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PREFACE.

A FEW years ago the "Young Man's Friend" was published. It has already passed through more than fifty editions, *and over one hundred and fifty thousand copies have been sold.* The generous patronage bestowed upon that work, the commendatory words spoken of it, and the evidence from various directions that it has been useful, have led to the publication of this volume.

It is the hope of the author that this humble work may contribute to the formation of honorable and beautiful human character, lead the mind of the reader to a higher conception of the aims and purposes of life, unfold and develop the graces that adorn and bless humanity, and lead those who find no rest here to the great Source of rest, the Redeemer and Saviour of the world.

In unostentatious garb, it endeavors to set before the reader several striking Scripture characters, with such comments on each as may be calculated to impress truth, and enforce the great lessons of morality and religion. For an

evident purpose these characters are taken from the order in which they are found in the Bible, and transposed to suit the purpose had in view in the selection of the group; and it is believed that there will be found here nothing to vitiate the taste, deprave the morals, or wound the heart.

With an earnest prayer that the work may be "a friend indeed," it is sent forth on its mission. If it shall succeed in planting in the bosom of one person a principle of integrity, kindling in one soul an aspiration for the true, the beautiful, and the sublime, it will not have been published in vain.

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