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SUPERSTITIONS OF THE PYRENEANS.

**Pencilings**  
**FROM OUR NOTE BOOK.**

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BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE HAPPY FAMILY," &c.

Some notes are all we give—  
Records of passing thought.—  
A modest pencilling is all we sketch,—  
Regard it, as 'tis tender'd, with the spirit's  
Kindest feelings." ANONYMOUS.

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## P R E F A C E.

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IN submitting to the public the fifth volume of the present series, the author cannot refrain from giving utterance to grateful acknowledgments, that the collection of small books, neatly and elegantly got up, which it is the intention of the publisher at intervals to issue, has been received already with so much favour; and it is hoped and believed that the more extensively the series is known, the circulation of the several volumes will proportionally increase.

It has been the wish of the publisher, and the specific object of the writers, not merely to give a Christian tone to all the issues, but to have the value and importance of Christian principles, and the character and habits which those principles form, most clearly and prominently unfolded, and to be unfolded in such a manner, as that, while instruction is conveyed to the mind, the best impressions may be produced on the heart.

In these days, when so many light, facetious,

and frivolous serials and small volumes, are issued in tens and hundreds of thousands, without so much as any development of Christianity, or any anxiety for its reception and diffusion being furnished, and by which young persons and families are, to a wide extent, misled and injured, how important it is that there should be some solicitous to diffuse extensively a collection of inexpensive, yet elegant, little volumes, of a very different character, inculcating very different principles, and breathing a very different spirit—not by any means dry, and frigid, and uninviting, but vivacious and interesting, awakening the attention, communicating pleasure, and, by the divine blessing, imparting moral and Christian benefit.

The present volume is a collection of succinct papers on interesting and important themes. The author hopes they will be received with kindness of feeling; and that the subjects to which they refer may prove instructive and useful, is his unfeigned desire.

*Bridport, 1850.*



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## PENCILLING I.

### THE CHARACTER OF THE PRESENT AGE.

"These are stirring times—times of wondrous might;  
Marvels now are wrought, of which our fathers  
Could not even dream!" ANONYMOUS.

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WE are by no means disposed, with many cynical persons, to depreciate the present age; to affirm, that scarcely any thing noble, or commanding, is characteristic of it; and that "the olden time" surpasses it in every thing that is original, splendid, or creative. We are accustomed to pay as much deference and homage to antiquity as any can do, and we feel as