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BUNYAN IS LOOKED ON WITH SUSPICION

*It began therefore to be rumoured up and down among the people
that I was a witch, a Jesuit, a highwayman, and the like*

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***'Come and hear all ye that fear
God, and I will declare what He hath
done for my soul.'—Psalms lxxvi. 16.***

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THE text in this edition is as nearly as possible that of the eighth, which was corrected by Bunyan himself a few weeks before his death. The text of 'A Relation' is that of the first edition of 1765. A few minor changes have been introduced for the convenience of the reader. The use of capital letters has been considerably modified, and the orthography has been in places modernized. In some few instances the Scripture references have been added to quotations where they did not appear in the original. It must be remembered that Bunyan often quoted Scripture inexactly, and it has not been deemed necessary to make all his quotations follow the text of the Authorized Version.

The marginal summary is not a part of the original, but has been prepared for this edition in order that it may correspond with the Society's editions of the 'Pilgrim's Progress.'

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A PREFACE

OR, BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE PUBLISHING THIS
WORK. WRITTEN BY THE AUTHOR THEREOF,
AND DEDICATED TO THOSE WHOM GOD HATH
COUNTED HIM WORTHY TO BEGET TO FAITH,
BY HIS MINISTRY IN THE WORD

CHILDREN, Grace be with you. *Amen.* I being taken from you in presence, and so tied up that I cannot perform that duty, that from God doth lie upon me to you-ward, for your farther edifying and building up in faith and holiness, etc., yet that you may see my soul hath fatherly care and desire after your spiritual and everlasting welfare, I now once again, as before, from the top of *Sbenir* and *Hermion*, so now from *the lions' dens*, *from the mountains of the leopards* (Song iv. 8), do look yet after you all, greatly longing to see your safe arrival into THE desired Haven.

I thank God upon every remembrance of you ; and rejoyce, even while I stick between the teeth of the lion in the wilderness, that the grace and mercy, and knowledge of Christ our Saviour, which God hath bestowed upon you, with abundance of faith