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EARLY DAYS OF CHRISTIANITY.

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"Not many mighty, not many noble, are called."—1 Cor. i. 25.

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TO  
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
AND  
REVEREND LORD BAYNING,  
THIS WORK IS DEDICATED,  
AS A MARK OF PRIVATE ESTEEM,  
AND PUBLIC REGARD,  
FROM HIS FRIEND, AND FELLOW SERVANT,  
THE AUTHOR.





DEDICATORY EPISTLE  
TO THE  
RIGHT HON. AND REV. LORD BAYNING.

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MY LORD,

After twenty-five years acquaintance, and twenty-five years service in the same Church, we scarcely require any expression of our mutual respect for each other. Having been for so long a period associated with your Lordship, in the discharge of the public duties of the Church in this neighbourhood, and now, by the contemplated removal of your Lordship to another county, being about to lose that immediate intercourse and friendship, which have so long cordially subsisted between us, I am unwilling that they should be forgotten; and have therefore dedicated these pages to the remembrance of that service and friendship. Your Lordship's acceptance hereof, has proved to me, that but one mind, and one

heart, have in all these matters subsisted between us.

Though a British Nobleman, I have always observed the Christian spirit exalted in your Lordship over every feeling of temporal dignity; and the duties of a pious pastor, to have been most congenial to your amiable disposition. I trust that your Lordship will find these pages no inappropriate dedication to such virtues.

Whatever opinion the public may form hercof, I am sure your Lordship will perceive their intention to be, but an attempt, to illustrate the duties of a faithful Christian, both to God and man.

I have the honour to be,  
My Lord,  
Your Lordship's humble servant,  
and friend,  
RICHARD COBBOLD.

*Rectory, Wortham, Dies,  
May, 1847.*

## TO THE READER.

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A MAN'S works should speak for him. "Every man has one or more qualities which may make him useful both to himself and others," says an unknown writer in the *Spectator*, and the poet Virgil afforded him an elegant illustration of this truth when he wrote

"Non omnia possumus omnes."

VIR. *Ecl.* 8, 63.

"With different talents form'd we variously excel."

While engaged in the perusal of the historical records of the trials of the early