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"ACQUAINT NOW THYSELF WITH HIM."—*Joh xxi. 21.*

"QUOQUUNQUE AMIKO INI ERIT SOL—INI LUNA COLLOQUIA CUM DEO."

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## DEDICATION.

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TO JOSEPH SOUTH, ESQ.

SIR,

This book treats of the very highest kind of Friendship; and to which you are not a stranger.

I have taken the liberty of inscribing it to you, in grateful acknowledgment of the Friendship which you have shewn to me; and as a memorial of the pastoral relation in which I sometime since stood, to a Church in the City, of which you had for many years been a member and an ornament. I know you will have no objection to your name standing in such a connection as that of Friendship with God, by means of this Friendship, a name becomes excellent upon the earth and is written in heaven.

I thought Friendship with God a lovely representation of religion, and have therefore carried it to an extent, beyond what I at first intended.

Will it be any satisfaction to such as pronounce the religion of Jesus defective, in that it does not more largely inculcate human Friendship, to be told, that the design of it is to restore and establish the divine.

May this Friendship dignify and bless the remaining days of your life; and make all beyond, happy and immortal to you.

I am, Sir,

Your respectful and obliged

Humble Servant,

R. J.

PECKHAM, SURREY,

*October 20th, 1772.*