

"man can prove that the first spoke anything. And for the
 "second, he only said this: 'blessed be the Lord.' Yet, these
 "two for taking me by the hand and thus saying (after I had
 "received my punishment) were sentenced to pay 40s. or be
 "whipped. Both were resolved against paying their fines,
 "nevertheless, after one or two days' imprisonment, one paid
 "John Spur's fine and he was released, and after six or seven
 "days' imprisonment of brother Hazell, (even the day when
 "he would have suffered), another paid his, and so he escaped,
 "and the next day went to visit a friend about six miles from
 "Boston, where he the same day fell sick, and within ten days
 "he ended this life. When I was come to the prison it pleased
 "God to stir up the heart of an old acquaintance of mine, who
 "with much tenderness (like the good Samaritan) poured oil
 "into my wounds and plastered my sores,* but there was
 "present information given what was done, and inquiry made
 "who was the surgeon, and it was commonly reported he
 "should be sent for; but what was done I yet know not. Now
 "thus it hath pleased the Father of mercies so to dispose of
 "matters that my bonds and imprisonments have been no hind-
 "rance to the gospel, for before my return some submitted
 "to the Lord and were baptized, and divers were put upon the
 "way of inquiry. And now being advised to make my escape by
 "night because it was reported that there were warrants forth
 "for me, I departed, and the next day after (while I was on
 "my journey) the constable came to search at the house where
 "I lodged. So I escaped their hands, and was, by the good
 "hand of my Heavenly Father, brought home again to my near
 "relations, my wife and eight children, (the brethren of our
 "town and Providence having taken pains to meet me four
 "miles in the woods where we rejoiced together in the
 "Lord). Thus have I given you as briefly as I can a true
 "relation of things. Wherefore, my brethren, rejoice with
 "me in the Lord, and give all glory to him (for he is worthy)
 "to whom be praise forevermore; to whom I commit you, and

* Those who have seen the scars on Mr. Holmes' back, (which the old man was
 wont to call the marks of the Lord Jesus), have expressed a wonder that he should
 live. In a manuscript of ——— Jenckes, Esq., I have met with this paragraph.