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TO THE  
PARISHIONERS OF CHURCH EATON.

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In these homely Rhymes I have made the attempt to draw the outlines of a picture of what, alas! not all among us *are*,—but of what all *ought to be*; sober, diligent, devout, and painstaking Christians; quiet, orderly, industrious, and contented;—kind, loving, and charitable to each other, as Parents and Children, as Husbands and Wives, as Brethren, and Friends, and Neighbours;—availing themselves thankfully and constantly of all the means of grace and of instruction for themselves and their families;—and so ever pressing forward to obtain the prize of the high calling of God in CHRIST JESUS.

And to you, for whom most of these little Pieces were at first composed, and separately put forth, would I now dedicate them, in the collected form in which they here appear.

May God of His great mercy grant, that the Christian virtues and graces so recommended may, through His Holy Spirit, grow and bring forth fruit abundantly among you, to His honour and glory, and your own present and eternal welfare!

R. A. SCOTT.

*Church Eaton, May, 1841.*





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The arrangement of the Metrical Pieces and Texts in this little Volume is nearly that adopted by the Rev. R. W. Evans, in his "Hymns for the Christian Workman,"—a Work somewhat similar in design to this, which was placed in my hands while these Rhymes, in their separate form, were passing through the press, and which first led me to think of publishing them in their present shape.

Titus ii. 11—14.—“ The Grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour **JESUS CHRIST**; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

## PARISH RHYMES.

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### THE COTTAGER'S HOME.

*The pious Cottager,—his treasure laid  
up in Heaven,—is contented and happy  
in his lot on Earth.*

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WHAT though my Cottage be but small,  
'Tis large enough for me,  
And snugly holds myself and all  
My little family.

The wind blows cold at times, I own,  
But then, in wintry weather,  
Another blanket o'er us thrown,  
We closer lie together.

My children all are stout and strong,  
For that I bless the Lord ;  
And cheerful are we, old and young,  
When gather'd round our board.