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TO
HENRY BROWN,

Son of my late Friend,

THIS LITTLE BOOK IS AFFECTIONATELY
Enscribed.

THE LAURELS, CLERKENWELL HILL,
WINDSOR, 1876.



TO THE READER.

WHILE the Press in the present day teems with publications for the amusement and benefit of the middle classes, there appears to be an opening for works of interesting character for youths of the *higher ranks*. It is, therefore, proposed to issue a series of Tales, uniform with this, embracing such facts and experience as may occur to the minds of the authors engaged in the undertaking.

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INTRODUCTION.

THE following little Tale, founded on fact, was composed during the short intervals of rest which the pressure of inevitable engagements admits of, and had, therefore, many disadvantages to struggle with.

My only aim in writing it was the improvement of youth. If I have succeeded in re-calling one stray wanderer from the path of error, I shall deem my labour amply rewarded ; if I entirely fail, the consciousness of having *intended well* must, at least, still be left me.