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Preaching is of much avail, but practice is far more potent. A godly life is the strongest argument that you can offer to the skeptic. — HOSEA BALLOU.

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MY SON,

WHO IS OF THE AGE FOR WHICH I HAVE ENDEAVORED  
TO ADAPT THESE PAGES,

This Volume

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## PREFACE.

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It has been suggested to the author of the following pages that a "juvenile life," so to speak, of Hosea Ballou, might be of general benefit, and very acceptable to the community at large. Acting upon this prompting, and the judgment of his publisher, the author has gathered, in a more condensed form, the principal features of his father's life, and has endeavored to adapt the same to the comprehension and interest of youth, that they may read it with pleasure and profit. He has deemed the advantage of the goodly example he could illustrate to be of eminent importance, and has issued the following effort of his pen with a humble desire that it may be productive of health-

ful entertainment and real good to his youthful readers.

The author has not attempted to produce any new phases of biographical record in the present unpretending volume; but simply, as is indicated, has endeavored to adapt the reading of the subject, which has already been more elaborately treated, to the comprehension and interest of youth, and particularly to produce a work suitable for Sabbath-school libraries. The reader, therefore, of the larger edition of the Biography of Hosea Ballou, by the same author, will not be surprised at observing a similarity of matter.

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