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IN presenting this small and unpretending volume to the public, the author feels constrained to use the language of explanation and apology.

A season of leisure, uninterrupted by family cares, afforded an opportunity to reflect upon the importance of the duties devolving upon the wife of a minister; and to look at the individual traits of character, requisite in one, who would be useful in that station.

A keen sense of personal deficiency in the writer, has prepared her to feel the most intense interest, the deepest sympathy in the duties and trials of the inexperienced female, who is introduced, from a circle of confiding friends, to a broad and extended field of labor, where it is utterly impossible, in the nature of things, that any one course of conduct, however judicious, should be acceptable to all; but where it nevertheless becomes a paramount duty for her, to labor, with unremitting industry, and holy zeal, not only to shed around her the silent influence of a blameless example, but also, personally, to engage in the various active duties, which the exigencies of the times demand.

It is something gained to have aimed at a knowledge of the duties connected with the sphere in which we move. And though, in the work now presented, this knowledge may be imperfectly presented, it is given to the public with the sincere desire, that it may elicit something more worthy of the subject, in this untrodden field of Christian benevolence and literary labor.

The apology to be offered is, a sincere desire to cultivate practical godliness. If this little volume, by the blessing of God, who often works by seemingly inefficient means, should promote growth in grace, and prove an assistance to the inexperienced in even a few instances, the labor will not have been in vain.

The writer would earnestly commend it to the prayers of her Christian friends, especially to the wives of clergymen in Maine, composing the "Society for Mutual Improvement," to whom it is respectfully dedicated, by their

Very affectionate friend,

THE AUTHOR.

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LETTERS

TO THE

WIVES OF MINISTERS.

LETTER I.

MEEKNESS AND HUMILITY.

MY DEAR MARY,—Your letter, giving an account of your discouragements, was duly received. You will rest assured of our affectionate sympathy.

We know full well that the every day burdens of life are often harder to be borne than some great trial, which we can realize as coming directly from the hand of God. Though I know and feel all this, and though I sincerely wish to alleviate your sufferings, you will not think it strange that I shrink from the responsibility of giving advice in your time of difficulty.

However, I have arrived at the conclusion that some little good may arise, at least to my own mind, from reflecting upon the peculiar duties, that grow out of the connection of a minister's wife with the people of her hus-