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Hearken unto a verser, who may chance
Rhyme thee to good, and make a bait of pleasure.
A verser may find him who a sermon flies,
And turn delight into a sacrifice.

GEORGE HERBERT.

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Dedication.

TO THE BAPTIST CHURCH, OLNEY, BUCKS,

THIS SMALL VOLUME IS DEDICATED

BY THE AUTHOR,

AS A MEMORIAL OF HIS MINISTRY AMONG THEM,

EXTENDED THROUGH A PERIOD OF THIRTY-TWO YEARS,

IN THE HOPE

THAT IT MAY AWAKEN IN THEIR BOSOMS A TRAIN OF

SENTIMENTS IN HARMONY WITH HIS

PAST MINISTRY.

Preface.

SOME readers may perhaps inquire why this is not a Volume of Sermons instead of Lyrics. The answer is, that when the call was made for some Memorial of the Author's ministry at Olney, the Lyrics were *ready*—not so the Sermons. The production of a number of elaborate discourses on theological topics would have been to the Author, in his present state of ill-health and debility, too formidable an undertaking.

March 30th, 1861.

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