

CONCERNING CERTAIN SINS.

SOME sins assume a garb so fine and white  
That the blue veil of Heaven seems to shade  
Their purity. They are winged so wide and bright  
That even angels' pinions seem to fade,  
And the archangel's wing recedes in night :—  
Ay! even God seems perturbed and afraid  
Because it wears so holy a garb of light  
Of perfumed fire immaculately made.

These sins are deadly. God is merciless  
For Love that joins Man's passion with His  
power,  
And makes to bloom on earth a fairer flower  
Than heaven bears. Our token of success  
Is that displeasure toward our sin unnamed  
Of a fierce demon jealous and ashamed.