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'Tis hard to part with Friends whom we revere,
Severe the fate that cuts the Parent Tree;
More cruel far, the loss of Children dear:
But ALL are light, compar'd with losing Thee!
Vide ELKOV, p. 35.

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FOR

BELOVED AND ESTEEMED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

1820.

DEDICATION.

To You, my much-beloved Relatives, and my esteemed and long-respected Friends, you, who have so cordially sympathized with me, and mingled your sighs and tears and regrets with mine, on the agonizing events, the last especially, which have almost broken my heart, I have the sadly-pleasing office to dedicate to you, what, in these my FINAL pages, I have so inadequately attempted to portray. They express my feelings, and are given to the Press for your exclusive use. In the true spirit of Christian benevolence, you have earnestly and anxiously exerted yourselves, (although, alas! ineffectually,) to mitigate the anguish which has weighed me down, and lacerated my heart. May these sorrows never be yours! and should afflictions come

upon you, may your proffered alleviations be repaid into your bosoms! That the *God of all consolation* may be your support, under the trials of this life, and at the awful period of your departure out of it; and that you may exchange it for a better, where, in His infinite mercy, He may grant that we shall meet for an eternity of happiness, is the fervent prayer of

Your very affectionate Relative,
And faithful Friend,

SAMUEL BARKER.

Tannington-Green, Suffolk, }
SEPTEMBER, 1820. }



STANZAS,

&c. &c.

MOST AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED

TO

The Beloved Memory

OF

THREE INFANT CHILDREN.

BY A PARENT.

“..... thrice flew the shaft,
“ And thrice their peace was slain”—*YOUNG.*

“..... Quis talia fando
“ Temperet a lachrymis”—*VIRG.*

“ὁμοίως ἐν λύπῃν μὲν οὖν ἐχθίᾳ.”
St. John xvi. 22.

