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P R E F A C E.

WHAT a curious thing a compass is! How strangely the little needle trembles on the point of the piece of wire which supports it! How wonderful it is to see that needle always pointing to the north! Who can explain how it is that it always does so? God made it to be always pointing in one direction, and it does just what He wants it to do. This is all we know about it. If you ask a learned man what it is which makes the needle of the compass always point to the north, he will tell you it is *magnetism*. But if you ask him what magnetism is, or how it produces this effect upon the needle, he cannot tell you.

Nobody can explain this. But the compass is not the less useful because none can explain the way in which the needle acts. The compass is one of the most useful things we have. The sailor never could find his way over the sea without it. And those who have to travel over great deserts, or through countries in which there are no roads, always need a compass to show them the direction in which they should go.

And in going through this world, we are just in this position. The world is like a great desert, or like a country, not indeed without any roads, but full of roads leading in the wrong direction. There is only *one* direction for us to go in, if we wish to pass safely through the world, and reach at last that blessed home which God has prepared for His loving children. And if we desire always to know the direction in which to go in order to reach that home, we must have a compass to take with us in our journey through the world. God has given us the BIBLE to be this *Safe Compass*. It is always pointing towards heaven. And as it points in the right direction, it is always saying to us, '*This is the way, walk ye in it.*'

Unless we take this compass, and follow its pointings, we cannot get to heaven. The design of this little book is to aid those who are setting out on the great journey of life to make a right use of the compass God has given us. The earnest prayer of the writer is that all his young friends who read these pages may follow the pointings of this *Safe Compass*, and reach at last that blessed world to which it will surely lead them.





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I.

Reasons for Resisting the Enticements of Sinners.

'If sinners entice thee, consent thou not.'—PROV. I. 10.

IF I should ask you, Who are meant by sinners? you would, perhaps, give me a good many answers, and of different kinds. One would say, sinners are persons that curse and swear. Another would say, thieves and robbers are meant by sinners. Another would say, murderers are sinners. Another would say, sinners mean those who get drunk and break the Sabbath. And so on. All these answers would be correct, for it is true that all the different persons named are sinners. But none of these would be the proper answer, or the best answer to give to the question—who are meant by sinners? When God speaks about sinners in the Bible, He does not mean *only* those persons who swear, or steal, or commit murder, or do such dreadful things, but he means *all persons who are not true Christians*. All men and women, all boys and girls whose hearts have not been changed, and who do not love the Saviour, are sinners in God's sight. Whenever we read about 'sinners' in