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Among the varied forms of Literature daily issuing from the press, perhaps the designation of none will be more in unison with the pleasurable associations of *home* than the "Features of Social Life." Other titles may promise a wider range for imagination, and afford more ample scope to the powers of intellect; yet, in the simple annals of social life, we recognise the peculiar characteristics of our own friendly circle; we see the well-known traits developed in domestic scenes; and we hail the

sketch (rough though it be) of that fair-form, whose pure and heavenly mould, is the dearest object of our love.

That there are many publications, specially adapted for the young, the Author is fully aware; but that there are sufficient to satisfy that eager desire, produced by the enlightened state of mind and cultivated taste, now general in the middle ranks of life, she ventures to think questionable. The thirst for knowledge calls for boundless stores. The enquiring mind will read; and if books, whose tendency is good be not supplied, others of a more doubtful character will be sought. How many an opening bud of promise, has been blighted by the baneful influence thus acquired!



For the youthful part of her own sex, connected with the large and influential religious community of Wesleyan Methodists, the Author feels intense solicitude; for them she gladly employs her pen; and to them she presents the offering of a social wreath.

LEEK, March, 1838.



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