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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY. THE LIBRARY. THE PRESS.

How shall I speak thee, or thy power address,
Thou god of our idolatry—the Press?
By thee religion, liberty, and laws,
Exert their influence, and advance their cause;
By thee worse plagues than Pharaoh's land befell,
Diffused, make earth the vestibule of hell;
Thou fountain, at which drink the good and wise,
Thou ever-bubbling spring of endless lies;
Like Eden's dread probationary tree,
Knowledge of good and evil is from thee.

COWPER.

THE principal scene of our narrative will be the pleasant town of Churchover; and the particular place to which our readers are first to be introduced is the reading-room of the permanent library. It