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PREFACE.

THIS little volume makes no pretensions either as to its composition or its object. It is not for those who "excel in strength," but for the "little ones," who need to be fed with milk. The Author's aim has been, first of all, *Truth*; then simplicity in the illustration of truth. She has likewise endeavoured to express the truth vividly as well as accurately, so that it may be attractive to the minds of the young. She commends it to that God who can make a feeble instrument strong, for the promotion of his glory. The weaker the instrument, the more perfect is the manifestation of His strength in the use of it. She does not

feel that her present offering in the service of Jesus is in itself a precious one; but "she has done what she could," and if this shall anoint the weakest or the humblest member of Christ's mystical body, she will rejoice that her "labour is not in vain in the Lord;" and thus, too, for her, it shall be "more blessed to give than to receive."

D. T. K. D.

Montpelier, 31st March.

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INTRODUCTION.

A FEW WORDS ADDRESSED TO THE YOUNG.

"IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE."—ACTS XX. 35

THESE, my dear young friends, were the words of one who spake as never man spake, —one whose whole life was a practical example of the precious truth contained in them. He "pleased not himself;" he was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." He "endured the contradiction of sinners;" he spent a life of poverty, reproach, weariness and suffering, and closed it by a painful death upon the cross, for *others*, for *us*, for *you* and *me*. He ever "went about doing good." We do not find