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John Bunyan.

I SHOULD think there are but few of our readers

who have never heard of John Bunyan; even the little ones will, I daresay, have seen dissolving views about his wonderful book, called "The Pilgrim's Progress."

He himself was the son of a tinker, and followed his father's employment, leading an irregular and wandering life. The dangers he met with as a soldier, serving in the army of the Parliament, in the civil war, were probably the means used by God to bring John Bunyan to

serious thought. He became deeply impressed with religion, his conduct was reformed, and connected himself with the Baptists, in Bedford, and afterwards be-

came a minister among them. Bunyan, by his fearless preaching and teaching, laid himself open to the very severe laws which were then in force, and incurred

the sentence of transportation, but it was happily not carried out; still he was kept in prison for twelve years, till Dr. Barlow, Bishop of Lincoln, exerted his influence to get him liberated.

It was during this time of isolation, in his lonely cell, that Bunyan wrote that wonderful allegory, "Pilgrim's Progress," showing how deeply his ardent imagination was engaged on the mysteries of Christianity. This work has been often imitated, but stands quite

unrivalled among all others. Bunyan published other and valuable works, "The Holy War," and that most interesting autobiography, called, "Grace Abounding

