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PREFACE.



IN preparing the following Memoir of my father, it has been no way an object with me to raise a monument to his honour; my great design has been to produce a life which may be useful to the world. The applause of man—the breath of a worm that shall die—he never much cared for while living, and, I feel persuaded, that he now cares less for it than ever, unless it may be as a means of promoting the usefulness of his published works, by which “he being dead, yet speaketh.”

A considerable portion of the volume has already passed through *five* editions, under the title of SELECT REMAINS, which were originally edited by my elder brothers, the Rev. John Brown of Whitburn, and the Rev. Ebenezer Brown of Inverkeithing, about two years after my father's death; and it is only proper that I should here state in what respects this differs from the former editions of the work, so as to warrant the change which I have made in the title. The short account which my father left of his life is here printed entire from a MS. which bears every mark of being a trustworthy copy of the original, on which, as formerly

printed, some alterations had been made and some passages omitted, chiefly, I suppose, with the view of not giving offence in some quarters, but which I see no reason for now withholding. His "Dying Advice to his Congregation," and the "Narrative of his Dying Words," &c., which were originally separated from the Memoir, are now made to form part of it; but besides these, I have made considerable and not unimportant additions to it.

While the Memoir is thus greatly enlarged, and now forms the chief part of the volume, the other portions of the SELECT REMAINS are considerably diminished. I have omitted two or three of the Letters, and several of the Tracts or Meditations which originally formed part of the work, and a still larger portion of the matter introduced into the later editions. In doing this, I am satisfied I have not diminished, but increased the value of the work. It is not everything that a good man has written which is worthy of being published; and articles of small value, even though printed, it is better to allow to pass into oblivion than to repeat them in every successive edition of a book. On the whole, I trust this will be found a useful work, not only to private Christians, but in a special manner to Ministers of the Gospel.

WILLIAM BROWN.

DUDDINGSTON, *April 21, 1856.*

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