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## P R E F A C E.

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THIS small volume of Sermons owes its existence to a desire on the part of its author to gratify the wishes of his friends, and, by their assistance in its distribution, to promote the object for which they were preached.

The language was intended to be plain, and the arguments concise and scriptural. The motives, *duty, interest, and pleasure*, are those which, in one form or other, operate most powerfully on the heart ; and had they full influence in this cause, *means* would be found for Church Building, far more abundant than the most sanguine now contemplate, even without appealing to the legislature for assistance, or appropriating

the funds belonging to the Church from their original purpose.

In the first Sermon it was designed to show that by complying with scriptural precept, and conforming to scriptural example, the *means* might be easily found for the proposed enlargement of the Church.

In the second it was urged that as Christians, and more particularly as members of a Church professing to be in a peculiar manner the *Church of the Poor*, it was a *duty* to provide accommodation for the *poor to have the Gospel preached to them*.

In the third, Scripture and reason were adduced to prove that we could not more effectually "*honour the Lord*," than by erecting a temple to his glory, and that whatever was devoted to his service would assuredly prove a *blessing* to him who devoted it. And,

In the fourth, it was argued that our *real pleasure* and *solid satisfaction*, no less than our *duty* and *interest*, called upon us for exertion.

The last was preached on the Sunday