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TO  
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NOMINATED TO THAT OFFICE FROM HIS COLLEGE,

WITH SINCERE RESPECT.





## PREFACE.

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THE Sermons which are here presented to the public have no pretension to originality in the way of argument. I have had in view the words of Dr Veysie (Bampton Lectures, 1795), "It would be as difficult as it is unnecessary, to advance anything new upon a subject which has been so often and so ably discussed. In investigating any point of Christian doctrine all that can now be expected, and perhaps all that ought to be attempted, is to state with accuracy and precision what the true faith is, and having selected the best arguments in its defence, to arrange them in the clearest order, and to place them in the most striking point of view; if either new objections have been raised, or old ones revived, to oppose them with vigour and authority, but with temper and moderation." I have therefore endeavoured to reproduce those arguments which seemed to me to bear most closely on the more important parts of the subject, and to place them before my audience in the most forcible manner.

I have not given any references for several reasons:—first, because I wished not to burden my pages with notes which would make the book more expensive, and I wished this to be more *ad populum*

than *ad clerum*; secondly, because I hope to do this more fully in a treatise on the subject which I am preparing for the use of Students in Theology; and thirdly, because when the names of authors are given, we find that men too often "test the testifiers," accepting an argument from favour, or rejecting it from prejudice. As the object of these Sermons is rather to reassure those whose faith in vital Christian doctrines may be shaken than to present a scientific treatise to a student, it seemed to me advisable not to run the risk of the judgment being thus warped. Those who are acquainted with the theological literature of the subject, will easily recognise the materials of which use has been made. Having disclaimed any pretence to originality, and having promised to give full references hereafter, I trust I shall not be liable to any charge of unacknowledged plagiarism. My only object has been to select and rearrange; and the Sermons are presented to the public because I wished that it should be known that a humble attempt had been made in my own University to uphold important doctrines which have been called in question in recent publications.

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