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## PREFACE.

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For this publication neither persons nor parties are responsible ; for none have been consulted.

Gain, party and the world enchain the human mind. It is a pitiable sight to see a religious man weighing and watching, lest his words should tell against his own interest or against the fancies of other men. This timidity is, however, in some degree universal. It shall be the aim of my life to beat up against such influence and such weakness.

Before any sentiment has been submitted I have endeavoured to understand and believe clearly ; from this cause one subject, promised in the second number, has been omitted. When the thought of a "*Model Church*" first occurred to my mind I had a longing for a pure Church,

undefiled *by every form of Simony, Priestcraft and Idolatry*, in teachers and people; but these influences appear to incite the active, and control the passive, with such power, that possibly what I could most love for its theoretic beauty may be only an impracticable abstraction.

However this may be, and whatever the professions may be, the great danger to Christians is, their liability to love the world and money more than the Gospel; to dignify man more than undefiled religion, and to worship the created more than the CREATOR.

In what we do or omit the controlling principle should be a sense of the Divine Presence and of our great responsibility.

S. H.

*September 25, 1852.*



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AUTHOR OF "THOUGHTS ON THE PRACTICABILITY OF A COM-  
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Avoiding verbiage, each subject in this series of Tracts will be treated as concisely as possible. The letter-press matter will therefore be exceedingly short.

Pecuniary profit is not contemplated nor desired, and should it accrue it would be applied to the object for which the publication is commenced.

Approbation from the "herd of men" is neither sought nor solicited; though should it come from good men, it will be estimated next to the approbation of Him to whose service I dedicate "My Mission."

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## ASSAYING IN RELIGION.

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"Seize hold on Truth where'er 'tis found,  
Among your friends, among your foes;  
On Christian or on heathen ground—  
The flower's divine where'er it grows."

HUMAN schemes of religion are various, and exhibit different degrees of falsehood in faith, external folly, and error in practice; still, few of these schemes are composed of unmixed falsehood, folly or error. Dross and alloy prevail; but in human schemes, as in human character, it would be hard to say that, if tested, the moral assayer would find nothing but *base metal*.

There is the frigid, philosophic Rationalist, freezing the soul with his cold light. There is the Formalist, with his tapers, symbols and ceremonies, denying thought and spirituality. Then there is the loud Enthusiast, causing a fear lest devotion itself should lose its native dignity; yet even all so, may not Wisdom take the kernel and