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THE following pages, which were intended for the press by the amiable and much lamented author, and which, owing to his repeated attacks of severe indisposition, he was prevented from publishing when living, are now printed with the design, not only of carrying in some measure into effect his intention, but also of preserving for the mournful satisfaction of his numerous and attached friends, some memorial both of his literary abilities and christian zeal.

This desirable end the Editor conceives will be accomplished in the present work, which, he is persuaded, is calculated to produce a salutary influence on the mind of the reader; and will, he trusts, be a means of advancing the spiritual welfare of many.

J. G.

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CHAPTER I.

BIRTH—EDUCATION—INFIDEL PRINCIPLES—MEETS WITH
AN ACCIDENT.

WILLIAM THARP BUCHANAN, the subject of the following Memoir, was the eldest son of ——— BUCHANAN, Esq. late of Ilfracombe. He was a young man of considerable natural talents, and acquirements in literature: he possessed a mind that sought to grasp a subject in all its bearings, and, wherever he could, to trace the essential connexion between cause and effect. To this was added a principle of resistance, somewhat too strong, when he met with opposition, and a quickness of feeling, bordering on asperity, which rendered his character at times unamiable, till it