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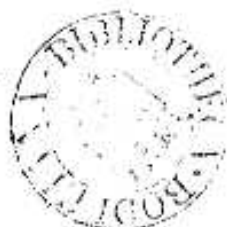
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BY HIS BROTHER.



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THE Author of the following pages, conscious that he is unable to offer any satisfactory apology for his work, is anxious only to state the principle on which it has been conducted. His earnest purpose has been throughout, to follow as accurately as is consistent with poetic diction, the Version of the Psalms as given in the Received Translation. In the difficulties which have occurred to him, aid has been sought from any other prose text which appeared to remove obscurity; but he has ever preferred to use, where it was possible, the words and phrases of a Version of infinite beauty, of allowed general accuracy, and which is so intimately combined with our best and earliest associations.

MARCH 26, 1843.

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## PSALMS.

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### I.

**HAPPY** the man ! O truly blest !  
Who never hath his feet address'd  
To walk an erring, devious way,  
Or evil counsel to obey ;  
Who standeth not where sinners meet ;  
Who sits not in the scorner's seat.

But his delight is in God's law  
To meditate, and thence to draw  
Precepts, which guide his feet by day ;  
Comforts, which are his nightly stay.

He shall be like a spreading tree  
Planted by waters flowing free,  
Which in due season from its root,  
Bears the bright flower, the ripen'd fruit,  
Nor mid the verdant foliage there  
Shall be one drooping leaf, or sere ;  
Look ! all his purposes shall be  
Crown'd with a full prosperity.