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TO

JOSHUA WATSON, ESQ. D.C.L.

A NAME DEAR TO ALL

WHO VENERATE THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND,

AND WHO HAVE SEEN IN HIS EXAMPLE

THE PRACTICAL WORKING OF HER SPIRIT

OF PIETY, CHARITY, AND WISDOM,

IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION,

AND IN THE DIFFUSION OF PURE RELIGION,

BOTH AT HOME AND IN FOREIGN PARTS ;

THIS DIARY IS INSCRIBED,

WITH REVERENTIAL AND GRATEFUL AFFECTION,

BY THE WRITER, WHO REGARDS HIS FRIENDSHIP

AS ONE OF THE BLESSINGS OF HIS LIFE.





## P R E F A C E.

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THE following pages were written at Paris in the course of the visit there described, which extended from Aug. 2 to Sept. 2, in the summer of 1844, being such a portion of his Harrow vacation as the Author had at his disposal for that purpose. They were sent, in the form of letters, to a female friend, in the hope that they might afford some interest and amusement to her and the members of her family; and by them the letters were imparted, as they arrived, to two other near connexions. On the Author's return, the letters were transcribed, with some additions, in the form of a connected journal, and in this shape the MS. was seen by some other individuals to whose opinion the Author is bound to pay great respect; and by some of these he was requested to commit it to the press. This, however, he was reluctant to do, on account of the nature of its contents, consisting in great measure of records of conversations with private individuals. To that objection it was replied, that the difficulty would be removed by the transmission of the MS. to France,

and by the communication of it to the parties concerned, for their consent to the publication. Accordingly this was done, through the medium of a French literary friend, to whom the writer begs to offer his best thanks for that and other services which he has kindly rendered him, as also for the French annotations from his pen which will be found printed at the foot of the pages of the Journal.

It is a satisfaction to him to reflect, that by being submitted to persons in France peculiarly qualified to judge of its accuracy, his narrative has received a stamp of authenticity which it would not otherwise have possessed.

The Notes which the Author has added at the close of the volume are designed to give further evidence in illustration of the main topics of the Journal, which appear to be assuming every day more and more importance both in France and in our own country.

April, 1845.

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TO THE SECOND EDITION.

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