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TO  
THOMAS WILSON, ESQ.,

TREASURER OF HIGHBURY COLLEGE,

AND TO

MRS. WILSON,

THE AUTHOR'S FIRST FRIENDS

WHEN A STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND,

THESE ESSAYS

ARE MOST GRATEFULLY AND RESPECTFULLY

INSCRIBED.

*Kingston.*

## PREFACE.

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THE Author's "*Guide to the Perplexed*" having, by the blessing of God, proved a guide to many of that class, he is encouraged to address the Prayerful who suspect that their prayers for mercy and grace are not answered.

He has seen, with some surprise and much sorrow, that not a few of the devotional seem to forget that the PROMISES of God to the prayerful are, when applied to the heart by the Holy Spirit, the real answers to all prayer for spiritual blessings. The connection between fervent prayer and saving faith, also, is not, he thinks, so familiar to the prayerful, as it ought to be. And, as mistakes on these and on similar points cannot but interrupt communion with God, the Author ventures to suggest the following simple hints, "*to all that, in every place, call upon the name of Jesus Christ.*"

R. P.





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## No. I.

### ACCESS TO GOD.

THE highest human honor is access to the King. Even a single interview with the monarch is generally coveted, and, if obtained, never forgotten. How much more should access to the "King Eternal, Immortal, and Invisible," be prized and improved! But, alas! it is not so in general. We are naturally averse to "draw nigh unto God." The human mind, whilst unaffected by eternal things, regards prayer rather as an irksome task than as a glorious privilege. Accordingly we invent or avail ourselves of excuses for the neglect of prayer, and are not often very sorry when kept or called away from the throne of grace. Even when bowing before it in secret, and whilst no external objects