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PREFACE.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The subjects contained in this little volume were composed on different occasions, some of them in early life, with no other design than the amusement of my neighbours. In presenting them to the public I have little apology to make, but that being sufficiently forward, like young Elihu, 'I also will give my opinion,' and should the poor cottar have no share of your approbation, the matter need not be made worse with a long preface. So, leaving my little book to its fate in your hand, I remain

Your humble Servant,

WILLIAM WELSH.

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ADDRESS TO THE THOUGHTLESS.

“ The whole earth is become desolate because none
considereth.” JEREMIAH.

O man, when this fair world you spy,
And view the scene around,
When young, you heedless tent the sky ;
When old, with care the ground.

But look around a second time,
Each object will you tell,
Though now but rising to your prime,
That here you cannot dwell.

Such men as you have lived before,
The same sun on them shone ;
Of such as you there will be more
When you're forgot and gone.

If greedy, snatching earthly toys,
O mind (though new begun)
Unseen and sly, among your joys
That poison, death, may come.