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DEDICATION.

TO MY FATHER AND MOTHER

This book is most affectionately dedicated. For the principles here inculcated, I am indebted to the instructions I received, and the scenes I witnessed, at your fire-side. That God may render them available, in conferring the same joy upon other families, which they have so richly shed upon yours, is the prayer of your

GRATEFUL SON.

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PREFACE.

THE object of this book is *practical utility*, not literary effect. It was written for mothers in the common walks of life. There are many mothers, in every village of our land, who are looking eagerly for information respecting the government of their children. It is hoped that the following treatise may render them some assistance.

Some persons may object to the minuteness of detail, and the familiarity of illustration, occasionally introduced. We, however, are persuaded that this objection will not be made by *mothers*. Education consists in attention to *little things*.

The religious sentiments inculcated in this book are those usually denominated *evangelical*. We have proceeded upon the principle that here is the commencement of external ex-

istence, and that the great object of education is to prepare the child for its heavenly home.

When a person writes upon the subject of family government, the first thought which arises in the minds of many readers, is, "we will see how he succeeds in his own family." There are many motives, such as indolence, false tenderness, &c. operating to induce a parent to neglect known duty. The principles contained in this book may be correct, even though the author should fail to enforce them.

This treatise was commenced with particular reference to the mothers who attend my ministry. That it may be of assistance to them, in their efforts to lead their children to the Savior, is the earnest prayer of their friend and pastor,

JOHN S. C. ABBOTT.

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