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PREFACE.

IN pursuing the plan of “*The Christian Visitor*,” the Author here enters upon the Books of the Old Testament. The present Volume consists of Selections from the Historical part of it.

The choice of Scripture Passages has been directed by the general intention of the work; which is, to give Evangelical Instruction and Consolation to Afflicted Persons, more especially among the Poor; but in a style adapted equally to all classes of Society.

The earlier Selections from the Book of Genesis are particularly designed to exhibit the great leading doctrines of Man’s Ruin by the Fall, and his Recovery by Christ. Six of these Portions (as also No. 22.) are taken from the “*Scripture Readings* :”

PREFACE.

which work is now out of print, being superseded by the present Series.

It may be expedient to repeat a remark made in the former Volumes; that whenever, in attending the Sick, an entire Portion shall be found too long, a single paragraph or two may suffice at one reading. For example, the one entitled "Review of Life" (page 129) would easily furnish materials for profitable conversation during two or three visits.

The Author humbly commends the Work to Him, whose Sacred Word is here expounded, and whose Blessing is continually implored in the Prayers which accompany the Expositions. May our Saviour, who came "to preach the Gospel to the Poor," graciously render this small Volume a means of Instruction to the Ignorant; of Edification to the Devout; and of Consolation and Encouragement to many Afflicted Servants of God!

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ON THE
OLD TESTAMENT.

I.
THE IMAGE OF GOD.

GENESIS i. 26.

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

IN the beginning, when God created Adam and Eve, and placed them in Paradise, he created them wise and holy. They were made after the image of God. He pronounced them, and all his works, to be "very good."

But our parents forfeited their happy state, by breaking the commandment of God. Thus they, and all their posterity, lost that holy image. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Folly, and sin, and misery, and death, are now our lot. We inherit them from Adam, as a birth-right.

By this mournful change, we are so far fallen from God, that of ourselves we find it utterly impossible even to understand what is meant by His image. But, for ever blessed be his Name! we have in the Bible an abundantly clear revelation