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Hear, for I will speak of excellent Things.—*Prov.* viii. 6.
Wherefore, by their Fruits ye shall know them.—*Matt.* vii. 20.

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THE
EPISTLE DEDICATORY,

*To Sir Edward Barkham, Knight and Baronet, and
his religious Lady, Frances Barkham,
OF TOTTENHAM.*

HONOURED WORTHIES,

YOU have tied me in so many silken cords of kindness, that I must live and die in these pleasant bonds. The only return I can make you is by pen and ink, to acknowledge myself your debtor; persuaded that your noble minds are like that of Artaxerxes, as condescending to receive small things from others, as to grant great things himself.

I am sensible what prejudices are conceived against recommendatory epistles. I presume I shall not kindle strange fire upon your altar, by informing you, that I believe you take more pleasure in godliness than in greatness. You have learned, that piety is the best parentage; and that to be *new born* is better than to be *high born*.

It is reported, that "in some great personages' houses, there are more oaths heard in one day, than prayers in one year:" but in your house, there are more prayers heard in one day, than oaths in one year. God has ornamented your terrestrial crowns with many choice jewels. He has given you of the fatness of the earth, as well as of the dew of heaven: Esau's venison, as well as Jacob's blessing: the nether springs of common bounty, as well as the upper springs of special mercy. There are four showers which have watered your garden:—a fruitful posterity, an inward tranquillity, a faithful society, and a grateful memory. Ah, how liberal has God's hand been towards you: and how lively should your hearts be towards him! You have a large room in many godly bosoms; but, alas, the best man's confidence on earth is insufficient to carry you to heaven. A crack in the greatest pebble is not equal to a flaw in the smallest diamond.

I here present you with a piece, which is more practical than notional; more fit for a *Christian to live upon*, than for a *critic to look upon*. I hope the dregs do not lie so thick in it as to prevent your drawing clear wine from it.

I have attempted from this scripture to draw a believer's picture, and hope you will view it with

an attentive eye. May you remember, that by how much you are made greater than others, by so much better you should be than others! On earth it is your chief business to seek God, and in heaven it will be your chief blessedness to see God. While some look with envy on the rich man's estate, may you look with trembling on the rich man's accounts!

You know you should not only be *pictures* of piety, but also *patterns* of piety: then, while you are descending the hill of nature, you will also be ascending the hill of grace; you will prove yourselves such jewels of mercy, as shall be locked up in the cabinet of glory.—Now that your happiness may exceed your hope, that your little family below may compose a part of the family above, that it may live holily with you on earth, and eternally with God in heaven, is the earnest prayer of,

Most worthy Patrons,

Your humble Servant,

WILLIAM SECKER.