

present, so that the people would have been deprived of a sermon if he had not occupied the pulpit. His discourse was founded on Levit. xxvi. 25.—“And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant”:—when this was reported to the magistrate he exclaimed, “did ever man preach from such a rebellious text?”—James Bardwood was fined twenty pounds for preaching in his own house to five persons besides the family, and twenty pounds for using the house for that purpose.—Edmund Tucker was fined thirty pounds for praying with three ladies who were paying a visit of condolence to his wife on account of the death of her only son; and on another occasion his furniture was carried away, even the bed and bedding, and his children’s clothes.—Certain christian people at Cranbrook, Kent, having met to pray that the ejection of so many excellent ministers might be sanctified to them, were fined for so praying, and committed to Maidstone jail for three months in default of payment. William Jenkyn, an aged minister, was spending a day in prayer with other ministers and friends, when the meeting was broken up by the police, and Mr. Jenkyn committed to Newgate, the London prison. On his petitioning the king for release, physicians having testified that his life would be in danger if he continued in confinement, the king replied, “Jenkyn shall be a prisoner as long as he lives.” In *that* instance Charles kept his word. Four months afterwards the mourning rings distributed at the funeral bore this inscription, “Mr. William Jenkyn; murdered in Newgate.” John Thompson died in prison at Bristol. George Towner, pastor of the Baptist Church at Broadmead, Bristol, died in Gloucester jail, after an imprisonment of two years and a half. Francis Bampfild, another Baptist minister, who had suffered eight years’ imprisonment in Dorchester jail, died in Newgate. Thomas Delaune, a schoolmaster, also a Baptist, wrote an excellent work, entitled “A plea for the Nonconformists,” in