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" What must I do to be saved ?" "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." ACTH XVI. 30, 31.

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PREFACE.

ALL subjects must be taught by elementary treatises : to this rule, religion forms no exception ; and as books for children compose a very useful, though humble department in general literature, so in the great science of salvation, he aims at no unimportant object, who writes for those who are anxious to be converted, and who are willing, for that purpose, to become as little children in the school of Christ. Such is my design ; to accomplish which, I have sought after the greatest simplicity of style. Writing for "babes in Christ," I have given little more than the alphabet of personal religion; but the learning of which is necessary to future progress. Almost all teachers, whether of children or of adults, commit the error of taking for granted, that their pupils know more than they really do : it is far better to err in the opposite extreme. If any are disposed to think I have carried my endeayours after simplicity too far, and are desirous of something more elaborate, I refer them to the excellent work of Dr. HENRY, of Charleston, entitled, " Letters to a Friend," recommended by Dr. PYE SMITH, the object of which is precisely the same as my own,

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but which is written in a more diffuse style, and illustrated by a greater variety of facts.

Edgbaston, April, 1884.

In complying with a request to dispose of this work to the Religious Tract Society, the author has been guided solely by a wish to increase the probability of its usefulness, by extending more widely its circulation; and, in justice to himself, he feels bound to state, that the reduction of its price is a natural consequence of the larger numbers which that Society prints in each edition.

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