back for fear of the lions, they perceived as it were a
stage, and before it, towards the road, a broad plate,
with a copy of verses written thereon; and, under-
neath, the reason of raising up that stage in that place
rendered. The verses were these:—

Let him that sees this stage, take heed
Unto his heart and tongue;
Lest if he do not, here he speed
As some have long agone.

The words underneath the verses were, “This stage
was built to punish those upon, who, through Timorous
or Mistrust, should be afraid to go further on pilgrim-
age. Also on this stage both Mistrust and Timorous
were burned through the tongue with a hot iron, for en-
deavouring to hinder Christian on his journey.”

Then said Mercy, This is much like to the saying of
the Beloved, “What shall be given unto thee, or what
shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue? Sharp
arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper,” Psa. cxx.
3, 4.

So they went on till they came within sight of the
lions. Now Mr Great-Heart was a strong man, so he
was not afraid of a lion. But yet when they were come
up to the place where the lions were, the boys, that
went before, were now glad to cringe behind, for they
were afraid of the lions; so they stepped back, and
went behind. At this their guide smiled, and said,
How now, my boys, do you love to go before when no
danger doth approach, and love to come behind so soon
as the lions appear?

Now, as they went on, Mr Great-Heart drew his sword,
with intent to make a way for the pilgrims in spite of
the lions. Then there appeared one that, it seems, had
taken upon him to back the lions; and he said to the
pilgrims’ guide, What is the cause of your coming
hither? Now the name of that man was Grim, or
Bloody-Man, because of his slaying of pilgrims; and he
was of the race of the giants.

GREAT. Then said the pilgrims’ guide, These women