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ὡς καθύπευθε αὐτὸν οὐκ εἴη τῶ Μιλτιάδε τροπαιοῦν.”
Plut. Vit. Them.

“The trophies of Miltiades would not suffer him to sleep.”
Langhorne's Translation.

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PREFACE.

ON looking over the title page of my book, the reader has probably fallen into more than one mistake. Seeing PARADISE REGAINED at the heading, he has perhaps said—what demand for a new edition of a poem of Milton, which the concurrent opinion of the best critics has pronounced an inferior production! Reading further, he discovers his mistake. This then is not Milton's—a new work! The man has never heard that there was such a person as John Milton, or that he wrote a work of the same title; or if he has heard those things, he must be a fool, to take such a title, as will necessarily remind every reader of a poem, which however, comparatively, of an inferior grade, was still the production of Milton! Now, strange as it may seem, the reader has been equally mistaken in the latter conclusions, as in the first one. I am perfectly aware of the existence of Milton—I