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THE following Dialogues upon the Evidences of Christianity, originally appeared in a much larger work, entitled "Death-Bed Scenes," which has had a considerable circulation in England. They are brought forward now in this form, because they present, in a very lucid and striking light, the argument for Christianity, and at the same time exhibit very clearly, the origin, the nature, and the tendencies of infidelity, in its various forms. Such a work, adapted thus to popular use, seems peculiarly suited to the exigencies of our country at the present time. It is well adapted, not only to convince the doubting, but to aid those already convinced in their conversations with others. It furnishes materials which the Pastor, the Sabbath School Teacher, and the Parent can employ to great advantage, in the instruction of those committed to their charge.

The author of the Dialogues asserts, that the scenes to which he introduces the reader he actually witnessed, and that the conversation recorded, actually took place. He says, the elevation of style, "may at times create the reasonable suspicion, that the whole recorded transaction is illusory. Indeed, this suspicion will, at any rate, sometimes arise, because the tone will be now and then above

the tone of usual conversation ; and because ideas and expressions will be ascribed to particular persons of which those persons will be thought incapable.

“ In point of fact, I am often in situations in which I am led to preach, rather than to speak ; I am compelled, that is, to speak continuously ; and then the magnitude of the subject would naturally raise any man’s language, under the same circumstances, to a loftier standard. With respect to others, I always preserve their ideas, and sometimes their very words, when there is any thing remarkable in them. But I have not been studious about it, and especially in the conversations related to happen between myself and people of low rank, I have discarded almost all their vulgarisms ; and also I have put their ideas into better shape and form, than they would have done for themselves. For I did not consider this to be a matter of any essential concern. Their meaning, and not their actual expressions, is all that is absolutely necessary to be known.”

We think that no one can read the following pages, without being interested and instructed. And at the present time, when such vigorous efforts are made to undermine the Christian faith, it seems peculiarly desirable that the evidences of revealed religion should be presented in every form which can attract the reader. We have found it necessary, in preparing these narratives for the American press, to omit many passages, which could only be interesting to English readers.

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