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PREFACE.

IN presenting this small volume to the public, the Editor has constantly had in view a desire to extend, as far as possible, those important truths of Christian, precepts and duties, the practice of which, every one who bears the name of Christian will consider as essential to his present and everlasting happiness.

Though in the style of Dr. Jortin we may not find the easy flowing language of a Blair, yet the truths of religion are presented in such a plain and forcible manner, that they may, perhaps, be equally calculated to impress the heart with a due sense of the importance of not only *professing* ourselves Christians, but proving by our actions that we are so: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and *do not* the things which I command you?"

It may be said, we are already fully acquainted with our duty; this is true: but how apt are we, in the pursuit and bustle of worldly cares, to forget the most important truths; and how frequently do we need reminding, in our intercourse with each other, of the Christian law of kindness and charity! Such truths presented to our view in a small volume, may perhaps command our attention more frequently than in a larger work, because more conveniently perused. In adversity or prosperity, we may here derive support, comfort, and satisfaction. In every difficulty of life, we may here find something to soothe, guide, and assist us. In the regulation of our conduct and tempers, we may here find that counsel and advice which will not only increase our domestic happiness, but also assist us to live in Christian love and charity, with all around us.

The Editor has derived much pleasure from collecting the following Extracts. They will probably pass principally under the partial eye of friends; but as they will not be screened from the eye of public judgment, it is hoped the good intention of thus presenting them to the

world, will check the severity of critical censure.

To those who have kindly assisted in promoting their publication, the Editor presents the most sincere and grateful acknowledgments; and if they should be found useful in the promotion of piety and goodness, the time bestowed on them will not be considered to have passed by unimproved, or to have been entirely lost.

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