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Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest;  
that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid,  
and the stranger, may be refreshed. . . . Exod. xiii. 24.

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## PREFACE.

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**I**N the first of the following Poems, I have endeavoured to describe some of the pleasures and duties peculiar to the seventh day. The appropriation of so considerable a portion of human life to religious services, to domestic enjoyment, and to meditative leisure, is a most important branch of the divine dispensation. The extent of the boon appears in its most striking light, when we consider the days of rest in any given period, as accumulated into one sum.—He who has seen three-score and ten years, has lived *ten years of Sabbaths*.





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**DESCRIPTION of a Sabbath morning in the country.**—The labourer at home.—The town mechanic's morning walk;—his meditation.—The sound of bells.—Crowd proceeding to church.—Interval before the service begins.—Scottish service.—English service: Scriptures read:—The organ, with the voices of the people.—The sound borne to the sick man's couch.—His wish.—The worship of God in the solitude of the woods:—The shepherd boy among the hills.—People seen on the heights returning from church.—Contrast of the present times with those immediately preceding the Revolution.—The persecution of the Covenanters:—A Sabbath conventicle:—Cameron:—Renwick:—Psalms:—Night conventicles during storms.—A funeral according to the rites of the church of England.—A female character.—The suicide.—Expostulation.—The incurable of an hospital.—A prison scene:—Debtors:—Divine service in the prison-hall:—Persons under sentence of death.—The public guilt of