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## TO THE READER.

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THE design of this publication is not so much to fix the attention, of those whose minds are already enriched with the treasures of sacred literature, as to exhibit, if not in the most lucid, yet in a concise form, the various stages and aspects of the Christian religion, in each epoch of its history.

Brevity then being the principal aim, it has been found necessary to hurry over many occurrences, and to narrate short and simple



#### PREFACE.

facts and events, which, if detailed, would of themselves occupy a space, far exceeding the whole of this volume. For this reason, also, the various controversies which agitated the Christian era at different periods, are not mentioned; and, moreover, an account of certain branches of the Reformed Church, of the Church of England, and of the different Dissenting bodies is omitted.

Should the Reader bestow the slightest approbation on the contents of this book, it must be reflected back on the originals from which it is compiled. At least one advantage, it is presumed, may be derived from its perusal, namely, the conviction that an intimate and extensive acquaintance with Church history will necessarily promote "the approximation of different religious views."

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