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## PREFACE.

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HAVING long been in the habit of occasionally assisting in the instruction of the young, the author's thoughts have often been exercised on such subjects as are treated of in the following pages; and these thoughts, thus elicited in the endeavour to impart important truth in a pleasing and impressive manner, have formed themselves, with but little effort, into the humble verses which are here collected. Though they confessedly fall far short of his wishes, and make no pretensions to compete with the inimitable productions of Dr. Watts or the scarcely inferior poems of Jane Taylor, yet perhaps they may commend themselves more to the minds and hearts of the young than many of the talented but too ambitious volumes of poetry which have been written for their use.

Composed, as the following little poems have been, in literally the very fragments of time snatched from an absorbing occupation—generally, indeed, while passing along the noisy street, among all that was distracting—the author must plead this as an excuse for any abruptness or want of coherency which many of the pieces may display, and which he has had little opportunity of amending, in consequence of the hasty manner in which they have been unavoidably hurried through the press. With all their imperfections, however, he fondly hopes that his young readers will find in them something to amuse and instruct the mind, and (which has been his principal aim) something adapted to improve the heart, and which may serve to stimulate them in the performance of their duties to themselves, their neighbour, and their God.

S. W. P.

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