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*THE following pages were employed by the Author in the instruction of her own children, immediately after the "Conversations." They will consequently be found adapted to children a very little older. She may be permitted to add, that the plan of introducing young minds to the doctrines of Christianity in the way which its first*

*promulgators adopted, viz. through the study of the historical facts connected with it, she has found to be attended with the most encouraging success.*

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My dear children wish to know what became of the Apostles after our Lord Jesus Christ left them;—how a few poor, ignorant, timorous men, as they were, could obey their Lord's command, to “go and teach all nations,” or, if they did attempt to do so, how it was that they should get whole nations to listen to them,



and, in time, even bring all the civilized world to acknowledge the truth of what they taught, and in some measure to be governed by it.

Now I am going to write you an account of the way in which these things happened, as I have learned them myself from a book by one of the sacred writers, called the Acts of the Apostles, out of which I have already read to you several interesting histories, but which being written for the use of older people, does not give so short and easy an account of the whole, as younger ones seem to require.

I should, indeed, have told my dear children these things, if they had not asked me, shortly; but I

am glad that you have; for young people, as well as older ones, are very apt to be curious about what does not concern them, while they do not inquire, because they do not think or care about, how their best blessings come to them; and then they scarcely deserve to be told.

## CHAPTER I.

*Of the Promise given to the Apostles.  
They return to Jerusalem, and choose  
an Apostle in the room of Judas.*

OUR CONVERSATIONS on the life of Jesus Christ finished with his ascension into Heaven. I will repeat the gracious promise which He left with his Disciples; "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world:" though He left them, yet He was to be with them always—how could this be? It means, that