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"WHOSO DESPISETH SMALL THINGS SHALL FALL BY LITTLE AND LITTLE"

"LET ALL THINGS BE DONE DECENTLY AND IN ORDER."

"THE BLESSING OF THE LORD IT MAKETH RICH, AND HE ADDETH NO
SORROW WITH IT."

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DEDICATION.

TO THOSE WHOSE FAVOURED POSITION IN SOCIETY
REMOVES " FAR FROM THEM BOTH POVERTY AND RICHES ; "

TO THOSE ON WHOM THE HAPPINESS AND
SECURITY OF THE MOST USEFUL AND INFLUENTIAL OF THEIR
COUNTRYMEN MUST PRINCIPALLY DEPEND ;

TO THOSE WHO MAY BE THE MOST MISERABLE OR MOST
BLESSED OF THEIR SEX, AS THEY NEGLECT OR VALUE THE
PECULIAR ADVANTAGES OF THEIR STATION ;

TO THE
YOUNG WIVES AND HOUSEWIVES OF THE
MIDDLE CLASSES ;

THIS ATTEMPT AT THE EXPOSURE AND DESTRUCTION OF THEIR
MOST INSIDIOUS AND DEADLY ENEMY,
IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED AND INSCRIBED,
BY THEIR SINCERE FRIEND,

THE AUTHOR.

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ONLY a few months ago, I announced the long-delayed completion of the present little work, with an earnest request to my friendly and numerous connections, that *no one*, who could not conscientiously recommend it for its own sake, should, on any account, do so for mine.

It is true that as far as thought, labour, and prayer could contribute to its prosperity, I had done my very best for it. I had also for many years been in the constant *practice*, if not in the *profession* of writing; but this last attempt was of so *very* different a character from all I had previously undertaken, that any former approbation gained might, I felt, be rather to my prejudice than in my favour. Still, under cover of a new monogram, I had some hopes that household precepts drawn from the practice of individuals who were evidently in the right, joined to warnings from the fate of others as evidently in the wrong, might, notwithstanding—or even, in some measure, *owing* to the quaint guise in which they were arrayed—prove useful and acceptable, always provided that, amongst the varieties of publications continually issued, the subject were not entirely exhausted. Of this the retirement in which I now *reside*, and the consequent

absence of literary information or criticism to counteract the blindness of self-estimation or the loving partiality of my own immediate circle, I had no opportunity of judging ; and thus, in committing my " Home Truths for Home Peace" to publisher and printer, at the distance of upwards of 600 miles, I was yet more prepared for their failure than success, especially as Truth is not generally considered a very saleable commodity. A call for a second and larger edition without delay affords the comfortable assurance that the first has been kindly welcomed. I have now, therefore, only to accompany my second edition with grateful acknowledgments of the indulgence shown to this my humble effort to contribute *something* towards the mirth and wisdom, honesty and truth of my generation, and to express my heartfelt wish that the present year, 1852, may witness the increasing beneficial influence of my own sex in its own proper sphere of action, suffering, honour, usefulness, and happiness—*at Home!*

January, 1852.

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