce or parley with bed and rest in the grave. them. I must not say of any one sin, "I cannot I now wish to eall your attention specially to Observer. help it, and therefore I will not contend with it." the verse before us. Beloved, down with them! down with them all! are! Destroy them, or they will destroy you. be slain by the children of Israel.

And as we are not thus to excuse some sins hearts for these secret sins. plated in his passion the sanctification of us wholly, and permit them to live, so, above all, we must spirit, soul, and body; that in this triple kingdom | not fall into a dispirited state of mind and suphe himself might reign supreme without a rival. pose we never can drive sins out. I do not think It is the business of the newborn nature which God | we shall ever be perfect in this life, but how near has given to the regenerate to assert the rights of to perfection a Christian may come is a question the Lord Jesus Christ. "My soul, so far as thou which I should not like to discuss in words, but in the city, I went, as a stranger, to a prayer art a child of God, thou must conquer all the rest prefer endeavouring to find out in practice. How meeting in one of the churches. And it would of thyself which yet remains unblest; thou must much a believer may be like Christ I will not be very well if the evenings were designated subdue all thy powers and passions to the silver | venture to affirm, but certainly there have been | publicly, in some way, so that strangers could sceptre of Jesu's gracious reign, and thou must some men upon earth of whom we might say know where to find a meeting, if they desired to never be satisfied till he who is the King by pur- without exaggeration that you might take them attend. Probably every evening is occupied by chase becomes also the King by gracious corona- for an example, for their Master seemed to live one church or another; and if it were known, it tion, and reigns in thee supreme." Although again in them. There is no need that you should would be just as easy for strangers to find a Israel had Canaan of right, the Hivites and the always give way to pride, or sioth, or covetous- prayer meeting as a theatre. Probably the former Jebusites and seven mighty nations had it in pos- ness, or any other form of sin. Ye are able to would not be so popular as the latter, but it would session, and alas! we are made painfully to feel overcome them-not in your own strength-the be much more useful. that though Christ has a right to us, and he alone weakest of them would be too much for you in This meeting was one of a continued series, should reign in our mortal bodies, yet sin has a that; but ye may overcome them through the held every evening for two or three weeks, while dwelling place in us. Those old sins, which were blood of the Lamb. "This is the victory which a delightful revival of religion had been, and is born with us, and seem as if they would never die overcometh the world, even our faith," and our still in progress. Nearly a hundred persons have In White, Grey, Red, Blue, Yellow, and till we ourselves are wrapped in our winding faith will be able to subdue these sins. Just as been hopefully converted within a month past, sheets, have entered into us and will dwell in us. faith of old put to flight the armies of the aliens, and a work of grace is evidently going onward. Of these we have received 75 pieces, bought at last year's I may say of our nature what was said in Egypt so can it even to this day. Do not, then, dear The large lecture room of the church was crowdduring the plague of frogs: "Behold these filthy friends, ask, "How shall I dispossess them, for ed, at least four hundred persons were present, things have come up into our chambers, and into they are greater and mightier than I?" but go to I judged that one-half were young people, under our ovens, and our kneading troughs;" there is the strong for strength, and wait humbly upon twenty years of age. To see so many, of such no part of our heart too hot or too sacred for sin God, and he, the mighty God of Jacob, will surely persons, of a week-day-evening, at a prayer meet-

entrenched itself in our nature, and it is not to be in this matter. Israel was reminded that God once. Presently the pastor announced a hymn cast out by our mere talking of it nor by our best | brought them out of Egypt. He delivered them | and two verses were sung : so well and generally those of us know who have to contend with them, minded, dear friends, that you are saved. Christ joined in the service. This was the manner of We purchase all Goods for Cash, in the best markets, and their cities are walled up to heaven; their has done a greater work for you than remains to the singing throughout. It was earnest, universal, from first class Merchants, in such quantities as to get entrenchments are so strong. Our sins have so be accomplished in you. To bear the weight of brief, familiar and enthusiastic. The leader sat worked themselves into our flesh, that our flesh | your sins and to break the iron yoke of spiritual | near the pastor's desk, and as soon as the pastor cries out, "Spare them." "Surely the bitterness | bondage from off your necks required that Christ | had read a line or two, he led off with a clear, of death is past," said Agag, when he came deli- should die; but that being done, it is, compara- distinct voice, that filled the room, and was easily eately before Samuel. And thus our sins come so | tively, but a light work to deliver you from in | followed by all who could sing. The hymns were delicately to us, assume such pleasant shapes, and dwelling sin. The greater work is done. Jeho- not read through in any one instance. They are so congenial, that something whispers, "Let vah became man in human flesh. He lived on were only designated by the first line. Once or them live; it is hard to slay them: so difficult to earth. God, the Word, was made flesh and dwelt twice I observed that by some understanding becut them up root and branch, for they are in pos- among us, and in due time stooped in his obedi- tween the leader and pastor, a hymn was started session, and the new nature is but a babe; but the ence even to death, the death of the cross. All without being announced in any way. old nature is the old man, and it is a very unequal | your sins have been destroyed by Christ, and there | After the first singing, the pastor read a portion fight between a babe and an old man." The new is no condemnation from you to dread since Christ of Holy Scripture, from the Gospels, and com-

It appears that after long conflict with Canaan, In the name of God, we must destroy them, or yet still some of these old inhabitants would exist. Let us spiritualize the story of the conquest of else they will destroy us. I may say of our sins They hid themselves in caves, and so on; but they Canaan by the children of Israel. Canaan was what a Scotch officer said to his soldiers when were to be fetched out by a very singular means taken in an ill position. Said he, "My lads, -namely, hornets. These hornets were to disthere are the enemy! Kill them, or they will cover them and bring them out-perhaps sting Christ Jesus to be his portion and his heritage, and you;" and so must I say of all sins. There they them to death, or, if not, make them come out to

> Three things are to be noticed, then, this mornmore than a conqueror through him who has ing. The first is, sins which are left and saved in loved you. You know how it is written, "To us, even in us who have for many years been followhim that overcometh, will I give to eat of the ers of Christ; secondly, a singular means of delesson for us all, teaching us to examine our own

(To be continued.)

A MODEL PRAYER MEETING.

A few evenings since, while spending the night

to intrude into it. The whole head is sick, and come to the rescue, and you shall have to sing of ing in a city, in the midst of its attractions, was to me surprising. They were pouring in when I There is a word of encouragement given in the entered, and as they took their seats, a silence wounds and bruises and putrefying sores. Sin has chapter to those who have a tendency to doubt sat upon the congregation that impressed me at

nature has just emerged into an atmosphere which has died. You are forgiven; the yoke is snatched mented tersely as he read. His remarks were is not congenial with it, while the old nature has from off your shoulders; you are made free by pointed and animated, addressed now to Chriseverything to help it; the devil from beneath, the | the Son, and you are free indeed. You are in the | tians to encourage, and then to sinners to lead world from without, and even the cares of busi- wilderness it is true, but you have come through them to reflection and to faith. A very few moness, of life, all seem to act as allies to the old the Red Sea, wherein your sins have been ments only thus occupied, when he led in prayer. nature : meanwhile the new nature has to fight drowned. Your enemies, your old sins, you shall Then another verse or two was sung, and prayer alone, except that the Eternal Spirit is our helper, see no more for ever. The manna falls about was offered by one whom the pastor called upon and he who is the Father of our new nature is your camp, the fiery, cloudy pillar leads you by name. He then remarked that the meeting also its support and its succour, else long ago it through the wilderness. And since you have seen was open as usual to any who chose to say a had died and been utterly cut off by the host of its | what God has done, will you be afraid as to the | word, or to offer prayer, and he requested them foes. Christ and holiness have a right to us, but future? Courage! He never begins not to wait for each other, but to be free and imwithout intending to finish. It shall never be prove the time. From this stage, the exercises What then, beloved? Why this, that since sin | said of him, "This man began to build, but was | assumed very much the manner of the Fulton has no right to any part of us, we go about a good not able to complete the structure." Courage, Street Prayer Meeting. One man spoke of a and legal warfare when we seek, in the name of courage! He has not brought you out of Egypt friend who had expressed an increased interest in God, to drive it out. O my body, thou art a that you may be destroyed. What would the the subject of religion, for whom he requested the FOR THE FALL AND WINTER TRADE, member of Christ; shall I take thee and subju- heathen say concerning your God, if after all you prayers of the meeting. Another alluded to the gate thee to the Prince of Darkness? O my should fall and perish? You shall win the day, case of a man who had gone away in disgust from soul, Christ hath suffered for thy sins, and redeem- you shall have every inch of the promised land, that room the previous evening, and said he would ed thee with his most precious blood; shall I only be ye strong and be very courageous, for the never enter it again. For him the earnest prayers suffer thy memory to become a storehouse of evil, Lord will surely drive out your sins, and take your of those present were sought. Then followed a cr thy passions to become firebrands of iniquity? | body, soul, and spirit, as a consecrated and holy | prayer in which both of these cases were presented with feeling and urgency to the throne of grace. error, or my will to be led in fetters of iniquity? But there is a notion among some Christians, One man arose who had recently found the par-No, my soul, thou art Christ's, and sin has no right | who are but little instructed, and who know noth- don of his sins, and he gave expression to his joy In Sable, Stone Martin, Fitch, Astrican, Dogskin, to thee. Sin shall not have dominion over us, for ing of experience, that sanctification is an instan- and gratitude in a few simple words. Here we we are not under law but under grace. Christ taneous work. There are some who think that sang again and after another prayer, an old man has bought us and paid for us. God has willed us the moment they believe in Jesus they shall never stood up, saying that he was a stranger, but felt at sundry characters as related by themselves. Two you objects needing sympathy and comfort, if over to Christ; we belong to him; we are his be troubled with any sin again, whereas, it is then home in such an assembly, and loved to see and of these characters agreed in remarking that they not material aid. Dothis, and see how your cold portion and his reward. Sin has no legal right that the battle begins. The moment sin is for- hear what God was doing there. The pastor now were never happy until they ceased striving to be and hard-hearted selfishness will begin to diminish, then, but it has got possession, and you know that given it ceases to be my friend, and becomes my called parents whose children had been lately born is nine points of the law. But we will dispute the deadly foe. When the guilt of sin is gone, then again, to speak, if they pleased, of the goodness of nine points: we will bring the one grand point, the power of sin becomes chooxious, and we begin God to their families. This brought up one Heaven pleases. It occurred to me at once that your before waste and barren soul begin to be that God the Judge of all has decided that the to strive against it. Every now and then we hear and another, with tender words of parental love the most of my sufferings and sorrow were oc-AND CAMP BLANKETING. blood-bought belong to Christ, and we will fight it of friends who cannot understand my teaching on and thankfulness. And now a man made an casioned by an unwillingness to be nothing, which on high! It is the outgoings of our own thoughts this point. They say they do not feel anything of earnest exhortation to the unconcerned, and the I am, and by consequent struggles to be some- and feelings with intent to bless, that cause the We are told if we read this chapter in a spirit- uprising sin within themselves. Oh, beloved, I pastor added a few words to show the great ual sense, that we must in no way suffer any kind | wish you did, for I am afraid you know nothing | danger of putting off decision and repentance. or sort of truce with sin. I believe that many of the gospel-life. I will not give a penny for More and more prayer was made. The spirit of pleases, I might be happy. You will think it it shall be given unto you." believers-I hope they are believers-have given | your religion, if it has no inward conflict. Even | prayer evidently prevailed. It was almost withup warring with a part of their sins. They are virtuous heathens have got farther than that, for out ceasing. The worship was continued just not drunkards, they are not thieves; they are not some of them have written that they felt them- an hour and a half, and as many as ten persons led given to uncleanness of walk or language; but selves to be as two men contending or fighting; in prayer, as many said words of exhortation or theirs may be a hasty temper, and they do not try and surely christians have got farther still or ought request, and we sang as many times, making an speak to them of our parents and other relatives to subdue that. They think that its constitue to have done. This, I know, be what it may with average of three minutes to each of these exertional, and they plead for it as though it must be you, I have every day to get but one inch nearer cises. When we came to the close of the evening, spared. This one tribe-these Jebusites-must to heaven, and I feel it will be wrestling to the last the whole congregation arose and sang a choral be spared, according to their sinful talk. But oh, moment, and that I shall have a scuffle upon Jor- hymn-"the joyful meeting," and this happy

suffer bad temper to dwell in me than I have to John Knox had it. He had fought with men, I lts peculiar excellences were the deep solem- are comments used. Heaven is said to be a place the minds of the young as a tender, touching, suffer the devil himself to dwell there. I know it may say had fought with beasts at Ephesus, and nity, the perfect propriety and order, the great for those who have not succeeded upon earth; and heartfelt representation of what the Lord Jesus did has been said very often that grace is often grafted yet at his last expiring moments he had the stern- readiness to speak or pray, the universal singing it is surely true celestial graces do not best thrive and suffered to save sinners? We have often been on a crab-stock. So it is; but in this spiritual est struggle he had ever known with self-righte- with the spirit, and the animated brevity of each husbandry the graft will influence all below as well ousness. You would have thought, Surely John exercise. One man was too long in his exhorta- Ill success sometimes arises from a superabun- sed Christians sometimes know of the Lord Jesus. as that which is above it. What is the fruit of Knox could not be self-righteous. The man who tion, taking up ten minutes or more of the time, dance of qualities in themselves good—from a It is not enough to say, "I give them the Bible it? Is it crab? No. The fruit does not come had denounced all trusting in good works, was yet but all the rest were short and to the point, saying conscience too sensitive, a tase too fastidious, a land put religious books into their hands." They from the crab, but from the better nature; vexed with the very same thing he had denounced. Why self-forgetfulness too romantic, a modesty too retir- should hear of Jesus in a father's manly tone, and and though I be graft upon a crab, yet my And so it will be with you. No matter how near cannot all meetings for prayer be as well attended ing. I will not go so far as to say, with a living they should hear of Jesus in the tender accents of CURTAIN DAMASKS and TRIMMINGS, fruit must partake of the new nature, and I you live to God, or how closely you follow Christ, and managed? This was in the midst of revival, poet, "that the world knows nothing of its great- the mother's tongue. They should hear their must bring forth sweet fruit. Some people you will have more or less of evil to contend with but the same plan, with the same tact and judg-

> with whomsoever dares to mention it, and they more you will detect how unlike you are. A evening meetings so attractive and useful, that the think this is not a sin. But, oh, beloved, pride spiritual sense will be quickened, so that you will peeple will love to attend them, will not stay in a Christian is one of the loathsome vices. discover that to be sin which you did not think away, and will say when there, "it is good for us What can there be in you and in me to be proud to be evil; and you will often feel when you are to be here." There is an old stereotype way of of? Owing all we have to the gift of God, having most progressiag in grace, as if you were not conducting them, that is as dull as dull can be, nothing but what he gives us, and going back to growing at all, or if so, certainly it seemed to be well fitted to deter people from coming to them Near Phoenix Square. we lift up our head? God smote Nebuchadnezzar, am most holy, and when I bemoan my own sin- What is wanted is the spirit of prayer and praise, purified, thou are not pardoned.

and made him go and eat grass like the ox, and fulness, then am I most likely to be accepted of with judgment to guide the meeting so as to sehis hairs grew like eagles' feathers, and his nails God. It is best to think little of one's-self; but cure variety, animation, brevity and purpose. It like birds' claws, all beccause of his pride; and whether or no, take this for granted, you will have requires talent, art if you please, to make the some of God's dear children have been suffered to to drive out your sins by little and by little; they exercises attractive and impressive, and few stop to make dreadful falls of it, and all because they will not be cast out at once—it will be a life-work, think that the failure of a prayer meeting is their were lifted up and said, "I shall never be moved, and you will never have to take off your armour fault. Therefore, I thought it would be well to my mountain standeth firm." We must beware and sheath your sword, till you go to the warrior's tell you bow one was conducted, which I have ventured to call a model prayer meeting .- N. Y.

A VALUABLE BIBLE.

doors, with the Bible under his arm. "Whom ested he is in it himself .- N. Y. Observer. do you want to see?" said the porter. "I want to see Prince Albert," said the poet. "Prince Albert!" rejoined the janitor, "vou cannot see him-who are you?" "You go to Prince Albert, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because and tell him that Mr .--- who sent him the plough thou hast left thy first love." and the poem wishes to see him." The porter | Christian, while Jesus may find some things in turned with it having the royal signature, deliver- customed time and kneeling-place. ed it into the hands of its gladdened owner, and What precious seasons in the family, too, when bid him cheerily farewell. Time passed on and all gathered around the family Bible. Your whom England's Queen has said, "He was such ly to God, and that God was in that place. footed through the world." May Infinite Good- heart shrink back from closet visits? Are your ness comfort her stricken heart! The valuable visits short, less frequent, formal and lifeless? care of, but the owner also took care to make a | with me. good use of his treasure. He attended a large Missionary Meeting, told the story of the signatures, and charged a shilling for a sight of the fly- bread of God to come down from heaven and give reach of all who are desirous to do good. "I ged pathway of some neighbor. wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out know-

ledge of witty inventions." How to BE HAPPY .- "Sometime since," says on whom to bestow your sympathy, your gener-Dr. Payson, in a letter to a young clergyman, "I osity, your offices of kindness. And you need took up a little work purporting to be the lives of not go far? such objects exist in scores all around great men. This remark struck me, as you know and your neighborly love increase! See how the the most simple remarks will strike us when windows of heaven will be opened within you, and thing. I saw if I would but cease struggling, and plentiful incomings of the Divine love and mercy, consent to be anything or nothing, just as God agreeably to the Divine declaration, "Give, and strange that I mention this as a new discovery. In one sense it was not new; I had known it for years. But I now saw it in a new light. My heart saw it and consented to it; and I am comwilling to be nothing, you will be happy too."

ing years bring with them an increasing respect on this subject? What is so interesting as the for men who do not succeed in life, as those words gospel narratives? What so calculated to affect in and bloom in the hot blaze of worldly prosperity. surprised to find how little the children of profesthink-or perhaps they may not know it-that still; nay, I may say, the more holy you get, the ment, would make a prayer meeting attractive least excellence, which "die and make no sign;" and profitable subject. They hear us speak of there are martyrs that miss the palm, but not the | ministers, and of church members - and perhaps stake; heroes without the laurel and conquerors on these points they hear what they ought not. without the triumph.—Hillard.

The spirit of Christ sweetly calms the soul of a suffering believer, not by taking away all sense of pain, but by overcoming it with a sense of his

SO COLD. "The Church is so cold and unsocial, that I do

not feel at home or happy in it. Where I used to be, things were very different." This was said by one who had been a year or more in a Church, and found no acquaintances or friends therein. There was a thriving Sabbath School in which she was solicited to teach, but she declined, because she did not feel at home with the people yet. There was an interesting Bible class, but she knew no one in it and therefore did not join. There were Some years ago there lived an honest trades- sociable meetings, but she did not enjoy them, for man in one of the Eastern counties of England. there, only the people that were well acquainted He appears to have been an original and versatile | met, and she had no intimate acquaintances. She genius. A certain bard once boasted that he had | never sought to make friends, never spoke to the written a poem of which twenty thousand copies little children, never seemed to be pleasant, and were sold on the day of publication, and that he never was happy. I hope there are not many had snuffed a candle at fifty vards distance; our persons like this sad and dreary Christian. But honest tradesman prided himself upon the accom- | if there are any who find a para!lel to their case plishment of two things, namely, the invention of here, it is of importance for them to know that an improved plough and the composition of a the fault is their own. The Church is chilly begood peem. The plough seems to have pleased cause their hearts are cold; the people are units inventor much, for he resolved to send one to social because they repel advances by their stiffthe now lamented Prince Albert. The plough ness or pride, or indifference. They do not find reached the palace, and a letter was promptly pleasure in Christian company, because they are sent acknowledging the receipt of it, with thanks. suspicious, and jealous, and full of misapprehen-As the plough seemed to have given so much sions, and uncharitable opinions, respecting their pleasure at the palace, the poetic ploughman then | brethren and sisters in Christ's Church. They resolved to send his poem to the husband of his are not spiritually warmed because they will not gracious Queen. It was sent, arrived safely, and | work for Christ. They sit and shiver in their icv. a second letter of thanks, in the Prince's name, solitude, and say the Christianity of this place is was forwarded forthwith. The loval heart of so cold, while other Christians around them are all the poet was delighted with the politeness of the on fire with holy love and joy, because they are so Prince, and still more with, what he believed to full of activity in the Master's work. If any one be, the royal appreciation of his poem and his thinks, then, that his Church is cold, that his plough. Time passed on, and our friend saw fit Christian brethren are unsocial, that there is no to purchase a new family Bible; the blank-leaf of interest in religion, let him search his own heart, the volume, he thought, must be headed by some thaw out the rock of ice that is therein, endeavor good name, and he resolved that name should be to stir up others to love and good works, and note Prince Albert's. He started for London, reached | the willing response, and do his part to promote Buckingham Palace, and knocked at one of the an interest in religion, by showing all how inter-

FIRST LOVE.

seeing that the man was "an original," and you to commend, may he not, and justly, too, knowing the kind disposition of his Royal High- have somewhat against you, because you have ness, secured for him the much desired interview. left your "first love?" Let us inquire a little and The good man referred to his plough and poem, ascertain, if possible, whether you have or have and then requested the favour of the Prince's not "left your first love?" How delightful it handwriting. The autograph was duly inscribed was, once, when your hour of prayer came, to upon the fly-leaf, and then his Royal Highness enter your closet, and hold sweet converse with said, "Perhaps you would like to have also the the "Lover of your soul." Never-to-be-forgotten handwriting of the Queen." "I should very much seasons, when you did not get tired of praying. like to have it," was the ready reply. The Prince You would rather lose a visit from your dearest took the Bible into the Queen's apartment, re- earthly friend, than to fail to meet Jesus at the ac-

the owner of the Bible died, and he also died of prayers convinced all that you were speaking realan one, that I could have walked with him bare- But, dear brother, is it so now? Or does your

Bible became the property of the son of its pre- Does family worship drag? Has the Bible lost vious owner, and as the Prince of Wales has its power to interest? Then the sad tale is told. bought an estate, and sometimes resides in East You have "left your first love." Jesus has some-Anglia, he resolved to follow in his father's foot- thing against you. He cannot smile on you until steps, and see what a visit to Sandringham House you return, and repent, and do your first works, would do to increase the autographs on the fly- and you cannot do anything for him while you leaf of the Bible. He "came, saw, and conquer- remain in this state. You can't pray for or talk ed." The Prince placed his signature beneath | with sinners. You are in the way of their salvathat of his venerated father, he asked the Princess | tion. Dear brother, will you not get out of the to place hers beneath that of his mother, and way? Will you not return to your "first love?" said to the owner, "Take care of the book, for it Jesus is ready to receive you. Hear him call is the only one in the world which contains those | you: Behold, I stand at the door and knock; If four signatures." We need not say that the in- any man will hear my voice, and open the door, I junction was carried into effect. It was taken will come in to him, and sup with him, and he

REACH OUT FOR HEAVEN .-- You long for the leaf. Many shillings were willingly paid, which | you life such as the angels enjoy, do you? You were as willingly cast into the treasury of the long for a warmer, tenderer, more of the neighbor-Lord. We have good reason to believe that the ly love do you? You yearn for it, and pray for above anecdote is in substance quite true, and we it? Then go out of yourself, and try to live for record it with pleasure, as a a proof of the kind- others. Try to do something to dissipate the heartedness of the Royal family, and as an illus- darkness, to lessen the burdens, to alleviste the tration of the many means which are within the sorrows, to multiply the joys, to smooth the rug-Try to extract some rankling thorn, or to pour

a little oil and wine into some bruised and wounded soul. Seek out some triendless and needy object, SPEAKING OF JESUS .-- I fear the best of us do

not speak of Jesus so much or so frequently as we ought. We do not speak of Jesus before our give up all desire to be great, and feel heartily as to interest them, excite desires in them, and so often as to draw out their love; but do we speak BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT .- I confess that increas- of Jesus? Is there not utterly a fault among us They hear us talk of books, and the occurrences of every day; but if they do not hear us talk of Jesus, the more important subject is omitted.

Beware of drunkenness, lest all good men beware of you; where drunkenness reigns, there reason is If the heart be under the power of sin, the con- an exile, virtue a stranger, God an enemy, blasphemy our own poverty unless God keeps us, how dare downward. When I think myself most unholy, I and inviting them to repose when they do come. science is under the guilt of sin. If thou are not is wit, oaths are rhetoric, and secrets are proclama-