

## AWFUL END OF A LIAR.

“The mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.”

In the year 1787 a man, whose name is concealed from tenderness to his surviving relatives, waited upon a magistrate, near Hitchin, in the county of Hertford, and informed him, that he had been stopped upon the high way by a young gentleman in the neighbourhood whose name he mentioned, and who, he stated, knocked him down and searched his pockets, but finding no money, suffered him to go his way. The Magistrate, astonished at the statement, dispatched at once a messenger to the young gentleman, ordering him to appear immediately, and answer to the charge preferred against him. The youth obeyed the summons, accompanied by his guardian and an intimate friend. Upon their arrival at the seat of justice, the accused and the accuser were confronted, when the magistrate hinted to the man that he was fearful he had made the charge with the view of extorting money, and admonished him to take care how he proceeded, reminding him of the great crime of perjury, and the dreadful consequences that generally follow it.

The man insisted upon making oath of what he had already stated, the oath was accordingly administered, and the business fully investigated: when the innocence of the young gentleman was completely established by his proving what is called in law an *alibi*; that is, that he was in another place at the time this attack was pretended to have been made. The infamous wretch, finding his intentions thus frustrated, returned home much chagrined, and meeting soon afterwards with one of his neighbours, he declared that he had sworn to nothing but the truth, calling, at the same time, upon God to witness the same in the most solemn manner, and expressing a wish that, if it was not as he had said, his jaws might be locked, and that his flesh might rot upon his bones. Terrible to relate, his jaws were instantly arrested, and the use of the faculty he had so awfully perverted was denied him for ever. After lingering nearly a fortnight, he expired in excruciating agony, his flesh literally rotting upon his bones! “Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.”

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“THE RIGHTEOUS ARE BOLD AS A LION.”

Kapiolani, a woman of great influence, at the Sandwich Islands united with the Church at an early day, before the people generally had made up their minds fully; and she made it her great business to induce the people to attend to the instructions of the missionaries. She made frequent extensive excursions among the people, exhorting them to forsake their sins, and destroying every vestige of idolatry. She became also a patron to the people in civilization. She built a large frame house, inclosed a yard, and cultivated flowers, and in