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IN these simple pages, my aim and desire, dear boys, are to furnish you with a little monitor which may remind you of many a wise admonition and affectionate counsel given you by parents and friends at home. Keep it in your boxes or in your pockets, and look at it now and then with a prayer that it may be useful to you; so perhaps you may, with God's blessing, experience the truth of Solomon's saying, 'A word spoken in due season how good is it!'



EARLY DAYS.

'Tis granted, and no plainer truth appears,
Our most important are our earliest years.
The mind impressible and soft, with ease
Imbibes and copies what she hears and sees,
And through life's labyrinth holds fast the clue
That education gives her, false or true.'

COWPER.—*Progress of Error.*

LIFE.

'Life is His gift, from whom whate'er life needs,
With every good and perfect gift proceeds ;
Bestow'd on man, like all that we partake,
Royally, freely, for His bounty's sake :
Transient indeed, as is the fleeting hour,
And yet the seed of an immortal flower,
Designed in honour of His endless love,
To fill with fragrance His abode above :
No trifle, howsoever short it seem,
And howsoever shadowy, no dream ;
Its value what no thought can ascertain,
Nor all an angel's eloquence explain.
Deal ' not ' with life as children with their play,
Who first misuse, then cast their toys away.'

COWPER.—*Hope.*



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