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PREFACE

"For God's sake, reader, take them not for mine."-BYRON.

I was living alone in the country last summer, and was favoured with the occasional visits of an acquaintance. He would arrive, as a rule, with his mind full of some subject on which he had been meditating, and would give me the benefit of his reflections. Lacking other subjects for my pen, I was accustomed to make notes afterwards of his conversa-These notes I have reproduced at tion. his request. He himself, I regret to say, is serving a term of imprisonment for a violent assault on an optimist, and is therefore constrained to make me the mouthpiece of his views, not to deprive the world of them. I have kept (so far

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as possible) to his own diction, and have added (it will be seen) no literary elegancies or ornaments. The notes were sent in the first place to the *Westminster Gazette*. I should like to correct my friend's views with my own brighter opinions, but am unwilling to irritate him in his adversity. He will be at large before very long.

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