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PREFACE.

THE compilation of the following Memoirs has been undertaken at the special request of some of the most attached friends of the deceased. The design of the narrative is to preserve a recollection of his character and labours, in the minds of those who knew and loved him; and to remove any unfavourable impression, which may be entertained by those who had not the opportunity of personal acquaintance, in consequence of the many distorted representations and anecdotes concerning him, which have obtained circulation.

It has been the study of the biographer, to bring out a faithful delineation of his real character: neither to magnify his excellencies, nor conceal his defects. The greatest care has been taken, fully to authenticate the numerous facts detailed, and to present them without any artificial covering.

To those of his friends, and especially to his brethren in the ministry, who have favoured the writer with important communications, which are acknowledged in the course of the narrative, he desires to offer his most respectful acknowledgments

The compiler has no pecuniary interest in the publication: should any profits arise, they will be appropriated in the proper quarter. It will be a sufficient remuneration to him, if he has in any degree succeeded in placing the character of his deceased friend in its proper position, and if, through the blessing of God, the record should promote the edification of the church, the author will feel himself amply rewarded.

A. STEELE.

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"There is a great diversity of character among real Christians. Education, constitution, and circumstances will fully explain this diversity. Some men are born minute men: they will hunt through libraries to rectify a syllable. Other men are born keen as a razor: they have a sharp, severe, strong acumen: they cut everything to pieces."—CICERO.

THE works of God are distinguished not merely by their beauty, order, and harmony, but by their vast variety. If we look into the vegetable, the mineral, or the animal kingdom, whilst the general law of nature rules in the leading features, which mark any particular subject of our investigation, yet there is not always the same unbroken chain of uniformity. It is the same in the world of mankind: the variety of complexion that we meet with in mind, is to some extent, analogous to that which we discover in the countenance: and the mind has its correspondent influence on the course of action, and directs the