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THE following short Memoir respecting BAR-NARD HARRISSON, was compiled principally from Letters written by himself at different periods, and was originally intended for the perusal of his near relations and friends.

It has since been read by others with much interest; and as it strikingly exhibits the progress of religion in the mind, it is thought best to give it a more extended circulation.

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Great diffidence marked the character of this dear young friend, who possessed talents calculated to render him peculiarly useful in the sphere of life to which his attention had been directed; but it was otherwise ordered by Him who doeth all things well; and ere the subject of this brief narrative had reached his twenty-second year, he appears to have been prepared for an eternal inheritance.

Sweetly instructive and encouraging is the recital of the influence of Divine love upon his mind, by which he was enabled to take a very correct view of human happiness, in comparison with the joys of Heaven.

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Perhaps it may not be deemed unsuitable just to advert to those subjects which seem to render this little work worthy the notice of Friends,





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and particularly those in early life. Among these are his sentiments respecting literary pursuits—the advantage derived from silent waiting upon God—the insufficiency of terrestrial objects to satisfy the immortal soul—and the benefits arising from secret mental supplication.

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BARNARD HARRISSON, the subject of the following memorandums, was born in London the 22nd of 10th month, 1807. His amiable disposition endeared him to his relatives and friends. When about ten years of age, he was deprived by death of a valuable and affectionate mother, who was earnestly solicitous to imbue the minds of her children with simple but correct views of the nature of true religion; and whose anxiety in this respect there is good reason to believe has been blessed. His father, who was fully sensible of the value of useful learning, was careful to afford him the best opportunities for the cultivation of those natural talents with which

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