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"..... To know
That which before us lies in daily life,
Is the prime wisdom." MILTON.

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TO HER
WHO HAS TAKEN A LIVELY INTEREST
IN THE
PROGRESS OF THIS WORK
IT IS NOW
INSCRIBED
BY HER HUSBAND

THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

THE following Essays contain results of the observations and reflections of the author on human life and conduct, founded on an extensive intercourse with persons in various stations, and in all degrees of intellectual cultivation,—from the peer to the peasant, from the learned to the ignorant, from those of refined manners and elegant taste to the uninstructed children of nature. It has often occurred to him, that reflections on the conduct of human life, grounded on correct observation, and directed by a sincere desire to point out what should be pursued and what avoided, might be generally useful, and could hardly fail to be so to the young and inexperienced, and to that large class of the community, who, though youth has passed away, have acquired but very limited habits of observation and re-

flection. Such a work might, he thought (in the words of Bacon), "come home to "men's business and bosoms."

The most important relations of life are the subjects of the following Essays, which commence with our family connexions, and conclude with that, in comparison with which all others sink into insignificance, —the relation in which we stand to our **Maker**.

Though the style of this work is necessarily didactic, yet, considering the extent and importance of its subjects, the author cannot send it into the world without a feeling of sincere, and even painful diffidence. Happy will he be, if it, in any degree, attain the end which he has aimed at; still more so, if he should be instrumental in inducing any one fitted by genius and learning to take a leading part in forming and directing the opinions and sentiments of mankind, to devote his time and talents to the important subject of the **Conduct of Human Life**.

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