

no water was allowed to wash then skins or clothes during the whole time that I was with them. Before sunset I was shown the cell allotted to me, and allowed to have a mattress upon which to sleep, accordingly, at nine o'clock the jailer locked me up, and, for the first time in my life, I offered up my evening sacrifice to God within the gloomy walls of a dungeon. I cannot describe the sensations of my mind on the occasion; but such was the abundant grace of God towards me, that I was enabled to rejoice with a joy unspeakable and full of glory. After committing myself into the hands of my heavenly Father, I attempted to sleep, but the place was infested with such swarms of insects, that to sleep was almost impossible; and gladly did I welcome the light of the morning, which would release me from their annoyance. I was obliged to pace my cell for nine solitary hours, in order to prevent the vermin from crawling upon me; at length the Sabbath sun arose, and, getting into the prison yard, I sat and slept for an hour or two. Such, however, was the filthiness of the cell, and the poisonous effluvia which were exhaled from the whole prison by night, that, notwithstanding the unusual flow of spirits which I felt from the first moment of my arrest, I on the third day began to fall under its deleterious influence, and was advised by some to write to the Governor, informing him of my situation, and requesting a removal to the other side of the jail: this I did not, as I hoped every hour to be entirely liberated. However, the Marshal upon hearing of my uncomfortable-ness, proposed an exchange of cells between myself and a highway robber, who was condemned for life; his cell being considered rather sweeter and cleaner than the one which I occupied: accordingly, with considerable reluctance, he removed himself and his things to my cell, and for the two last nights of my imprisonment, I was thus favoured with a cell comparatively free from venomous insects; and being thoroughly wearied with the intense heat of the day, and the loss of rest by night, I was enabled to sleep pretty soundly. Had my rest been broken much longer, or had I even been in confinement much longer, I am persuaded that my health would have been seriously impaired, and perhaps my life brought to a premature close; for the state of the prison and pri-

soners was such as must soon have issued in pestilence and death. It is true that many of the inmates suffered on my account; the prison being so closely and vigilantly guarded, that the jailer himself could not come into the yard unless the Marshal was present; and often were the poor creatures without food and water till nearly night, because the usual access to them by their friends was cut off. Such, indeed, was the guard set upon me, that one of the Magistrates seeing a piece of rope hanging down the outer wall, censured the jailer for suffering it to remain there, for the purpose of my effecting an escape! It was of course immediately taken down, or rather it broke to pieces in the fall, being completely rotten, and only about eighteen inches in length. But without entering any farther into the conduct of my captives towards me during the five days and nights that they held me in captivity, I would observe, that throughout this trial my mind was fully stayed upon God, and kept in perfect peace. I knew in whom I believed; and was persuaded that he would "bring forth my righteousness as the light, and my judgment as the noon-day."

It may appear strange that the brethren in this part of the District did not visit me while in confinement, but the reason was this, when the deputation of Wesleyan Missionaries, who waited on his Excellency the Governor, in order to claim protection for their families, were informed by him that he had just arrested me by order of the Custos of Trellawney, although no charge was preferred against me, they requested permission to visit me, which was granted, upon the condition that the officers for the day accompanied them, and staid with them, this restriction the brethren considered as amounting nearly to a refusal, and consequently they thought it would be most prudent to forbear visiting me, believing that in a few days I should be honourably acquitted, and thus have my innocence fully established before the world. Accordingly when a dispatch was received from the Custos of Trellawney, it appeared that no charge whatever was preferred against me, and his Excellency immediately forwarded my discharge. "Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked upon me, to take away my reproach from among men;" for no sooner was I committed to jail, than the base periodicals of this country