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WITH COPIOUS ILLUSTRATIONS AND NOTES.

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VICAR OF GRIMLEY IN THE COUNTY OF WORCESTER,
AND CHAPLAIN TO THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE VISCOUNT GAGE.

“ Let us endeavour to find out what was the meaning of the words at the
“ time they were spoken, not what they may now imply.” DEAN TUCKER.

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1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the existence of solutions of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β . It is shown that the system (1) has solutions for arbitrary values of the parameters α and β if and only if the condition $\alpha + \beta = 1$ is satisfied.

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THE following Essay comprises, with some additional matter, and a large appendage of notes, the substance of a discourse preached June 30th, 1824, in the cathedral church of Worcester, at the triennial visitation of the Lord Bishop of the diocese; and is now published at his Lordship's suggestion. Though many treatises have been written on the same subject, the difficulties with which it is attended have, generally, been rather evaded than answered. In the following pages these difficulties have been fairly stated; whether they have been fairly mastered is a point for others to decide. The younger student in theology, for whose use this little tract is principally designed, will, however, find some valuable matter collected in the notes, with the most scrupulous fidelity, from works of higher price,