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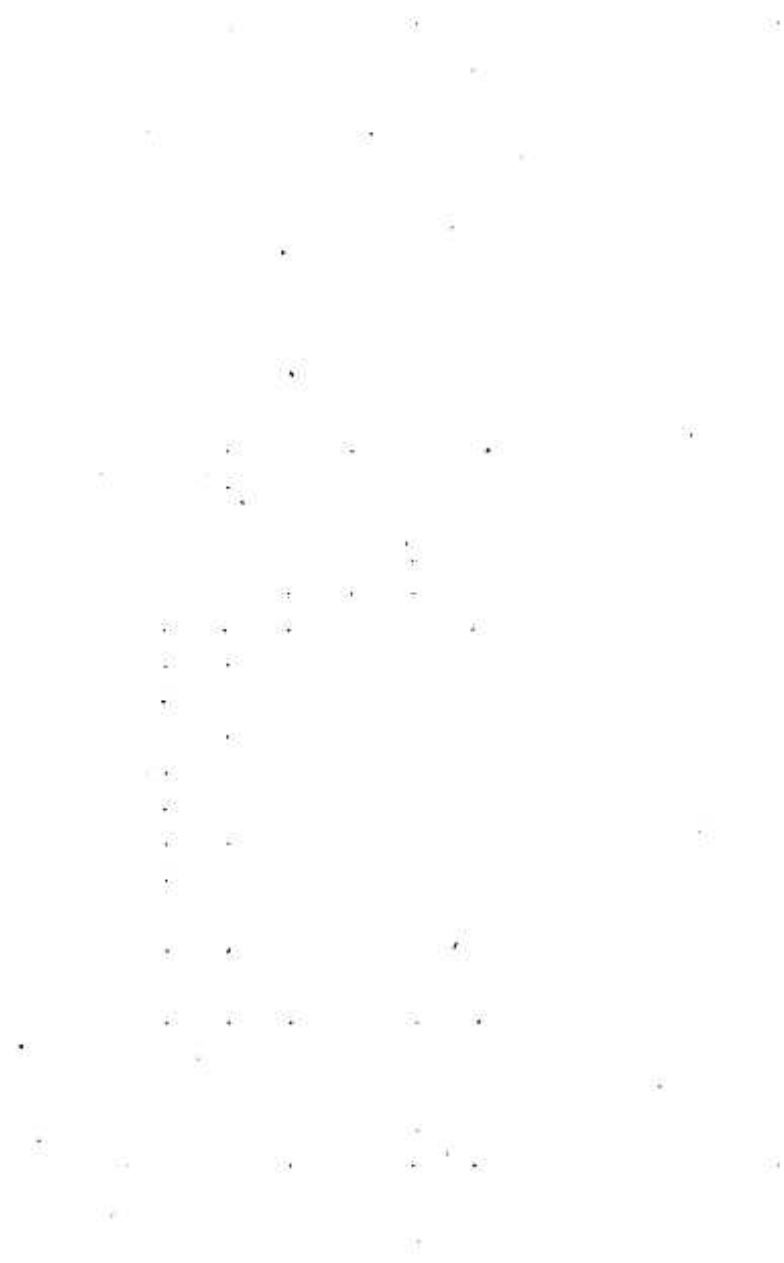
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## ADDRESS TO THE READER.

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THE Rev. H. Venn once told his children, that he would take them to see one of the most interesting sights in the world. He would not tell them what it was, but in the evening led them to a miserable hovel, whose ruinous walls and broken windows showed an extreme degree of poverty and want. "Now," said he, "my dear children, can any one that lives in such a habitation as this be happy? yet this is not all; a poor young man lies there on a miserable straw bed, dying of disease, at the age of nineteen, consumed with fever, and afflicted with nine painful ulcers." "How wretched," they all exclaimed. He then led them into the cottage, and addressing the poor dying young man, said, "Abraham Millwood, I have brought my children here to show them that it is possible to be happy in a state of disease, and poverty, and want; now, tell them if it is not so." The dying youth with a smile replied, "O, yes, sir; I would not

change my state with that of the richest person on earth, who has not the hopes that I have. Blessed be God! I have a good hope, through Christ, of being admitted into those blessed regions where Lazarus now dwells, having long forgotten all his sorrows and miseries. Sir, this is nothing to bear while the presence of God cheers my soul, and while I can have access to Him by constant prayer, through faith in Jesus. Indeed, sir, I am truly happy, and I trust to be happy through eternity; and I every hour thank God who has brought me from a state of darkness into marvellous light, and has given me to enjoy the unsearchable riches of his grace."

My own observation and experience would lead me to say, that the chamber of the dying Christian is one of the greatest means of spiritual improvement. So many are the instances in which I have seen meekness, patience, and hope exemplified; so many in which I have witnessed the answer to prayer, the supporting power of faith, the consoling influences of divine grace, that I consider the sick man's chamber one of the best schools of practical divinity. There we learn how to prize

the Bible as the word of God, wherein are given unto us those "exceeding great and precious promises," which, in the hour of affliction, animate the soul with new courage and strength. In the sick man's chamber we feel called upon to investigate what would be our hopes and fears, if we were in the place of the sufferer before us, and laid on a death-bed. Hence we are led to ask, Should not we be found wanting, if summoned to give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions, to Him, of whom it is said, "the stars are not pure in his sight<sup>1</sup>," "and his angels he charged with folly<sup>2</sup>?" In the sick man's chamber we are forcibly convinced how absolutely necessary to our salvation is Christ in the character of Redeemer, Advocate, and Mediator; and let me add too, that there the experience of thousands has testified that Christ has redeemed *them* to God by his blood, that He has been *their* Advocate with the Father, and that He ever liveth to make intercession for *them*. They had been persuaded to try the path of religion; and they experienced the benefit of receiving

<sup>1</sup> Job xxv. 5.

<sup>2</sup> Job iv. 18.