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THIS little work was originally intended for the use of some young persons, with whom I am connected. During a visit I paid last year to THE BISHOP OF CHESTER (DR PORTEUS) at his delightful parsonage at Hunton in Kent, I showed his Lordship a sketch of the first and second chapter, and gave him a general account of what I meant to introduce in the sequel. He said, that something of this kind was much
wanted ;

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wanted; and that a comprehensive view of the principal evidences of CHRISTIANITY, drawn up in such a manner as to fix the attention without fatiguing it, might be highly useful in establishing the religious principles of our youth, at their first entrance into the world. He was pleased to express, in pretty strong terms, his approbation of my whole plan, and of the execution, as far as he had seen it. He favoured me, both at that time, and afterwards in the course of our correspondence, with important hints for the management of some parts of the subject. And he desired me to finish the
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performance as soon as possible,
and send it to the press.

ON the strength of this encouragement chiefly, I have ventured to make it publick. And TO HIS LORDSHIP, AS A SMALL, BUT AFFECTIONATE, MEMORIAL OF THE FRIENDSHIP WITH WHICH HE HAS LONG HONOURED ME, AND TO WHICH I AM INDEBTED FOR SOME OF THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF MY LIFE, I BEG LEAVE TO INSCRIBE IT.

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