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AUTHOR OF THE DAIRYMAN'S DAUGHTER,
YOUNG COTTAGER, ETC.

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"If all the professed ministers and disciples of our Lord shone with a radiance so mild, and exemplified a zeal so pious and affectionate, then would the church embody her arguments and persuasions in their most effective and impressive form."

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PREFACE.

Few ministers of the gospel have been more generally esteemed and beloved than Legh Richmond. His fervent piety, the unaffected simplicity of his character, the usefulness of his talents, and the zeal with which he devoted himself to every good work, endeared him to evangelical Christians of all denominations. The tracts which he wrote are, perhaps, the most popular and useful productions of the kind ever published; their circulation has been almost without parallel, and their success in winning souls to Christ such as never entered into the conception of the author when he first prepared them for the press.

Shortly after the death of Mr. Richmond, an extended memoir of his life was given to the public by his intimate friend, the Rev. T.

S. Grimshawe, and the remarkable favour with which it was received was at once an evidence and an effect of the general estimation in which the lamented subject of it was held by the Christian public. The work was almost immediately reprinted in this country, where six editions were issued in less than two years.

In preparing the present work, the writer has, of course, freely availed himself of Mr. Grimshawe's memoir; he has also drawn a large amount of interesting information, not contained in that work, from a more recent publication, entitled, "A Domestic Portraiture of Legh Richmond;" and a few additional particulars have been gathered from other sources.

S. B. W.

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THE LIFE
OF
REV. LEGH RICHMOND.

CHAPTER I.

FROM MR. RICHMOND'S BIRTH TILL HIS ORDINATION, AND MARRIAGE.

LEGH RICHMOND was born at Liverpool, on the 29th of January, 1772. He was the eldest son of Dr. Henry Richmond, a physician of that place, and grandson of the Rev. Legh Richmond, a clergyman of the Established Church.

It was his privilege to be blessed with an intelligent and piously disposed mother, who, according to the best of her ability, early instructed him in the Holy Scriptures, and the principles of true religion. Speaking, many years after, of the effect produced on his mind by her admonitions and instructions, he says, "I well remember, in the early dawn of my expanding reason, with what care she laboured to instil into my mind a sense of the being of God, and of the reverence which is due to him; of the character of a Saviour,