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## PREFACE.

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**I** DOUBT not that all who are interested in the history of the first struggles of the human mind to free itself from the intolerable chains of Catholic superstition, will give me a favourable perusal to this Life of Wickliff, "that Englishman," to use the words of Milton in his Tetrachordon, "honoured of God to be the first Preacher of a general Reformation to all Europe."

Dr John Lewis, in 1780, published a Life of Wickliff, a work especially valuable to the scholar for its numerous quotations from the manuscript writings of the Reformer, which are preserved in

some of the great public libraries of England, but yet so exceeding dry and uninviting in its style and arrangement, that few general readers would consent to labour through its learned pages.

Another English divine, also a man of much learning and accurate research, Dr James, Keeper of the Bodleian, published, in the year 1608, an excellent work, entitled, "Wickliff's Conformity with the now Church of England," in which the opinions of Wickliff, upon all the essential articles of Christian belief, are diligently extracted from his manuscript writings, and compared with the doctrines held by the Church of England. But Dr James's book has now become so extremely rare, that few perhaps, even of the most enthusiastic bibliomaniacs, have had an opportunity of examining it. In addition to these, a short Life of the Reformer has been written by Gilpin; but it is a very su-

perfcial performance, nor do I know any other biographical account of him, with the exception of that which is included in the Old Biographia Brittanica, an unequally written work, but full, in many places, of rich and excellent materials.

A Life of Wickliff, therefore, which might be attractive to the general reader, and not uninstructive to the scholar and antiquarian, which might occupy a middle place between the solid learning of Dr Lewis and the light labours of Gilpin, appeared still a desideratum; and this, in the following work, I have endeavoured to supply.