

## THE SINNER RECEIVED AND BLEST.

LUKE VII. 37-50.

“*I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*”—*Matt. ix. 13.*

In search of Jesus, lo! *she* came  
 Who only had the sinner's claim  
 Upon the Saviour's heart ;  
 And well she knew that He whose grace  
 Was opening wide a hiding-place,  
 Would never say, “ Depart.”

’Twas *hers* the mercy-seat to touch ;  
 ’Twas *hers* to weep and love Him much,  
 And all His words to store ;  
 ’Twas *His* to bid her go in peace,  
 To give her sin-bound soul release,  
 And life for evermore,

Oh, what a heavenly note is here,  
 But only falling on the ear  
 Of *sinner*s such as she,  
 And none but such in truth are found  
 Giving their welcome to the sound  
 Of life and liberty !

The virtue of His grace, denied  
 And scorned by Pharisaic pride,  
 Is sweetly known to some ;  
 For when its fragrancy invites,  
 And presses souls to its delights,  
 The broken-hearted come.

These know His blessed person theirs ;  
 For love unscrupulously dares  
 To take the nearest place :