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TO  
FREDERICK HOWARD, ESQ., J.P.,  
OF BEDFORD,  
WHO, AMID PRESSING CLAIMS OF BUSINESS,  
EVER AFFORDS TO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST—  
WHAT IS SO MUCH MORE THAN GIFTS OF MONEY—  
HIS CONSTANT INTEREST, HIS TIME AND HIMSELF,  
THESE PAGES ARE INSCRIBED WITH MUCH  
LOVE AND RESPECT.







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## CHAPTER I.

### MISTER HORN.

MISTER Horn—the Mister to be written in full, for it was as much part of the name as the Horn.

Everybody called him Mister. Even his wife said it as if it were his christened name. He was indeed the only Mister in the village, as there was but one squire and one parson and one doctor. Why he should always be called by this honourable distinction certainly was not suggested by his appearance : a little sharp, wiry man, with a quick, kindly eye, a mouth well shut, short legs walking so fast that they seemed afraid of being left behind ; carelessly dressed yet everything like a part of himself, from the tight short-bowed neckcloth, to the strong unpolished walking-stick.

Mister Horn had begun life as a farm labourer—literally *begun life*, for almost as soon as he could make any noise he had scared birds from