that their hearts are grown desperate in the case; and
I cannot tell who to compare them to so fitly, as to
them that pick pockets in the presence of the judge, or
that will cut purses under the gallows. It is said of
the men of Sodom, that they were sinners exceedingly,
because they were sinners “before the Lord,” that is, in
his eye-sight, and notwithstanding the kindnesses that
he had shewed them; for the land of Sodom was now
like the garden of Eden heretofore, Gen. xiii. 10–13.
This, therefore, provoked him the more to jealousy, and
made their plague as hot as the fire of the Lord out of
heaven could make it. And it is most rationally to be
concluded, that such, even such as these are, that shall
sin in the sight, yea, and that too in despite of such
examples that are set continually before them to cau-
tion them to the contrary, must be partakers of severest
judgments.

HOPE. Doubtless thou hast said the truth, but what
a mercy is it that neither thou, but especially I, am not
made myself this example! This ministereth occasion
to us to thank God, to fear before him, and always to
remember Lot’s wife.

I saw then that they went on their way to a pleasant
river, which David the king called “the river of God;”
but John, “the river of the water of life,” Psa. lxv. 9;
Rev. xxii. 1; Ezek. xlvii. 1–9. Now their way lay just
upon the bank of this river: here, therefore, Christian
and his companion walked with great delight; they
drank also of the water of the river, which was pleasant
and enlivening to their weary spirits. Besides, on the
banks of this river, on either side, were green trees with
all manner of fruit; and the leaves they ate to prevent
surfeits and other diseases that are incident to those
that heat their blood by travels. On either side of the
river was also a meadow, curiously beautified with
lilies; and it was green all the year long. In this
meadow they lay down and slept, for here they might
lie down safely, Psa. xxiii. 2; Isa. xiv. 30. When they
awoke, they gathered again of the fruit of the trees, and