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To the Memory of

MR. JAMES GREEN,

OF BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

"Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom."

"The purest treasure mortal times afford
Is—spotless reputation; that away,
Men are but gilded loam, or painted clay."

" Know,

Without star, or angel, for their guide,
Who worship God shall find Him: Humble Love,
And not proud Reason, keeps the door of Heaven;
Love finds admission, where proud Science fails."

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"To virtue only and her friends a friend,
The world beside may censure or condemn."

"FRIEND after friend departs;
Who hath not lost a friend?
There is no union here of hearts,
That finds not here an end:
Were this frail world our only rest,
Living or dying, none were blest."



TO

JAMES GREEN, ESQ.,

SOLICITOR, BRADFORD.

MY DEAR SIR,

IT affords me] no ordinary degree of satisfaction and pleasure thus publicly to recognise in you a son so worthy of him whose virtue and piety the following pages are intended to commemorate. His path you have carefully marked, and in his footsteps you are seeking diligently to tread. I trust you will ever be influenced by the same spirit, and aided by the same grace, with which he was so richly embued. Allow me, my dear Sir, to present to

yourself, and to the other branches of your interesting family, this brief record of your father's worth. By whatever imperfections this performance may be marked, I hope it will be received as a small but sincere token of the author's respect and esteem for the character of his deceased friend. That its perusal may afford to yourself and others some little pleasure, as well as real profit, is the earnest wish of,

My dear Sir,

Yours truly,

RICHARD RAY.

Milton, next Gravesend,

January, 1861.

PREFACE.

"HUMAN nature is fond of novelty."

WHEN offering a new book to the public, it has been usual to prefix to it some apologetic or explanatory statement. Whether this is wise or necessary in every case, the author of the present little volume is not quite sure; but as long-continued and almost universal practice has given to the reader a kind of prescriptive right to expect something of the sort, he deems it better, on the whole, to observe than to depart from so general a custom; at the same time gathering relief from the fact,