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"He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk even as he walked,"—1 John ii, 6.

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THE Author of this small volume has for some time past been convinced that the subject of which it treats, is, even by a certain class of pious people, misunderstood and neglected. He feels desirous, therefore, of calling their attention to first principles, and of reminding them of the connexion between experimental and practical religion; with a special reference, however, to the welfare of young Christians.

First impressions are, generally, powerful and abiding; and much of the Christian's happiness or sorrow, through life, depends upon the direction which his judgment and heart may receive immediately after conversion. He who starts well, is likely to run well; and although none are safe but those whom the

Lord keeps, yet many Christians regret the bias which early associations gave to their thoughts and feelings, and find, as they advance to maturity, that they have much to unlearn.

Nothing, then, can be of greater importance, than the formation of religious character. As the health and morals of many a child have been ruined by unsound discipline; so the growth of many a babe in Christ has been retarded, and the vigour of his spiritual constitution impaired, as well by the unwholesome moral aliment he has eaten, as by the habits into which early training induced him to settle down.

The Author, happily for him, has a considerable number of youthful converts under his Pastoral superintendence, for whose steadfastness in the faith, and usefulness in the church, he feels deeply interested; and while he watches, with considerable anxiety, the development of their characters, he is concerned that their first movements should be made under the counsel of the Divine Spirit, by the admonitions of the Divine Word. He has, therefore, attempted to collect from the Holy

Scriptures some information, which, in this digested form, he hopes may prove useful to the lambs of his own flock, in particular; and to young disciples of the Holy Saviour, in general.

And if any of the inconsistencies of Christians, further advanced in the Divine life, should, also, be corrected—for admonitions to the young are sometimes beneficial to the aged—the Author's reward will be ample; and he shall rejoice with them in giving glory to the Divine Spirit, "from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed."