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<sup>\*</sup> The Elements of Christian Theology.

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By his Lordship's obliged and

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### PREFACE.

At a period like the present, so distinguished by the improved state of knowledge and spirit of religious inquiry, it is hoped, that a succinct account of Mohammedanism, in a popular form, may prove a useful acquisition, and not undeserving the perusal of the friends of Revealed Religion.

Christianity and Mohammedanism constitute, at this day, the two great rival religions of the universe \*, when viewed in connection

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The inhabitants of the world may be supposed to amount, at the present time, to about 800,000,000, of whom we may suppose

with their relative influence and extent in the Western and Eastern hemispheres; but the comparison only holds good in that particular point, for when the systems are placed by the side of each other, and fairly examined in their history, doctrines, and evidences, all ideas of competition must be relinquished, and the futility and inconclusiveness of the arguments, by which Mohammedanism is attempted to be upheld, become strikingly apparent. The works which have appeared on Oriental topics b, though admirably adapted

"It is impossible to estimate, with any approach to accuracy, the number either of Musulmans or of Christians; but, considering for a moment, the subject of religion in a geographical sense, it may be generally remarked, that as Christianity has unlimited influence in Europe, so Islamism is the dominant religion in Asia; and that as the Christian faith has considerable weight in America, Mohammedanism has its proportionate sway in Africa."—See Mills' History, p. 414.

b "England may well be proud of her scholars in Asiatic literature. Sale maintained her character which Edward Po-