

How they have, from time to time, sought to disinherit each other, and how that Christ, by His righteous life and long suffering, in the end shall get the victory and justly revenge Himself on His adversary. *Omnia vincit amor.* By Joshua Speed."

Samuel Speed, son of Dr. John Speed, of Oxford, and grandson of the historian (see page 17, this book), was an author as well as a clergyman. It is mentioned in Nichol's *Literary Anecdotes*, that the library of Rev. Samuel Speed was dispersed in 1776, through the agency of Nath. Conant, book-seller. It was his misfortune to lose everything he possessed in the great fire of London, 1666, and thereby being unable to pay his debts, he was imprisoned for debt, according to the barbarous custom of that day. While so confined he wrote two books, copies of which are in the Bodleian Library—one entitled *Fragmenta Carceris*, 1675; the other, *Prison Pietie; or Meditations, Divine and Moral*, 1677. This book contains the portrait of the author.

In the Bodleian Library is an autograph letter of Samuel Speed, addressed to Archbishop Sheldon, in which he mentions his purpose of revising and continuing down to date his grandfather's history; also, that he had published two books—the one entitled *The King's Psalter*; the other *The King's Primer*; that he was then confined in prison on account of his losses by the great fire of London, 1666, and actions brought against him in consequence. The date of the letter is October 8, 1672. He soon afterward obtained his liberty, and was rector of Alvestoke, 1675. The statement on page 18 that he was vicar of Godalmin, 1681, seems to be an error; the date should be 1662. He died at Alvestoke, 1681.

Copies of his books, "*King's Psalter*," and "*King's Primer*," are in Bodleian Library.

From the Register of the Company of Stationers, London, edited by Edward Arber, it appears that Daniel Speed, son of John Speed, of London, was a stationer and publisher of books, 1616, and subsequently. Among the books he published were:

"*A Cloud of Witnesses*," by John Speed.