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But all is in His hand, whose praise I seek.
In vain the Poet sings, and the world hears,
If He regard not; though divine the theme.
'Tis not in artful measures, in the chime
And idle tinkling of a minstrel's lyre,
To charm His ear, whose eye is on the heart;
Whose frown can disappoint the proudest strain,
Whose approbation—prosper even mine.

COWPER.

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1812.

TO

John Hawkins, Esq.

DEAR SIR,

I BEG leave to dedicate to you the following Poems.—I feel a peculiar satisfaction in being thus able to make a public acknowledgement of the high veneration I entertain for your character, and the gratitude I feel for the many favors

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that I have received at your hands. The world is seldom disposed to regard the friendless; those who possess the means of assisting the unfortunate, often want the will. Poverty is an unconquerable bar—let a man but possess wealth and he is canonized—it will give honesty to the rogue, piety to the atheist, and wisdom to the fool; but you have given an honorable testimony that *do good while WE LIVE*, is the true meaning of philanthropy, and that religion never appears more amiable than when it shines forth in acts of benevolence and virtue.

Genius is a plant not often discovered in the busy scenes of life, it is of delicate texture

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and courts the shade. When warmed by the cheering sun of prosperity it blossoms into verdure, but when the clouds of misfortune burst over its head, it may be oppressed, though not subdued. A young author who ventures before the public without some powerful advocate to support him, has much to fear, and little to hope from their clemency. The ignorant, and the malicious, are ever ready to blast his expectations, and the mildest treatment that he may receive will be neglect:—yet in spite of this discouraging prospect I have resolved to submit the following pieces to the candid judgment of the critic, and out of the many who will doubtless condemn, there will perhaps be found some who

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————— Ne forte pudori
Sic tibi MUSA lyræ solers, et cantor Apollo.

Begone, ye blockheads, Heraclitus cries,
And leave my labours to the learn'd and wise;
By wit, by knowledge, studious to be read,
I scorn the multitude, alive or dead.

But to your notice I would more particularly commend them:—you have been my early patron, my friend, and my adviser; it is to your kindness that I owe the chief happiness of my life, that of serving those to whom I am bound by the strongest ties of love and esteem: and among the daily examples, we behold of hypocrisy, avarice, and oppression it is pleasing to reflect that such characters only form an inconsiderable portion of mankind, that wealth, though it may be very powerful, has never been able

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to bury remorse, purchase happiness, or
prevent disgrace.

Were I to do justice I should speak
plainer—I should tell the world how nobly
you came forward to rescue an orphan
family from the wrongs of an OPPRESSOR,
and expose that oppressor to the indigna-
tion and scorn of mankind: but VIRTUE is
its own reward, and GUILT needs no severer
punishment than its painful reflections;
leave him to the remorse of a wounded
conscience,

to prick and sting him,
A mean deserter of his brother's blood.

May you long enjoy every happiness, and

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live to verify that noble expression, "Throw
thy bread on the waters, and it will return
to thee after many days."

With sincere respect, I remain,

Dear Sir,

Your truly obliged

and humble Servant,

GEORGE DANIEL.

Islington,
April, 1812.