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### PREFACE.

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Ir was not until the author of these pages had some little connection with the management of a Sabbath School, that he became convinced of the expediency, if not of the necessity, for the Universalist denomination to possess a Bible Dictionary adapted to their understanding of the doctrines taught in the Scriptures. Dictionaries, conforming to the faith of others, seemed not to be wanting: but were objectionable, on account of the erroneous definitions which they give to some of the most important words in the sacred text. And wherever such books are used, especially among the youth in our Sabbath Schools, they tend to exert a counteracting influence to the more correct views aimed to be instilled into their tender and susceptible minds, by the untiring assiduity of their teachers.

In order to promote a healthy development of the corporeal powers, we study to procure the most genial and nourishing aliment; and why should we be less careful to provide the most agreeable and nutritive sustenance for the mind? As we would eschew every noxious article in catering for the wants of the outer man, so we ۴.

should be as cautious in our selection to answer the cravings of the intellectual spirit within.

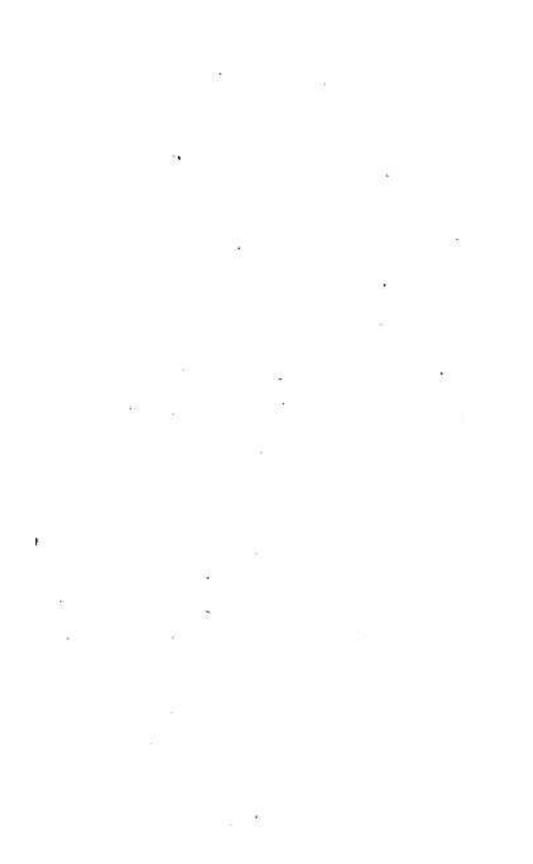
Many scriptural words are used among men to convey very different ideas from those communicated in the same words by the authors themselves; and therefore if, by any means, the true meaning of such words can be given, the truths of the Bible will sooner be made known, and its saving knowledge be greatly increased.

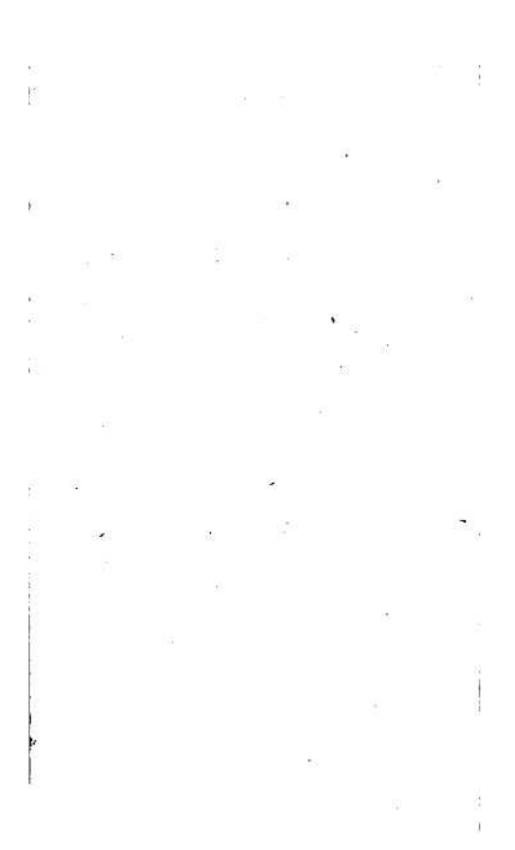
With these impressions, we have labored to introduce the present volume before the public; and it is hoped that each one will candidly compare its contents with what is recorded in the Scriptures of truth, and judge righteous judgment.

We have been indebted to various sources for materials, and, in many instances, have given copious extracts; but reference, in most cases, seemed unnecessary. Our object has been to exhibit truth, and where we found it expressed in plain and forcible language, we adopted that language, in preference to any attempt at improvement.

If this work shall be made to subserve the cause of true religion, by contributing to a just conception of the character of our heavenly Parent, and of his dealings toward his intelligent offspring, the desires of the author will be fully realized.

Waltham, April, 1841.





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mountain of strength, praise, or a teacher. Aaron in the Hebrew tongue is was a prince of the tribe of Levi, the son of Amram, and brother of Moses. He was the first who was consecrated to the office of Jewish high priest. He died in Mount Hor, at the age of 123 years, and was succeeded by his son Elea-

ABADDON, signifies a destroyer, or destruction. We are not to suppose that any particular being is meant by this word, but a spirit opposed to salvation; or Antichrist, a spirit opposed to Christ, who came not to destroy men's lives, but to That spirit save them. which prompts to the destruction of men, either here or hereafter, is Abaddon. This spirit is called king inestimable privileges, aof the locusts, which came out of the bottomless pit,

AARON, signifies a | which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name Abaddon, but in Greek, Apollyon."

ABANA and PHAR-PAR, two rivers of Syria, which Naaman thought

more effectual for the cure of his leprosy than all the waters of Israel. 2 Kings

v. 12.

ABBA, signifies willing Father. A learned author says, "It is a Syriac appellative, from the Hebrew word ab, a father, which is derived from abah, he was willing; denoting that a father wills and desires all good to his children." The word is used by our Lord in his agony, Mark ziv. 36, and by Paul, when he recounts to the believers of Rome and Galatia their mong which he ranks as foremost, "the spirit of Rev. ix. 11: "And they adoption, by which we cry, had a king over them, Abba, Father." Rom. viii.