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PREFACE.

THIS little volume of selections from Fénelon is based chiefly on a recent translation by Mrs. H. L. Sidney Lear, published by Rivingtons, London, in two volumes; one of spiritual letters to men, the other to women. I found on comparing this translation with the French, that, although generally faithful, and very easy and felicitous, it did not follow the original so closely as I should desire, and therefore I have altered it freely in order to express the thoughts of Fénelon as nearly as possible in his own words, and not in a paraphrase. I am also largely indebted to Mrs. Follen's translation, which I have altered, whenever necessary, for the same reason. For a portion of the "Christian Counsels" which follow the Letters, I must express my thanks to Mr. George P. Bradford,

who has kindly allowed me to make use of a small volume of selections from Fénelon, anonymously published by him many years ago. The brief memoir of Fénelon is condensed from a Life of the Archbishop by the English translator above-mentioned, with connecting sentences and paragraphs occasionally supplied from the Memoir by Mrs. Follen.

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