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TRANSLATOR'S NOTE.





HE author of this little volume, Rev. W.

Ziethe, is pastor of the Parochial Church,

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of the Apostles. Truth and Glory of Chris-

Lives of the Apostles, Truth and Glory of Christianity, and other valuable works.

Having read the present narrative with much interest and profit in the original, it seemed to me a free translation of it might be of value to young people in the United States. The reader will frequently meet with expressions, especially by Dr. Lavater, that do not appear in the best taste in these times; but it must be remembered that domestic life in Switzerland in the last century was much more simple and unostentatious than at present, and to have omitted such expressions would have marred what appeared to me a faithful picture of Swiss pastoral and religious life in the eighteenth century.

Before completing this translation it was my privilege to spend a short time in Zurich, Switzerland, and, while there, to visit the church in which Dr. Lavater had preached, and given utterance to those earnest appeals which had such a powerful effect upon the city, and, indeed, upon all Switzerland. I visited the parsonage where these devoted followers of Christ spent nearly their whole married life, and also had the pleasure of seeing several of their descendants, and conversing with them about their sainted ancestors. While standing at the grave of the great and good Dr. Lavater, I was pained not to find the remains of his beloved wife resting by his side. As the two had labored so faithfully together in life, it seemed wrong that their dust must be separated in death.

If this volume shall have the effect of leading others to cultivate the same virtues that mark the life of these individuals, the object of the translation will have been accomplished.

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CHAPTER I.

Childhood and Bouth.

ING SOLOMON, in the following passage from his Proverbs, bestows high praise upon a virtuous woman: "Who can find a virtutuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.

She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She girdeth her loins with