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REFLECTOR, COMPANION & GUIDE

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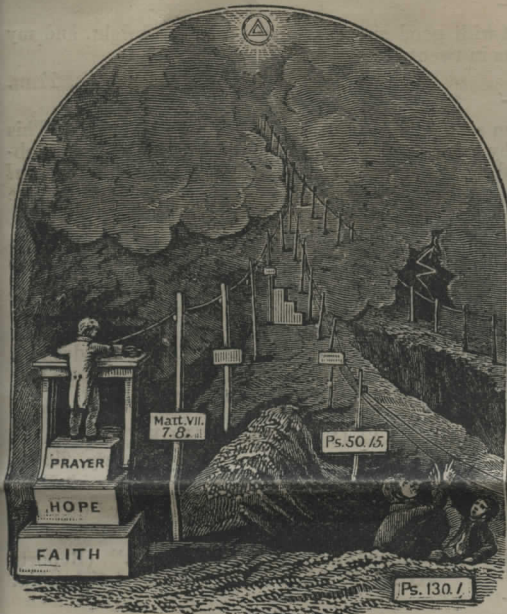
Great Truths of the Sacred Scriptures, and Illustrating the Diversities of Human Character, and the Qualities of the Human Heart.

CONSISTING OF SIX BOOKS IN TWO PARTS.

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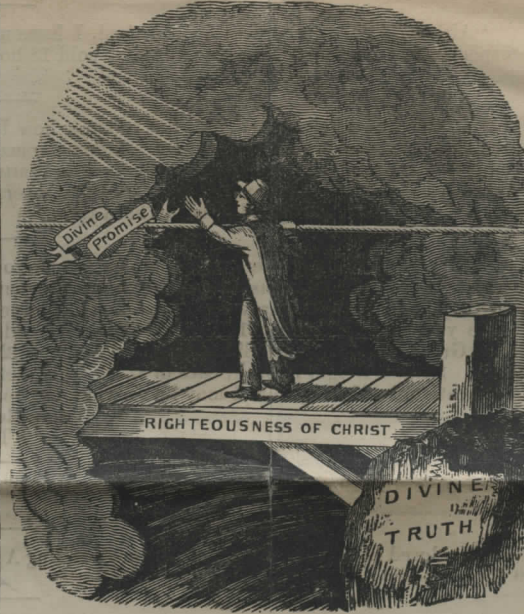
Showing the Pain and Misery resulting from Vice, and the Peace and Happiness arising from Virtue.

By JOHN W. BARBER, AND OTHERS.



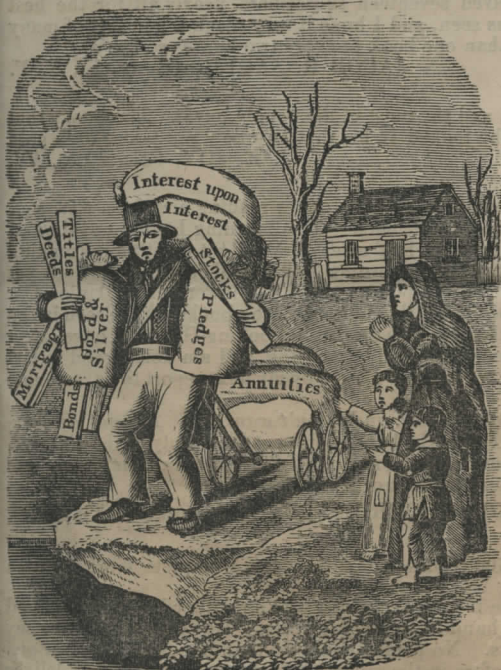
THE SPIRITUAL TELEGRAPH.

Then shalt thou call and the Lord shall answer. *Is. LVIII. 1.*
And while they are yet speaking I wil' hear. *Is. LXY. 24.*



THE SAFE BRIDGE.

Behold I lay in Zion . . . a precious corner stone, . . . a sure foundation. *Isa. XXVIII: 16.*—I am the way, and the truth, and the life. *John XIV: 6.*



SELFISHNESS.

He heapeth up riches and knoweth not who shall gather them. *Ps. XXXIX: 6.*—The covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth. *Ps. X: 3.*



CARNAL SECURITY.

Surely thou didst set them in slippery places; thou castedst them down into destruction. *Ps. LXXIII: 18.*

This Large and Unique Work consists of six different books. Four of these are books of Religious Emblems; the fifth book is the Sunday Book of Pleasing and Comforting Literature; and the sixth book, Gray's Elegy, illustrated with a beautiful miniature engraving to each of the thirty-two verses of that world-famous poem.

The Bible Looking-Glass is illustrated by 172 Engravings, showing every variety of human character and every quality of the human heart. It is in quarto form, has nearly 600 pages in easily read type, and is beautifully printed on fine tinted paper made expressly for this work.

Aside from the Bible itself, probably no work in our language is so well adapted to teach the great vital truths of correct living. One of its great merits are the texts of Scripture which surround each picture. With the Bible in hand to search them out, what more admirable teacher of the great truths of the Scriptures can be conceived of? It is having a great sale among Christian, church-going families all over the land.

Being in Quarto Form, it is a companion in shape and character to the Family Bible, which it reflects and explains. While the work is thoroughly evangelical and orthodox, no peculiar denominational doctrines are advocated; only the great cardinal principles of Christianity, which good people everywhere believe and love.

This Work has Attained Great Popularity, thirty editions having already passed from the hands of Canvassing Agents into those of the people; and, lying upon the tables of thousands of families, it has acted as a continual teacher of the Gospel.

It is bound in the most durable binding, and will be furnished to subscribers at the following low prices:

Fine Eng. Cloth, Green, Paneled, Gilt Centre, \$4.50

French Morocco, Full Gilt and Paneled, 6.50

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PRIDE AND HUMILITY.

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Prov. xvi: 18.—He giveth grace unto the lowly. Prov. iii: 34.

Rising in fair proportion side by side,
Behold the stages of Progressive *Pride*;
Respectability begins the course;
'Tis his who has—all told—a well-filled purse;
High as his neighbor sure he'd like to feel,
So takes the next step, and is quite *Gentle*;
By many acts for which he'd fain write—blank,
He swells and struts at length a man of *Rank*;
The chair of state he next ascends, that *Fame*
May faithfully transmit his *Honored* name;
He meets a rival here, and, woe to tell,
He sends his rival in a trice to—hell;
A thousand shots like that, and, strange to say,
Right up to *Glory* he has won his way.
Pride walks a thorny path; it nothing bears
But swords, and pistols, blood, and groans, and tears.
Far different in the happy vale, behold
Humility at ease, uncursed with gold;
With competence content, with wisdom blessed.
In peace he dwells, caressing and caressed;
No thorns beset his path, there only grows
The bending corn, the violet, and the rose;
Truth, beauty, innocence, at once combine,
And o'er his pathway sheds a light divine;
And when he leaves the vale, to him 'tis given,
To walk amid the bowers of bliss in Heaven.

From the Editor of the "CHRISTIAN EXAMINER."

We urge upon our Superintendents and Teachers of Sunday-Schools to send on for this book. It is a good book; and after it has been read, no one who is interested in the progress of Sunday-Schools will regret having such a help. It will bear close and frequent reading. Not only is it suited for the Superintendent and Teacher, but it is suited for every Christian who wishes to know the diversities of human character and the qualities of the human heart, and thereby learn something of his own character and heart. The more we learn of others, the more we know of ourselves. Few of us know ourselves as we ought, and every worthy means of such knowledge should be eagerly sought. We most cordially commend this volume.

[We print below, a few extracts from Agents' letters. This practice is so common, that we hesitated about doing it, but it is fair that we should do it. We may say that out of our heavy mails we have selected ONLY A VERY FEW; and there are many, no doubt, even better than these. We only wish to enforce the idea that the book is a very salable one indeed. It surpasses our own expectations in this respect. See what our senior partner says of it. THE PUBLISHERS.]

"Enclosed, find my report, (30 Bible Looking-Glass.) I commenced work on the 28th inst, but have done only one full day's work."
Rev. A. G. UPSHUR,
[A short time after this, he reports 41 additional sales.]
Coweta Co., Ga.

"I have canvassed two days and a half, and have sold 26 Bible Looking-Glass."
P. D. BIGGS, Cheatham Co., Tenn.

"I received my outfit, (Bible Looking-Glass) a week ago to-day, and now have 66 subscribers."
W. E. FAWCETT, Gibson Co., Tenn.

"Although the weather has been so bad, I have met with good success. My hopes are bright, and my prospects are exceedingly flattering. I have sold 18 books in twenty-one calls."
W. L. WESTER, Roane Co., Tenn.

"I thought perhaps you would like to know how I am succeeding with the 'Bible Looking Glass.' This is the first day I have been in the field. I commenced by going to the Ministers, and was successful in obtaining the four names, (the fifth one being absent attending Conference,) after which I secured 14 actual subscribers—5 morocco, the rest cloth,—besides several promises; some I will actually get. I think I have done a fair day's work, considering the hard times."
JOHN VIDETTO,
Delaware Co., N. Y.

"Yours of 23d December, with complete agents' outfit, 'Bible Looking-Glass,' received on 28th. Since receipt of same, pressing business engagements prevented me from entering at once upon a canvassing tour. Up to this date, have only travelled three days; obtained 45 subscribers. I herewith enclose bank check payable to your order, amount \$103.95, for which you will send me the following copies, viz: 43 Fine English Cloth, Green, with Paneled Sides and Gold Centre. 2 French Morocco, Paneled Sides, Full Gilt Sides and Edges. Ship as freight by Rail, care of L. A. Ellis, Jefferson, Texas; and forward to me at Linden, Cass Co. a duplicate bill of lading, that I may know when the books are shipped, that I may go after them."
Yours Respectfully,
THOS. H. WATKINS and A. A. FORK, Agt's.
Cass County, Texas.

"I have sold 29 copies of the work. I sold 9 copies in one day and a half."
WM. M. CORNELIUS, Bedford Co., Pa.

"Enclosed please find my report for week ending April 11th. I hope that is satisfactory to you." (Reports 59 Bible Looking-Glass.)
JOHN F. LIPPHARD, District Columbia.

"I have been canvassing two and a half days and have received 45 orders, all for the cloth binding save one. I wish to give my whole time to this business."
D. S. KOONS, Lycoming Co., Pa.

"I have canvassed about one day, all told, and received seventeen subscribers, nearly all for the best binding. The book attracts the eye of everybody as soon as seen, and I hope it may reach the hearts of many and be productive of much good. I have averaged more than one book to every two houses so far."
JACOB H. SAGER, Albany Co., N. Y.

"Everybody likes it (Bible Looking-Glass) very much and the most of the people buy it. The books that I have delivered give satisfaction. One man said, when he looked in his that he would not take \$20 in gold for his book if he could not get another."
J. E. JOY, Calvert Co., Md.

"I received the outfit for Bible Looking-Glass on yesterday morning. After reading circulars, &c., &c., on yesterday afternoon I set out and in three hours had three subscribers. This morning I set out again and by 12 A. M. I had obtained nine subscribers. In two hours and a half after dinner I got eight more, making in all to-day seventeen subscribers, yesterday, and to-day twenty, according to inclosed report. It is not yet sundown while I am writing. I will leave off to-morrow for my appointments in the lower part of Union Co. Will return on next week and resume my work here. I don't think that among all the books I have seen in the hands of agents, there are any that have crowned efforts with success as the Bible Looking-Glass. I have never attempted to canvass for a book before yesterday. My success is highly gratifying, as I am doing good in circulating religious literature as well as assisting myself and your house. I hope by my next report to have double the number of subscribers. Our town has been overrun by Agents.

Frequently when we approach a man, he turns the cold shoulder, and 'don't want it.' But not discouraged, I say, 'Well it will not hurt to take a look at it,' &c. I show the book, point out the beauty of the pictures, &c., and when I get to the list of names he is very apt to put down his name. I found some of the class above named, but have their names on my book. I will order about the last of April."
REV. H. F. CHRIETZBERG, Spartanburg Co., S. C.

Miss Kate McV. Smith, who has sold some 1600 or 1700 copies of our Bunyan's Complete Works, writes lately, after receiving a lot of 73.

"Every copy gave satisfaction and many ladies told me if I ever returned with any other books they hoped I would call. I delivered 80 that day, having 7 copies on hand from my last order. However, I ought to say that I always hire a horse and carriage to deliver my books. No person could do that amount of work in one day any other way. Still, I never accomplished so much before in the same time. At first I could only deliver 30 in a day, but experience teaches something in delivering books as well as securing orders."

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WALKING BY FAITH.

For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Cor. 5.

Here is depicted a man just starting from what appears to be solid ground, to walk upon a narrow plank, stretched across a deep gulf, and which ends nobody knows where. Before him thick clouds of mist and vapor slowly but continually ascend from the gulf or pit; rolling clouds of pitchy blackness also ascend. They spread themselves around him; in wreathy columns they stand before, and hide the future from his vision. Still he proceeds; he is a wonder to many, who can not tell what to make of it. The man himself, however, appears to know very well what he is doing. He holds in his hand a book, which he reads as he goes along; though it may seem to some unsafe, yet he finds it advantageous rather than otherwise. The book, he thinks, throws light upon his path; now and then the wind blows the clouds of smoke a little on one side, and he beholds, apparently far off in the distance, a mansion; this is the palace he has heard of; it is thither the way leads, thither he would go.

The sight of the mansion above, whenever he is so fortunate as to behold it, inspires him with courage and fortitude; he bears cheerfully his present labors and sufferings, and meets, without fear, any new foe. He walks onward, step by step, looking well at his footsteps; at last arrives at the end of his journey; this opens upon him quite abruptly. Suddenly he beholds right before him the mansion shining gloriously.

TERMS.

There are two styles of binding.

FIRST. *Fine English Cloth (green,) with paneled sides and Gold Centre. Terms to Agents, \$2.70; to Subscribers, \$4.50. Agents' profits, \$1.80. This style is exquisitely neat.*

SECOND. *French Morocco, paneled sides (full gilt sides and edges.) Terms to Agents, \$3.90; to Subscribers, \$6.50. Agents' profits, \$2.60. This style is exceedingly beautiful. Few who may read this probably ever saw a book which exceeded it in beauty of binding.*

DEAR SIR:—

We have several times trespassed upon your time with Circulars of this work. **The Bible Looking-Glass** is destined to be productive of untold BLESSINGS in tens of thousands of families throughout our whole land. THE BEST PEOPLE BUY IT. ROUGH, PROFANE MEN BUY IT. All want their children reared upright and honest. None object to religion in theory; it is the practice.

It is a work of genius, and will continue to be printed and sold centuries hence, the same as 'Pilgrim's Progress,' issued over two centuries ago, translated into all languages, and sold by millions upon millions. In all the world there is not another book like it. It presents religion and morality in a manner new and forcible. Truths undiscovered by even habitual Bible readers are here written as it were "in letters of living light." They are made to take a firm hold upon our lives. The world needs to-day a sound religious literature. The times demand it; and the demand is being met. During 1872 and 1873 books of solid character and worth had a larger sale than ever before. Public taste is becoming aroused against trashy literature.

Henry Howe, who published the first editions of this book, says that he has received scores of letters from men, stating that it had made them lead better lives; many having been converted to Christianity through its instrumentality. Our senior partner says that in an experience of 27 years as publisher he never knew a book which sold so readily. The success of some agents, even new ones, is simply astounding.

It gives the greatest satisfaction to purchasers. Many write, enthusiastic in its praise. We never had so many letters from the purchasers of any other book. A great many say: "I bought the Bible Looking-Glass of your agent, am so interested in it that I want to sell it myself." Men who never thought of canvassing for any other book take hold of this.

Canvassing for it is a source of great profit. Once seeing the outfit you will be convinced of the salableness of the work. If not, you may return it and your money will be refunded. No time should be lost; the season will be a prosperous one and agents are bound to do well.

In order to achieve the best success, an Agent must have, first, a book that is *needed* in every family; second, it must be *attractive*; third, it must be a *bargain*. Such a book, in a large measure, is the **Bible Looking-Glass**. Every family will invest the price of it in some good reading matter soon. What else is there so cheap, so beautiful, so instructive?

By canvassing now for delivery a month or six weeks hence, *everybody* has ample time to prepare for payment; thus *everybody can afford* the book. Almost everybody *will buy* it if the agent does his duty in showing it. Simply leafing over page after page, picture after picture, and saying a few appropriate words—as per our instruction book—at once makes those looking on *eager for it*.

The eyes are feasted while the ears are hearing. This gives **The Bible Looking-Glass** a great advantage over most books, *especially with new Agents*. Any one can sell it who will but go through the routine. It is the only book that *enforces Christianity* on the principle of *object teaching*. Its pictures are the most striking and telling, and every one *enforces a principle*; no one can look the book half through without feeling their power. Has there ever been a time in the history of the world when sturdy, wholesome principles needed more to be enforced—driven, as it were, into the minds, hearts and consciences of men?

Religion is a matter that takes such a deep hold of the heart, that when a strong book is published upon it, the best part of the community are anxious to possess it; hence, such works often obtain an enormous circulation. Even men of no definite religious opinions will often buy such for their families, being

aware of the vital truth, that the only sure defence to their children against *vice* is in their learning to be *loyal* to the greatest of all governments—that of our common Father.

An agent of character wants a good solid book, one of enough price to afford a good profit, and support him well by even a few subscribers per day, so that canvassing in a thinly-settled country will pay—a book that by its merits will get the patronage of the leading men in the community, a book that the agent feels in his heart of hearts will make the world better. With such a work and with this feeling, the agent, if an intelligent, industrious man, can do an excellent business, month after month, year after year, growing stronger and more successful the longer he works at it.

A Complete Outfit will be sent by mail, prepaid, on receipt of **Two Dollars**. It consists of a **Prospectus copy** of the work, which contains about one-sixth of the Bible Looking-Glass itself—some of each of the parts, a full representation of both bindings, Introduction, Tables of Contents, Frontispiece, many of the illustrations, blank pages for subscribers' names, an instruction-book telling how to sell the work—everything necessary for the business.

In writing, name your first and second choice of territory, not exceeding one or two townships to begin with. We will widen your field when necessary, will give you all you can canvass, and do all else we can to assist you; it is to our interest to do so.

If not convenient to canvass yourself, either part or all of the time, will you not get us an agent who will do so? If so, we will give you a copy of the work in best binding when such agent has ordered thirty or more.

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THE MEMORY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Great peace have they that love thy law. Ps. cxix: 165.—And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness, and assurance forever. Isa. xxxii: 17.



THE MEMORY OF WICKEDNESS.

There is no peace saith my God to the wicked. Isa. lvii: 21.—Tribulation and anguish upon every soul of man that doeth evil. Rom. 11: 9.

“The Bible Looking-Glass” is the most original work in religious literature ever produced in our country; as unique, as quaint in its way as Bunyan’s famous allegory.

Among the world of books it is the *only one* that instructs in Christianity and Human Nature on the principle of Object Teaching.

People who would seldom open the Bible itself, are attracted to this work, for it is a *big Picture Book on Religion*, “adapted alike to the child and to the man.” Every picture, too, enforces a principle. How true the adage, “Seeing is believing!”

No book ever published so *instantly* presents the Gospel as this by its appeals through the eye, “the window of the soul.”

Evangelical clergymen and good people everywhere commend it; alike give it their sanction and a blessing; while multitudes among whom it has been sold also attest its value. Writes one of them: “It is the *best* book upon the Bible to raise a family upon I ever saw.” Writes another: “Next to the Bible I prize it beyond any work I ever knew.”

The author, now an old man, whose life has been filled and rounded out with good works, was born in the last years of the last century, in the administration of George Washington. In 1812 he was apprenticed to learn the art of engraving.

More than half a century ago he began as an author. A book about that time was projected by him, under the title of the “Looking-Glass,” containing the essential features of this volume.

His earliest publications were large emblematic religious engravings, one of which, in the hands of our missionaries fifty years ago, was the main instrumentality in the conversion of the Queen of the Sandwich Islands.

The Bible Looking-Glass is the work of his lifetime.

The pictures in the work are from original drawings of Mr. Barber, and many of the engravings from his own hand. They show great originality in design and ingenuity in execution.

Over one hundred and thirty of the greatest topics vital to human welfare are dwelt upon.

It is adapted to, and intended alike for, both the old and the young.

Even wicked and profane men often buy it for their families, and good people everywhere love and commend it.

No books upon the Bible, as Concordances, Analyses and Dictionaries, fill the place of this. While those are for study, this is a book for reading and study also—a collection of Pictorial Sermons upon Bible truths and Human Nature. President Merrick, of the Wesleyan University, says: “It is a book which in a family will be read and re-read—one which will be worn out with use instead of lying covered with dust on the shelf.” Many people, therefore, would be wiser to give away half the books they have than to be without this single volume.”



SEVEN UPWARD STEPS.

Thou wilt show me the path of life. Ps. xvi: 11.—They go from strength to strength. Ps. lxxxiv: 7.—The path of the just shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Prov. iv: 18.



SEVEN DOWNWARD STEPS.

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 2 Tim. iii: 13.—Going down to the chambers of death. Prov. vii: 27.

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