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RECOMMENDATIONS.



THE character described in this small volume, is unhappily a very uncommon one—the consistent christian. It is drawn, more from the holy scriptures, than from living examples. Those persons, however, who are sincerely desirous of knowing and becoming such christians, will derive advantage from a perusal of Secker's *Nonsuch Professor*. It is written for men of plain sense, and is adapted to the taste of no other reader. It is a book of practical godliness. Without that shew of criticism, which is attractive to the scholar, it explains and applies the word of God to the heart and life of man; and without formal didactic discussion, it is replete with sentiments corresponding with the analogy of faith.

There is nothing to amuse or gratify the reader of taste; neither is it calculated to comfort the religionist, who builds his hope of immortality upon party-zeal, or upon the inward feelings of an indistinct and uncertain experience. Mr. Secker points to Jesus as the rock upon which the soul rests, and insists upon good works as the only conclusive evidence, that the professor of religion can give of his having the faith of God's elect. The

style, though destitute of taste and elegance, is perspicuous and pointed. The attentive reader cannot mistake the meaning of the author. We recommend the book to those who are desirous of being humbled and sanctified, as an excellent help in their endeavours to live to him who died for them.

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PREFACE.



CHRISTIAN READER,

TO serve man's necessity is charitable, to serve his conveniency is warrantable, to serve his iniquity is blameable, but to serve his purity is honorable.

The design of this piece is not the ostentation of the *author*, but the edification of the *reader*. In this subject you have a breviary of religion; the works enjoined in it are weighty, and the blessings annexed to it, are many. Christianity is here dressed in the white linen of purity. As grace begins in God's love to us, so it ends in our love to him. It both makes our comforts greater, and our crowns brighter. Those children who are found moving in the orbits of obedience, shall enjoy the clearest sunshine of their father's countenance.

Beloved, be sure to raise your superstructure upon an immoveable foundation; and enter into such a business, as hath an immediate tendency to blessedness. It is an unparalleled mercy, to be preserved from corruption in the midst of general infection. It

is far better to be innocent, than penitent ; to prevent the malady, than invent the remedy.

Remember, reader, that we can call no time our own, but the present. How carefully should *we* shoot, who have but one arrow to direct at the mark ! The more you enjoy the smiles of God, the more you will shine in the eyes of those saints, who judge of the trees of righteousness, by the fruits of righteousness. The enjoyment of the world, is neither an evidence of the divine favor or anger. Judge not yourself, therefore, by the gold in your bags, but by the grace of God in your heart ; not by your wealth, but by your works. If religion be your vineyard to labor in, eternity shall be your bed to rest upon. Every grace that is here exercised, shall there be glorified.

It is an unseemly thing to put on the fair suit of profession, to do the foul work of corruption. The time is approaching, when God will burn up those vines which bear only sour grapes. The gospel not only requires diligence, but it also requires excellence ; that by the singularity of your actions, you may prove the sincerity of your disposition.

Christian, the race is short in which you run, but the prize is great for which you run. I wish this gale of divinity may speed your vessel to the haven of felicity ; and when God gives in more to me, I shall give out more to you. In the mean time, I shall deem it my

highest honor to be instrumental to others conversion, and in this relation I beg to subscribe myself,

Christian Reader,

Your's in the Lord,

WILLIAM SECKER.