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"In books, or works, or healthful play,
Let my first years be past,
That I may give for every day
Some good account at last."—WATTS.

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TO THE FIRST EDITION.

IF a hearty affection for that interesting little race, the race of children, is any recommendation, the writers of the following pages are well recommended; and if to have studied, in some degree, their capacities, habits, and wants, with a wish to adapt these simple verses to their real comprehension and probable improvement;—if this has any further claim to the indulgence of the public, it is the last and greatest they attempt to make. The deficiency of the compositions as poetry, is by no means a secret to their authors; but it was thought desirable to abridge every poetic freedom and figure, and

to dismiss even such words as, by being less familiar, might give, perhaps, a false idea to their little readers, or at least make a chasm in the chain of conception. Images, which to us are so familiar that we forget their imagery, may be insurmountable stumbling-blocks to children, who have few but literal ideas: and though it may be allowable to introduce a simple kind, which a little maternal attention will easily explain, and which may tend to excite a taste for natural and poetic beauty, everything superfluous it has been a primary endeavour to avoid.

To those parents into whose hands this little volume may chance to fall, it is respectfully inscribed, and very affectionately to that interesting little race—the race of children.

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