in Christ by devils, who were ever hissing in his ears, "Sell Him, sell Him;" and when, tortured beyond endurance, on one occasion the thought passed through his heart, "Let Him go, if He will," he remembered him of Esau who had sold his birthright, and his anguish was greater than ever. He longed to be anything but what he was. The very tiles on the houses, and the stones on the streets were things to be envied in comparison with his miserable self. But peace came at length to his tempest-tossed heart. He found a haven of repose in the Baptist Church at Bedford in 1653. In 1656, after a severe affliction had deepened his religious convictions, Bunyan, not without some misgivings on his own part, was called to the ministry, and commenced at once to preach to the people, which he continued to do until 1660, when he was arrested while preaching, tried, condemned, and thrown into prison for nonconformity. Previous to this, Bunyan's first wife had died, and he had married again; and in 1661 his wife nobly and eloquently pled his cause before Sir Matthew Hale, but without effect. Bunyan was confined in prison for about twelve years. At first he was treated with the kindest consideration by the jailor, who allowed him to go out of prison to visit his friends, but this indulgence was interdicted by higher authorities, and for seven years Bunyan was confined in his narrow cell, or only allowed to take the fresh air, as he is represented in Mr Harvey's picture, chained to the outside wall, with his blind daughter by his side. While in prison, he contrived to earn a very scanty support for his family of young children by making thread laces, and he also relieved the tedium of confinement by writing some of his smaller works, and by imparting to his fellow-captives those gospel truths which had brought peace to his own soul. Among others, he wrote a pamphlet condemnatory of the doctrines then held by the Quakers, and also a tract against the Liturgy of the Church of England, on the ground that those who were most zealous about the form of prayer gene-