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PREFACE.

IN sending this little volume forth into a world so bestrewn with the productions of the talented and the good, it may perhaps be necessary to offer a few brief remarks, to prepare the reader for any defects that may be found in it. That it was not originally intended by its author for publication in the present form is certain; this will account for the unfinished state of many of the pieces; and its not being prepared for the press by the author himself, will, it is hoped, be considered an apology for many errors that may have escaped notice.

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The **MAXIMS** and **REFLECTIONS** were written at various times, and with a pure hope of conveying some little instruction to mankind; they will not, perhaps, fail to do this, from their being the genuine sentiments of a self-taught mind. Many of the **POEMS**, written very early in life, were, probably, never intended for the public eye; it is, however, confidently hoped that both amusement and instruction will be found by those who may peruse them.

It will at once be seen, from the circumstances under which the volume is published, that a thirst for fame is not the motive. To the critic much need not be said; there is, doubtless, room for censure to those who read with a view of setting forth the failings of a work, which presumes not to compete with many others of the like nature; at the same time, its merits will not be lost upon those who view them with an impartial eye.

Much might be said to the Subscribers who have given their names in support of the publication of the volume; it is earnestly hoped they will, in some measure, be repaid in the perusal of its pages, and their kindness will ever be remembered with gratitude,

By their obliged and obedient Servant,

ANN SMITH.

Wotton, July 1, 1834.



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