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## PREFACE.

It is surprising that so few persons are aware of the vast number of the Blind in the World, their peculiar condition and special requirements.

The following pages present a brief sketch of these subjects, together with an account of the various means which already exist, and of others yet required, for the alleviation of the physical, mental, and pecuniary distresses, consequent upon Blindness.

The author indulges the hope that many, from the perusal of this little work, may be led to assist, by their means and influence, in furthering the philanthropic and necessary schemes therein referred to.

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## BLINDNESS.

What is blindness? It is one of our greatest calamities. It shuts out from the eye the view of all material objects, and it is accompanied by a train of mental, physical, and pecuniary privations.

The effulgent rays of the golden sun, the soft pale light of the silvery moon, the bright twinkling of countless myriads of stars, the gorgeous tints on hill and vale, on tree and flower, and the smiling faces of loving relatives and friends, are all shut out from the blind. The most glowing and graphic description of the marvellous works of nature and art may excite the imagination of those who have become blind in early life, but must ever fail to convey to them more than a partial conception of the beauties of surrounding objects. All remains invisible. The darkened human dwelling-house is impenetrable to a single ray of light to gladden the eye and cheer the heart. As Milton plaintively exclaims, in reference to his own blindness :

“Dark, dark, dark, amid the blaze of noon;  
Irrecoverably dark, total eclipse,  
Without all hope of day !”